

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

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

April 8, 2019 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

Present: Josh Cantu, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson

Others Present: Erik Davis, Brenda Hodnett, Brenda Holmes, Matt Holmes, Ryan Humke, Bret Miller, Oliver Miller, Beth Pettigrew, Marin Pettigrew, Crystal Rausch, Sandy Scotton, Laura Selover, Tyler Stewart, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB). **Absent:** Donna Cook

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

None

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

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

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10651**

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

Human Resource Update – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10652**

Katelyn Hamilton – (contract) – Kindergarten Teacher (TJ) – effective August 13, 2019

Kelly Henderson – (contract) – School Counselor (BMS) – effective August 13, 2019

Hannah Scotton – (contract) – 1st Grade Teacher (WW) – effective August 13, 2019

Katelyn Swearingin – (contract) – LMC Technology Coordinator (AH/EH/TJ/WW) – effective August 13, 2019

Tom Vanderlaan – (contract) – Head 9th Grade Baseball Coach (NHS) – effective April 29, 2019

Dallas VanderPol – (contract) – School Counselor (WW) – effective August 13, 2019

Staci Geer – (resignation) – Nurse (BMS) – effective June 30, 2019

Sarah Patterson – (resignation) – Head Varsity Boys Swim Coach (NHS) – effective June 30, 2019 – *pending suitable replacement*

Jenny Springer – (resignation) – Special Education Teacher (BMS) – effective June 30, 2019

Eric VanderVelden – (transfer) – from Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach (NHS) to Fall Strength and Conditioning Coach (NHS) – effective August 5, 2019

Muhs moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Human Resources Update Certified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10653**

Deb Gulling – (resignation) – LMC Educational Associate (NHS) – effective June 4, 2019

Karyl Engle – (resignation) – Secretary (BMS) – effective June 4, 2019

Kelly Sorenson – (transfer) – Educational Associate (NHS) – to Secretary (WEST Academy) – effective beginning of 2019 – 2020 School Year

Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to approve the Human Resources Update Classified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

Oliver Miller – spoke about the importance of free play, and preserving the playground equipment, shelter, and trees on the SW corner of the Berg Middle School property. He also advocated for a roofed sheltered area for students to park their bicycles.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Construction Update – Berg Middle School

Superintendent Callaghan shared drone video from the Berg Middle School Construction site, taken by Erik Davis (Technology). Work will begin on the football field, track, and parking area in the beginning of May 2019.

Construction Update – Newton Softball Complex – Phase 2

Superintendent Callaghan gave a construction update on the Newton Softball Complex – Phase 2 and a timeline to final project completion. At this time, final completion is scheduled for the end of April 2019. A change order has been submitted to place sod around the concession stand area instead of just seeding.

Technology Update

Staff from the Technology Department (Erik Davis, Ryan Humke, and Crystal Rausch) were present to give an update on current projects. Topics included: Network switch gear and backups, DVRs, firewalls, Request for Proposals for Chromebooks and staff laptops, iPad replacements, workload, and Summer 2019 projects.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Approval for 7th & 8th Grade Berg Middle School Students and Chaperones to Attend the 2019 National Student Council Conference June 21 – 26, 2019 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – **ACTION #10654**

Tyler Stewart (Berg Middle School), and student Marin Pettigrew shared a Google Slides presentation highlighting last year's Student Council conference, and previewing a field trip request for the summer of 2019. Stewart announced that Berg Middle School was a recipient of the 2019 National Gold Council of Excellence Certificate. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the 7th & 8th Grade Berg Middle School Students and Chaperones to Attend the 2019 National Student Council Conference June 21 – 26, 2019 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Adoption of the Proposed FY20 Certified Budget – April 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM – E.J.H. Beard Administration Center – **ACTION #10655**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, requested that a public hearing be held on April 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM to adopt the proposed FY20 Certified Budget. Padget moved, Leonard seconded to Set a Public Hearing for Adoption of the Proposed FY20 Certified Budget for April 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Consider Adoption of a Budget Guarantee Resolution in the Amount of \$69,062 as Allowed Under Section 257.14 Code of Iowa – ACTION #10656

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented a budget guarantee resolution for adoption. Sullivan moved, Padgett seconded to Adopt a Budget Guarantee Resolution in the Amount of \$69,062 as Allowed Under Section 257.14 Code of Iowa. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Consider Approval of the Purchase of Network Equipment and Security Appliances for Newton High School – ACTION #10657

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented proposals for the purchase and installation of networking equipment and security appliances for Newton High School. Sullivan moved, Cantu seconded to Approve the Purchase of Network Equipment from Communication Innovators (\$118,513.99) and Security Appliances from Sterling (\$20,100.00) for Newton High School. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook Bloom noted that the district will receive an E-Rate refund of \$110,891.19 for a net cost of \$27,722.80

Consider Approval of Fuel Pump Installation & Management System Project with Acterra Group in the Amount of \$32,145.00 – ACTION #10658

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented a project for approval to replace the fuel pumps and update the fuel tracking system at the district's transportation department. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve a Fuel Pump Installation & Management System Project with Acterra Group in the Amount of \$32,145.00. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Denison Update

Graham Sullivan gave a progress update from the Denison meeting held April 2, 2019. A purpose statement for the group was shared – “To oversee, advise, and support the systems of the district and the work of buildings to meet the collective commitments in a high performance workplace culture.”

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10659

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

April 15, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Special Board Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

April 22, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

April 22, 2019 – (following Regular Board Meeting) – Closed Session – Quarterly Review – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events

April 18, 2019 – IASB Conference – Policy Leadership & Legal Issues – Board Member Cody Muhs to attend.

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

Board Member Josh Cantu shared a document entitled “Board Culture” with board members. He outlined how board members will be rating themselves, and how others will be rating the school board on the three Board Commitments to develop trust. It was proposed that the recommendations be discussed at the April 15, 2019 Special Board Meeting and implemented at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Go into Exempt Session – ACTION #10660

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to go into exempt session. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Exempt Session – Continued Negotiations

The board met with district administration to discuss negotiations with the Newton Community Education Association (NCEA). Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, met with the NCEA during the previous week and shared their concerns of maintaining the salary schedule and language in the contract.

Come out of Exempt Session – ACTION #10661

Leonard moved, Padgett seconded to unanimously come out of exempt session. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Cook

Adjourn – ACTION #10662

Sullivan moved, Padgett seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

_____, 2019

Secretary