

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
E. J. H. Beard Administration Center
East Conference Room

August 27, 2018 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:00 PM

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

Others Present: Niki Aldrich, Jolene Comer, Sean Dunphy (arrived 6:34 PM), Jim Gilbert, Rachelle Hines (FRK architects + engineers), Brenda Hodnett, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Jim Prendergast, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, Lisa Sharp, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News) (arrived 6:32 PM), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications

JELD-WEN: Backpack Donations – Superintendent Callaghan recognized JELD-WEN for their donation of backpacks and school supplies.

The Dental Practice: School Supply Donations – Superintendent Callaghan recognized The Dental Practice for their school supply donations.

Knights of Columbus: CPID Tootsie Roll Drive – Jim Prendergast, Grand Knight (Council 2663), shared information about the Knights of Columbus' summer tootsie roll campaign. A check in the amount of \$1,687.63 was presented to the district as a donation to support students with intellectual disabilities.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10491

Muhs moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda.

Human Resources Update

Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, presented the Human Resources Update.

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10492

Andy Kuker – (contract) – 8th Grade Volleyball Coach (BMS) – effective August 23, 2018

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10493

Sidney Ferris – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective TBD

Lacie Gragg – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective August 23, 2018

Samantha Poulson – (agreement) – Educational Associate (WW) – effective August 23, 2018

Linda Schaper – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective August 23, 2018

Somer Seals – (agreement) – Preschool Educational Associate (TJ) – effective TBD

Dawn Shaw – (agreement) – from Food Service Cook (BMS) to Food Service Cook (NHS) – effective August 23, 2018

Erin Smith – (agreement) – Educational Associate (NHS) – effective TBD

Jennifer Vaughn – (agreement) – Educational Associate (NHS) – effective August 27, 2018

Katina Woody – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective August 23, 2018

Jane Hiemstra – (resignation) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective August 17, 2018

Monica Lewis – (resignation) – Behavior Interventionist (BMS) – effective August 31, 2018

Collin Reynolds – (resignation) – Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective August 21, 2018

Elizabeth Stock – (resignation) – Softball Coach (BMS) – effective August 14, 2018

Elizabeth Stock – (resignation) – 9th Grade Softball Coach (NHS) – effective August 14, 2018

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

Open Forum

None

Public Hearing – (6:45 PM) – Newton 5 – 8 Middle School Furniture Purchase & Installation

No one was present to speak at the public hearing.

Superintendent's Report

Elementary Summer School

Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, gave an update on Summer School for elementary students, including the Jump Start and Super Reader programs.

Aurora Heights – Water Main Challenge Update

Superintendent Callaghan and Jim Gilbert, Aurora Heights Principal, gave an update on the challenges overcome at Aurora Heights due to a water main break that occurred the day before school started (August 22, 2018).

Enrollment Update

Superintendent Callaghan provided a 2018 – 2019 enrollment update for K – 12 students as K – 4 (1060), 5 – 8 (929), and 9 – 12 (927) for a total of 2916 students as of August 24, 2018.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Approval of the Newton 5 – 8 Middle School Furniture Project Bid & Installation – ACTION #10495

Rachelle Hines (FRK architects + engineers) presented bid information from five different bidders, in 5 base packages and 4 alternates. She reviewed the Tabulation of Bids as follows: Furniture Package A (\$1,019,306 – Premier); Furniture Package B (\$3,632.04 – Saxton); Furniture Package C (\$31,250.84 – Storey Kenworthy); Furniture Package D (\$69,268.83 – Premier); Furniture Package E (\$39,221.00 – Premier); and Alternate #1 (\$13,968) for a total of \$1,176,646.71. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Newton 5 – 8 Middle School Furniture Project Bid & Installation in the amount of \$1,176,646.71. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Approval for Out of State Travel: NHS Journalism Students Travel to National Journalism Convention – October 31 – November 4, 2018 – Chicago, Illinois – ACTION #10494

Niki Aldrich, NHS Media Adviser, requested approval for journalism students to travel out of state travel for a convention. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Out of State Travel request for NHS Journalism Students to Travel to the National Journalism Convention – October 31 – November 4, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Denison Update

Padget and Friedman gave an update on events from the Back to School Convocation – August 20, 2018, and next steps.

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10496

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the bills. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 PM September 10, 2018 – (EJH Beard Administration Center)

73rd IASB Annual Convention & Trade Show – November 14 – 16, 2018 – (Des Moines)

Adjourn – ACTION #10497

Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary