

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

September 24, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:31 PM.

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, and Christine Dawson
Others Present: Jolene Comer, Brenda Hodnett, Loren Jacobsen, Dave Lureman, Paula Lureman, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Bill Peters, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Lisa Sharp, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Absent: Tim Bloom, Donna Cook

Communications

Newton Moose Lodge – School Supply Donations – Superintendent Callaghan thanked the Newton Moose Lodge for their recent donation of school supplies to the Newton Community School District.

Homecoming

Superintendent Callaghan and NHS Principal, Bill Peters recapped this year's homecoming festivities and Circus theme with the board. Callaghan shared that he had posted an article entitled "Homecoming Week in Newton!" on The Bridge, a direct communication tool between the school and community found on the district website (<https://www.newtoncsd.org/the-bridge>).

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10511

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve items B (Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – September 10, 2018), C (Minutes of Board Work Session – September 10, 2018), and D (Open Enrollments), on the consent agenda. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10512

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to modify item A (Agenda) by editing item H (Consider Approval of Three-Year Advertising Agreement between the Newton Community School District Activities Department and Clemon-Maki Insurance 2018/2019 – 2020/2021 School Years) to a Discussion and/or Action Item, and moving it to item B under Learning, Leadership, and District Business. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Human Resources Update

Superintendent Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update.

Certified Personnel – No Report

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10513

Jennifer Flake – (transfer) – from Educational Associate (BMS) to Specialist – Behavior Interventionist (BMS) – effective TBD

Ryan Schwickerath – (agreement) – Custodian (BMS) – effective September 24, 2018

Erin Smith – (abandoned job) – Educational Associate (NHS) – effective September 14, 2018

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Open Forum

None

Superintendent's Report

Status of State and Federal Reports – CSIP – Superintendent Callaghan reviewed the completion status of State and Federal Reports. Bret Miller, Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum, highlighted the CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) for 2018 – 2019 and its purpose to chart the course for improved student learning. He referenced proficiency graphs for math and reading, provided in the board members' informational packets.

Current Student Information

Enrollment Summary – Superintendent Callaghan provided a 2018 – 2019 enrollment update for K – 12 students as K – 4 (1,065), 5 – 8 (931), and 9 – 12 (917) for a total of 2913 students as of September 19, 2018. He noted that we will not know about Certified Enrollment until October 1, 2018.

Attendance Data – Superintendent Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 90.96% - 97.72%.

Middle School Construction Update – Superintendent Callaghan gave an update on construction progress at the new Berg Middle School and displayed pictures. Information from the September 12, 2018 construction progress meeting was shared with Board Members in their informational packet, as well as a timeline leading to students occupying the building. BMS Principal, Lisa Sharp relayed the excitement coming from students in anticipation of the move.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Reorganization of Board Officers

Callaghan facilitated a reorganization of Board Officers, including President and Vice-President.

President – ACTION #10514

Cantu moved, Sullivan seconded to nominate Robyn Friedman for President of the Newton Community School Board of Education. The voice vote was unanimous. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Cook

Vice-President – ACTION #10515

Sullivan moved, Cantu seconded to nominate Ann Leonard for Vice-President. The voice vote was unanimous. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Cook

Superintendent Callaghan administered the Oath of Office to Robyn Friedman, President and Ann Leonard, Vice-President.

Consider Approval of Three – Year Advertising Agreement between the Newton Community School District Activities Department and Clemon-Maki Insurance (2018/2019 – 2020/2021 School Years) – ACTION #10516

Superintendent Callaghan presented a three-year NHS Gymnasium/Stadium Graphic Advertising Agreement between the Newton Community School District and Clemon-Maki Insurance. After some discussion a motion was made to Approve the Three-Year Advertising Agreement between the Newton

Community School District Activities Department and Clemon-Maki Insurance as stated. Ayes: Cantu, Muhs Nays: Friedman, Leonard, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Set Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations for the 2018 – 2019 Board of Education Meetings – ACTION #10517

Vice-President Ann Leonard shared information on proposed board meeting dates for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve Setting the Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations for the 2018 – 2019 Board of Education as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Set Date and Time for Public Hearing – October 8, 2018 at 6:45 PM – Newton Softball Complex Phase 2 Project – ACTION #10518

Padget moved, Leonard seconded to Set the Date and Time for a Public Hearing for the Newton Softball Complex Phase 2 Project as October 8, 2018 at 6:45 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consider Appointing Board Member Delegate for the IASB Delegate Assembly (November 14, 2018) – ACTION #10519

Padget moved, Sullivan seconded to nominate Robyn Friedman for appointment as the Board Member Delegate for the IASB Delegate Assembly. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consider Approval of District Goals – 2018 2019 – ACTION #10520

Superintendent Callaghan facilitated discussion on the approval consideration of District Goals for the 2018 2019 School Year. District Goals were presented in the board members' informational packet as:

District Goals – 2018 2019

District Goal #1: The Newton Community School District will ensure that at least 80% of the students are meeting expectations through core instruction and supplemental services will be provided to students who need additional support.

District Goal #2: Newton Community School District will engage students, families, and the community by providing a variety of opportunities designed to enhance the educational process and eliminate barriers to student success.

District Goal #3: Newton Community School District will create a culture that provides: (1) an encouraging, positive, and high trust environment, (2) that is safe and secure, (3) emotionally and physically healthy, and (4) fosters open and honest communication.

District Goal #4: Newton Community School District will professionally support highly qualified staff to prepare our students to succeed.

Cantu moved, Muhs seconded to approve the District Goals for 2018 2019 as displayed. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Board Goals – 2018 2019 – ACTION #10521

Board Members discussed and considered approval of Board Goals for the 2018 2019 School Year. From their discussion, one goal was created.

Muhs moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Board Goal for 2018 2019 as "Newton Community School District Board will support current best practices in instruction, engagement, culture, and professional development, by appropriately allocating resources aligned with district goals." Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consider Approval of Campus Goals – 2018 2019

Superintendent Callaghan requested that the elementary, middle, and high school principals share their Campus Goals for 2018 2019.

Denison Update

Friedman shared that the next Denison meeting will be held on October 9, 2018.

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10522

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Board Work Session (w/Jim Verlengia): 5:30 PM October 1, 2018 – (EJH Beard Administration Center)

Regular Board Meeting: 6:00 PM October 8, 2018 – (EJH Beard Administration Center)

Board Work Session: immediately following Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2018 – Certified Annual Report & Tax Levies

73rd IASB Annual Convention & Trade Show – November 14 – 16, 2018 – (Des Moines) – Dawson will send out an RSVP email

Professional Development Opportunities

Fall 2018 Regional Workshops – a meeting schedule was provided in the board members' informational packet – Dawson will send out an RSVP email

Employee Relations Conference – October 18, 2018 (Altoona) – Bloom, Callaghan, and Selover to attend

Adjourn – ACTION #10523

Cantu moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary