

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at Knightstown High School located at 8149 W. US 40, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

**Attendance:**

- **Board Members:** Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Timothy Wehr
- **Central Office Staff:** Gary Storie, Superintendent; Phyllis Haines, Payroll Coordinator; Stephanie Madison, Central Office Assistant
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, New Castle Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 12 patrons

I. Call to Order

Steve Dalton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken and six members were present. Mark Fort was not in attendance.

II. Minutes

- a. May 18, 2011 – Regular Session
- b. June 1, 2011 – Special Session

Leah Kopp moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

III. Claims

Timothy Wehr moved to approve the claims as presented with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Public Expression –

- Board President moved this portion to the end of the meeting.

V. Personnel

- a. Resignation – A resignation was received by Scott Stanley, Mathematics teacher from Knightstown High School. Timothy Wehr moved to accept the resignation with a second from Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. Retirement – A retirement notice was received from Pamela Lester, English, Psychology, & Sociology Teacher from Knightstown High School. She has taught at the corporation since August 20, 1996.
- c. New Hires –
  - i. Jediah Behny, as Knightstown Elementary School Principal. Motion to approve was made by Wade Beatty with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.
  - ii. Kelly Merritt as Speech/Language Pathologist. Motion to approve was made by Wade Beatty with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

- iii. Lindsay Skidmore as Carthage/Kennard Elementary Special Education teacher. Motion to approve was made by Wade Beatty with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried -0.
- iv. Dennis Richardson as Food Service Director for the corporation. The recommendation is for \$24,000 annual salary with a contract to work 190 days per year. Motion to approve was made by Melissa Toth with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

d. ECA Appointments –

- i. There were no ECA appointments to come before the Board.

VI. Old Business

- a. KHS Handbook – Tabled from June 1, 2011 meeting – The Superintendent discussed several different handbooks that are up for revision. He also requested such handbooks be an administration responsibility as long as they conform to Board Policy. He will have a proposal for the August regular session and asked this item be tabled until that time. Wade Beatty moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. New Business

- a. Budget Calendar – The Superintendent discussed budget preparations for the upcoming year and also stated a couple special sessions may be needed to complete the process. He provided materials in the Board Packet for their review.
- b. Summer School 2011 Staff – The High School Principal and Superintendent recommended Greg Branson and Rachael Shepherd as full day teachers for the 2011 Summer School Session that will be held from July 11 through July 29, 2011. Kevin Knott moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. Consideration of Title I Program – The Superintendent informed the Board all schools in the district with the exception of Knightstown High School will be receiving Title I funds for the 2011-2012 school year. He recommended approval to participate in the federal program. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Melissa Toth. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. PL 221 Information – Information from each school was submitted for the each Board Member to review regarding the PL 221 plans. Each principal submitted an explanation which contained an action plan for improvement in their respective schools. The Superintendent stated this required no Board action.
- e. Lunch Prices – The Superintendent explained school lunch prices will likely need to be raised for the 2011-2012 school year due to federal government guidelines and an increase in food costs. These guidelines will be affecting all corporations, not just CAB. He explained that central office will be looking at a possible increase of \$0.10 for both breakfast and lunch meals. There was some discussion among the Board.
- f. Set Meeting for Re-Organization – Kevin Knott moved to schedule the reorganization meeting for July 1, 2011 beginning at 8:00 am and to be held in the KHS media center. Timothy Wehr gave the second and motion carried 6-0.
- g. At this point in the meeting President, Steve Dalton had to leave because of an obligation. Vice President, Tim Wehr then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

- h. Textbook Rental & Fees – A listing of textbook rental and fees were included in the Board Packet. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 5-0.
- i. District Comprehensive Discipline Plan – The Superintendent provided each member with a copy of the beginning documentation for the District Comprehensive Discipline Plan. He explained the document covers two years and would be a work in progress. The plan is a result of new state rules mandating the existence of such a discipline plan. After much discussion, Wade Beatty moved to approve the District’s Comprehensive Discipline Plan with a second by Melissa Toth. Motion carried 5-0.
- j. Signatory for Special Education – The Superintendent explained the necessity of this signatory agreement. He stated a student within our corporation boundaries may need to be placed in a separate facility because we are not able to accommodate the special needs of the child. He then asked for the authority to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the corporation. Kevin Knott made the motion to accept the recommendation for the 2011-2012 school year with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 5-0.

#### VIII. Superintendent Reports

- a. Financial Report – The Superintendent explained the financial information presented. He also requested approval to advertise for bids for fuel, milk and bread for the upcoming school year. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Other
  - i. Upcoming ISBA opportunities – The Superintendent reviewed upcoming conference opportunities for the Board.
  - ii. There was discussion surrounding the High Ability Program that is offered to students in our corporation at the different levels.

#### IX. Public Expression

- Barbara Hulse, 43 S. Adams, Knightstown – Stated many people are still recovering from the new school building and does not understand the need for the new solar project. She also said that several people are on fixed incomes and are not able to absorb those costs. She wanted the Board to know that the solar panel project is not affordable for those in low-medium or fixed income households. “It’s impractical and inconsiderate to burden people with this project.” She also asked why the tax payers could not put this to a vote. The Superintendent tried to explain the reasoning based on recommendations from Bond Consel.
- Gerald Leonard, 6675 S. Grant City Road, Knightstown – Asked if anything other than reorganization would be on the Agenda on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jim Hope, 120 N. McCullum Street, Knightstown – Asked if the corporation would be funding between \$700,000-\$900,000 for solar panels after the contract runs is completed. The Superintendent stated affirmative. Mr. Hope then stated the contractor will make millions, and he believes this is a non-winning situation for the citizens.
- Wade Beatty, Board Member – Announced the Henry/Rush County EDC has scheduled an informational meeting on wind energy. He stated the school has nothing to do with this other than providing a location. The meeting is scheduled for the evening of June 29 in the high school auditorium.

X. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Timothy Wehr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

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