

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 6:05 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; Michelle Swift, Treasurer; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant;
 - School Administrator: Scott Ritchie
 - Classroom Teacher Association: Tom Crawford
 - Media: Knightstown Banner
 - Patrons: Approximately 6 patrons
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- Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm following by the Pledge to the American Flag and a moment of silence.
 - Oath of Office – The Oath was administered by Jena Schmidt to re-elected members Wade Beatty and Kevin Knott and newly elected member Melissa Toth.
 - Board Reorganization
 1. Officers: The office of President was opened for nominations. Timothy Wehr nominated Steve Dalton and Leah Kopp nominated Wade Beatty for the office. Wade Beatty gave the second for both, and nominations were closed. A roll call vote was taken. Wade Beatty-Beatty; Steve Dalton-Dalton; Mark Fort-Dalton; Kevin Knott-Beatty; Leah Kopp-Beatty; Melissa Toth-Dalton; Timothy Wehr-Dalton. Steve Dalton was elected School Board President 4-3. He then took over the meeting.

The office of Vice President was opened for nominations. Mark Fort nominated Timothy Wehr and Leah Kopp nominated Kevin Knott. Wade Beatty gave the second for both nominations and nominations were closed. A roll call vote was taken. Wade Beatty-Knott; Steve Dalton-Wehr; Mark Fort-Wehr; Kevin Knott-Knott; Leah Kopp-Knott; Melissa Toth-Wehr; Timothy Wehr-Wehr. Timothy Wehr was elected School Board Vice President 4-3.

The office of Secretary was opened for nominations. Kevin Knott nominated Leah Kopp and Timothy Wehr nominated Melissa Toth. Wade Beatty seconded both nominations and Mark Fort moved to close with a second by Melissa Toth. A roll call vote was taken. Wade Beatty-Kopp; Steve Dalton-Toth; Mark Fort-Toth; Kevin Knott-Kopp; Leah Kopp-Kopp; Melissa Toth-Toth; Timothy Wehr-Toth. Melissa Toth was elected School Board Secretary 4-3.
 2. Finance Committee – The Superintendent recommended the Board consider keeping the current Finance Committee as the corporation is in the middle of financing opportunities. Mark Fort moved to appoint existing committee of Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton and Timothy Wehr. A second was given by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.
 3. Negotiations Team – The Superintendent recommended keeping the same committee of Wade Beatty, Leah Kopp and Steve Dalton as alternate. The floor was opened for nominations. Kevin Knott nominated Wade Beatty and Leah Kopp; Melissa Toth nominated Steve Dalton

and Timothy Wehr. Mark Fort moved to close nominations with a second by Kevin Knott. Roll call vote was taken. Wade Beatty-Dalton, Beatty; Steve Dalton-Dalton, Wehr; Mark Fort-Dalton, Wehr; Kevin Knott-Kopp, Beatty; Leah Kopp-Dalton, Beatty; Melissa Toth-Dalton, Wehr; Timothy Wehr-Dalton, Wehr. Steve Dalton was elected with six votes and Timothy Wehr with four votes. For Alternate Kevin Knott nominated Wade Beatty and Mark Fort nominated Melissa Toth. Melissa Toth was elected as alternate by a vote of 6-1; Kevin Knott cast the vote for Wade Beatty.

4. Legislative Liaison – The Superintendent stated this member should attend the ISBA Fall Conference and vote on various resolutions. Leah Kopp moved to have Timothy Wehr retain this roll with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 7-0.
 5. Vocational Board – Timothy Wehr nominated Mark Fort and Kevin Knott nominated Leah Kopp. Wade Beatty gave the second. Timothy Wehr moved to close nominations with a second by Melissa Toth. A roll call vote was taken. Wade Beatty-Kopp; Steve Dalton-Fort; Mark Fort-Fort; Kevin Knott-Kopp; Leah Kopp-Kopp; Melissa Toth-Fort; Timothy Wehr-Fort. Mark Fort was appointed by a vote of 4-3.
 6. Appoint Corporation Treasurer – Timothy Wehr moved to appoint Michelle Swift as Corporation Treasurer. Steve Dalton gave the second, motion carried 7-0.
 7. Approve Date, Time, & Place of Regular Session Meetings – After some discussion Wade Beatty moved to hold Regular Session Meetings on the Third Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm and held in the Knightstown High School Media Center. Mark Fort gave the second, motion carried 7-0.
 8. Set Stipend for Board Members – Wade Beatty moved to maintain the current stipend of \$2000 per Board Member per year. Leah Kopp gave the second. Mark Fort stated he will donate his stipend to various projects at the elementary level. Motion carried 7-0.
 9. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Wade Beatty stated he is employed by Harvestland Coop and his company submits bids to the corporation as appropriate. Mark Fort stated he is part owner of Hoosier Outdoor Power and the corporation purchases parts from his business. Kevin Knott moved to accept the declarations with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 7-0.
- Old Business
 1. Construction/Renovation – Update on Progress and QZAB

The Superintendent gave an update on the construction project. There was much discussion regarding the Third Phase of the construction project. The Board must decide whether to go with an Energy Savings Project or the QZAB Funding. There was also discussion regarding lowering the CPF. The Superintendent recommends continuing with McLiney & Co. and meeting with potential buyers. He also stated a funding mechanism for Phase Three is required. Steve Dalton moves to continue with McLiney & Co. with the understanding we strike the 7th bullet point. Mark Fort gave the second. Kevin Knott stated he is not in favor of seeking the \$2,000,000 even though the money is available at a decreased interest rate. He stated his concerns about the future Assessed Value and due to declining enrollment and current economic times. He informed the Board that for these reasons, he would be voting accordingly. There was much discussion. Motion carried 5-2 with Kevin Knott and Leah Kopp casting the negative votes.

An estimate from Stearns Construction was presented to complete sidewalks and curbs at Knightstown Intermediate School. The Superintendent recommended holding on this until a direction on financing is established. Timothy Wehr asked for more estimates.
 2. Student Handbooks – Some discussion on these handbooks. Corrections had been previously submitted for Board consideration. Leah Kopp moved to accept as presented with corrections noted. Mark Fort gave the second. With no further discussion, motion carried 7-0.
 3. Textbook Rental – The Superintendent presented a proposal for textbook rental and fees for the 2010-2011 school year. Kevin Knott moved to accept as presented with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

- Personnel
 1. KIS Business Teacher – KIS Business Teacher - Joseph Canary, to replace a retirement. Wade Beatty moved to approve with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

- Other – The Superintendent presented and recommended a proposed Joint Services and Supply Agreement from the New Castle Area Special Education Cooperative for the Board’s consideration. The Superintendent also stated this agreement should be approved at the next Board Meeting.

- Public Expression –
 - Ron Short, 625 W. Main St, Knightstown-(Business Address) – He asked about the credentials of the new Business teacher previously approved. The Superintendent listed some of his credentials and also his reliance on Mr. Scheumann’s opinion. Ron Short stated it was possible to have a lot of knowledge and very little wisdom. I would think it would behoove you to find someone with more experience. The Superintendent stated the State mandates certain criteria of all teachers.
 - Jim Hope, 120 N. McCullum, Knightstown – He asked if this was a “good time to be doing all you are doing? It is not.” He stated construction is down 30% and he shared his worry about how much is being spent on the sporting facility. There was much discussion between Jim Hope and Steve Dalton.
 - Gerald Leonard, 6675 S. Grant City Rd, Knightstown – He asked for clarification on the additional funding. The Superintendent informed the patron the Energy Savings component was a \$3 million project, however only \$2 million had been financed and therefore the additional must be funded.

Melissa Toth asked for some clarification regarding the various costs of projects and where the funding is coming from. The Superintendent answered her questions.

Adjournment

With no further business Kevin Knott moved to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

PRESIDENT

MEMBER

VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBER

SECRETARY

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