

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 7:12 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: Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton, Mark Fort, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Melissa Toth, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- School Administrator: Scott Ritchie, Don Scheumann, Christine Brokamp, Christopher Bundy, Jennifer Jacoby
- Schmidt & Associates: Kurt Schneider
- Media: Knightstown Banner
- Patrons: Approximately 8 patrons

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm followed by the Pledge to the American Flag and a moment of silence. Roll call was taken and noted all members were present.

II. Old Business

- Construction/Renovation Project Update – The Superintendent gave a brief update and presented a quote from Newkirk Construction for work at Knightstown Intermediate School. Timothy Wehr moved to approve the proposal with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0. Kurt Schneider then gave a short update on the project and informed the Board of the status of projects at all schools.
- QZAB – Steve Dalton moved to disengage from McLiney & Company Timothy Wehr gave the second and motion carried 7-0. The Superintendent asked to engage the services of Barnes & Thornburg utilizing the services of Mr. Qualkinbush as Bond Counsel. This is at a significant cost reduction from McLiney & Company. Mr. Qualkinbush estimated the fee to be between 15,000-\$20,000 which is significantly lower than \$100,000 quoted from the previous company. There was some discussion surrounding the reasoning for this movement. Counsel from Barnes & Thornburg gave a brief description of his services and reasons for the switch. Steve Dalton moved to engage with Barnes & Thornburg with a second from Timothy Wehr. After some discussion, Wade Beatty moved to amend motion to include a cap of \$20,000 for the fee. Kevin Knott gave second on the amended motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- The Superintendent recommended seeking the full \$2million with the QZAB. He stated his desire to move forward with the entire project. There was much discussion surrounding the recommendation to seek \$2 mil instead of \$1,050,000. There was also discussion expressed on the Energy Savings Guarantee. Wade Beatty moved to seek \$2 million in QZAB financing. Mark Fort gave the second. After much discussion, Kevin Knott called for the question. Motion carries 4-3 with Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp & Melissa Toth casting the negative votes. Wade Beatty moved to allow the Superintendent, Board President, and Board Secretary to approve agreement contingent upon terms & agreements already discussed. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

- Transportation Handbook – The Superintendent informed the Board of a few minor changes in the handbook. He then opened up for the final review. After some questions, Wade Beatty moved to accept as presented pending corrections. Kevin Knott gave the second and motion carried 7-0.
- Athletic Department Assistant – The Superintendent stated a job description had not been completed but would like to add a position to assist the Athletic Director and Transportation department duties. The position will be paid 50/50 General Fund/Transportation. The primary supervisor for this position will be the Athletic Director. Leah Kopp moved to approve and asked for a job description at the next meeting. Kevin Knott gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

III. New Business

- 2011 Budget – Permission to Advertise – Superintendent is seeking permission to advertise the 2011 budget. He also gave a schedule of the budget adoption process. Timothy Wehr moved to allow advertising with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Personnel

- Employment Approval – Stephanie Madison-as Central Office Assistant; Danielle Carmichael-Special Education Teacher - Mark Fort moved to accept both recommendations with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.
- Salary/Wage Adjustments – The Superintendent requested to take the Transportation Coordinator be placed on an annual salary of \$55,000 due to an increase in duties. He also recommended placing the Corporation Nurse on the Bachelor's Degree +0 scale with four years experience. Timothy Wehr moved to approve Transportation Coordinator salary adjustment with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 4-3 with Wade Beatty, Kevin Knott and Leah Kopp placing the negative votes. Melissa Toth moved to approve the recommendation for the Corporation Nurse with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.
- Timothy Wehr moved to increase grounds hourly rate to \$12.54 with a second by Mark Fort. There was discussion that this would make this position eligible for full benefits. With no further discussion, motion carried 7-0.
- Timothy Wehr moved to increase the high school principal salary by \$2000. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 6-1 with Kevin Knott casting the negative vote.
- Consider Recommendation on Job Status of an Employee – The Superintendent recommended ratification of administration's decision to terminate DeAnn Shupperd from employment. Timothy Wehr moved to approve the recommendation with Mark Fort giving the second. Motion carried 6-1 with Melissa Toth casting the negative vote.
- ECA appointments – The Athletic Director recommended approving Danielle Carmichael for 8th grade Volleyball. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Other

- Gave an update on the closing process for the central office property. He stated a problem has arisen with the survey and will need to be completed again. The Superintendent also informed the Board charges will not be incurred because of the delayed closing.

VI. Public Expression

- Jim Hope, McCullum Street, Knightstown, Indiana – He asked if the additional \$2million would be enough funding to complete everything or if the Board would be coming back to the table and seeking more money. The Superintendent stated he had no plans of requesting any more funds.

Jim, Hope then stated the population of the town is dropping and there are several empty properties and questioned the need for project.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board Kevin Knott moved to adjourn at 9:01pm

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