

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center East Conference Room

March 11, 2019 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman (departed 6:30 PM), Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson

Absent: Travis Padget

Others Present: Cristy Croson, Brenda Hodnett, Matt Holmes, Sarah Malsom, Michelle Modlin, Emma Morris, Gene Morris, Tiffany Morris, Curt Roorda, Deborah Rose, Lane Rose, Tina Ross, Sandy Scotton, Kaylanna Seu, Keila Seu, Jayee Shaver, Jack Suttek, Darin Tisdale, Aislinn Tratchel, Amy Tratchel, Rhiannon Tratchel, Emily Zink, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB).

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Superintendent Callaghan shared that the highlights from Nicky Lampe's (BMS) receipt of the **Golden Apple Award** will be aired on WHO TV Channel 13 on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 5:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

The mission, vision, collective commitments, and board commitments were reviewed.

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10624**

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Padget

Human Resource Update – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10625**

Kim Florke – (contract) – Head Varsity Volleyball Coach (NHS) – effective August 1, 2019

Jessica Lavelly – (transfer) – from School Counselor (WW) to School Counselor (NHS) – effective August 1, 2019

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel Report.

Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Padget

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10626**

Sam Poulson – (resignation) – Educational Associate (WW) – effective May 8, 2019

Rosie Butler – (retirement) – Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective May 31, 2019

Cook moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel Report.

Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Padget

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

Four students (Tiffany Morris, Aislinn Tratchel, Rhiannon Tratchel, and Emily Zink) were present to speak about the Assistant Director Position, Chaz Beeler, Reconsideration

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Supervisor Reports

Food Service – Cristy Croson, Supervisor

Croson shared information about new meals at Berg Middle School, the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program grant at Emerson Hough, the Snack Closet promoted by the Newton Wellness Coalition, and National School Breakfast Week where the Cardinal Mascot (Big Red) visited all the campuses encouraging students to choose breakfast at school.

Transportation – Curt Roorda, Supervisor

Roorda gave an update on current weather and road conditions, and hard surface routes designation prior to Spring Break. He shared about a recent visit to SE Polk CSD and a "Here Comes the Bus" app that the Newton CSD is considering, as well as a GPS routing system, and additional bus cameras.

Construction Updates

Superintendent Callaghan, and Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor gave construction updates on the **Newton Softball Complex – Phase 2** as well as demolition progress at **Berg Middle School**. Callaghan displayed pictures and drone video from the middle school site. Suttek explained the cause of the odor at Berg Middle School, and ideas to resolve the issue with the stacked air handlers.

Iowa Department of Education Director Visit

Superintendent Callaghan shared highlights from Dr. Ryan Wise's visit to the Newton Community School District on March 6, 2019. He shared that we will have local legislators visiting our district on Friday, March 15, 2019.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Board Policy (Education Records Access) – First Reading 506.1

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, and Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs presented Board Policy 506.1 (Education Records Access) for its first reading. It will be edited, and brought back for a second reading vote on March 25, 2019.

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the SIAC Recommended 2019 – 2020 School District Calendar – March 25, 2019 at 6:45 PM – ACTION #10627

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to Set a Public Hearing for the SIAC Recommended 2019 – 2020 School District Calendar for March 25, 2019 at 6:45 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Padgett

Denison Culture Survey

Board President Robyn Friedman gave an update on the Denison Culture Group and their March 4, 2019 meeting. She shared progress on Collective Commitments, and insight on the book High Reliability Schools. Superintendent Callaghan shared that a number of staff from the Newton CSD will attend a training in Colorado (July 9 – 11, 2019). The Denison Culture Group meets again on April 2, 2019.

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10628

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously approve the bills. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Padgett

Capital Improvement Plans

Bloom and Suttek reviewed the **PEEL** (FY20 – FY24) and **SAVE** (FY20 – FY29) Capital Improvement Plans.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

March 25, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

March 27, 2019 – 5:00 PM – Board Work Session – Exempt – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

March 27, 2019 – 7:00 PM – Board Culture Work Session – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events

March 25 – 29, 2019 – Public Schools Week “See for Yourself” Campaign

Superintendent Callaghan shared that this campaign will kick off with a visit from local legislators on March 15, 2019

Adjourn – ACTION #10629

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary