

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:04 pm. The meeting was held at the Knightstown Community High School located at 8149 W. US 40, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

**Attendance:**

- Board Members: Steve Dalton, Mark Fort, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Melissa Toth, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- School Administrator: Scott Ritchie, Christine Brokamp
- Classroom Teacher Association: Jane Rodgers, President
- Media: Knightstown Banner, The Courier Times
- Patrons: Approximately 5 patrons

I. Call to Order

Steve Dalton called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Roll call was taken and six members were present. Wade Beatty was not in attendance.

II. Minutes

July 1, 2010 – Special Session

July 21, 2010 – Regular Session

August 4, 2010 – Level III Grievance Hearing

August 4, 2010 – Special Session

Leah Kopp moved to approve the minutes as presented. Kevin Knott gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

III. Claims

Steve Dalton gave the report on behalf of the finance committee. He then moved to accept and approve claims in the amount of \$1,135,310.53 as presented. There was some discussion and the Superintendent recommended tabling the claims until September 1, 2010. Kevin Knott also requested details on a claim. Melissa Toth moved to table the claims with a second from Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Public Expression

- No patrons addressed the Board.

V. Old Business

- Construction/Renovation Project – Kyle Miller was present and gave a status update. He stated projects were progressing as planned and under budget. There was some discussion between Schmidt & Associates and the Board.
- QZAB Updates – The Superintendent presented a commitment letter that was prepared by Bond Counsel. He presented the document for the Board to review. He also stated the Board will need to get a local \$200,000 match. The Superintendent informed the Board he is in discussions with Henry County Foundation, Rush County Foundation and the Reeves Foundation to secure the required match.

VI. New Business

- Organizational Structure – The Superintendent presented an organizational chart. He stated the chart was an effort to decentralize the support staff department structure from Central Office.
- Neola Services – The Superintendent provided Board policies and a sample of Administrative Guidelines. There was some discussion regarding the necessity of guidelines that go hand in hand with the current School Board Policies. There was much discussion. Steve Dalton asked for more information to be brought back to the Board for future consideration. Melissa Toth moved to table with a second by Steve Dalton. Motion carried 6-0.
- Trash Service Contract – Quotes were presented to the Board with a recommendation from the Facilities Director. A recommendation to approve the quote from Best Way Disposal for one year. Mark Fort moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

## VII. Personnel

- Staffing – The Superintendent presented a job description for the Clerical Assistant for the Athletic & Transportation Department. He also informed the Board of two transfers. Sherri Messer will transfer from KES Special Education Assistant to KIS Attendance Secretary and Christina Back from KHS Kitchen Manager to KIS Second Shift Custodian. There was some discussion regarding the job description, Leah Kopp moved to approve the description with corrections noted with a second by Steve Dalton. Motion carried 6-0.
- Retirement/Resignation/Leave of Absence – Kevin Knott moved to approve the following with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.
  - Christina Back from KHS Kitchen Manager
- Employment Approval – Kevin Knott moved to approve the following with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.
  - JoAnn Stoten-Carthage Elementary Bus Driver
  - Linda Craig-KES Line Cook
  - Dennis Richardson-KHS Kitchen Manager
  - Karen Brading-KES Prime Time Aide
  - Diana Schombert-KES Special Education Aide
  - Heidi Carmichael-KES Special Education Aide
- ECA Appointment – Timothy Wehr moved to approve the attached listing with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried after some discussion 6-0.

## VIII. Superintendent Reports

- Financial Report – The Superintendent presented a Cash Flow Chart as well as a Fund Report for the Boards review. There was some discussion.
- ISBA Conferences – Upcoming conferences were presented to the Board.

## IX. Other

- The Superintendent gave an enrollment report that included 2009 Membership Report numbers as well as enrollment on the first day of school.
- Central Office Property Sale – The Superintendent stated the additional survey had been completed and the attorney was currently preparing closing documents for the Board President to execute.
- KES Custodial staff – The Superintendent expressed his gratitude to KES custodial staff and teachers in their efforts to get the school ready for the first day of school. Construction crews were in late and he wanted to give credit to Jack Barber, Tim Edwards, Gene Neff as well as teachers and other custodians on loan from other buildings.
- Melissa Toth moved to set a date for Long Term Facilities Planning in an effort to complete the process by December 31, 2010. A recommendation to include strategic planning to the September 1, 2010 meeting was added. Melissa Toth agreed to the amendment with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

- Kevin Knott stated his thought on the importance of education and gave his thanks to Administrators and teachers for their attendance at the meeting. There was much discussion regarding the importance of education and the Board’s efforts to encourage and foster this importance in our students.

X. Public Expression

- Ron Short, Knightstown Business Owner – Stated he is also a 1957 Graduate of Knightstown. He then stated his concern of progressing students who are incapable of reading and teachers should be held accountable for those students who are not capable of reading. He believes he is seeing a good positive movement forward. There was much discussion from the Board regarding ISTEP scores and the good job our teachers and administrators are doing.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Mark Fort moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

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