

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

January 8, 2018 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 5:03 PM

Roll Call – **Present:** Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Andy Elbert, Paula Lureman, Bret Miller, Bill Peters (arrived 5:49 PM), Curt Roorda, Deb Rose, Tina Ross, Lisa Sharp, Doug Smith, and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications

None

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10318

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda.

Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel

None

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10319

Superintendent Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel

Brad Bestell (agreement) – Driver (Food Service) – effective pending completion of HR documents

Keith Dunkerson (agreement) – Custodian (NHS) – effective pending completion of HR documents

Linda Schaper (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective January 3, 2018

Julie Schaeffer (resignation) – Bus Driver (Transportation) (Route 90) – effective December 31, 2017

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

Open Forum

Doug Smith spoke about the Berg Middle School cold weather issue from last week.

Superintendent's Report

Food Service – Cristy Croson

No additional report.

Transportation – Curt Roorda

No additional report. There was some discussion on recent cold weather and coordinated efforts between departments when making decisions for a two-hour late school start.

Maintenance – Jack Suttek

Jack Suttek gave a report on the boiler system at Berg Middle School. He commended the district team for ensuring a safe environment for the students, despite having to unexpectedly shut down the boiler system for maintenance during recent cold weather.

Middle School Construction Update

Superintendent Callaghan displayed interior and exterior pictures of construction progress at the new middle school site. Construction progress has slowed during the cold weather, but the project remains on schedule.

Legislative Forum Update – January 4, 2018

Superintendent Callaghan gave an update of the Legislative Forum held at the administration center on January 4, 2018. Guest presenters were Senator Chaz Allen, Senator Amy Sinclair, and Representative Wes Breckenridge. There was some discussion on State Supplemental Aid and SAVE funds. Board Members were encouraged to address these school funding concerns with local legislators.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary & Director of Business Services

Consider Licensing Representation Agreement with K12 Licensing, LLC – ACTION #10320

Superintendent Callaghan presented an agreement with K12 Licensing, LLC and explained the rationale for participation. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the licensing representation agreement with K12 Licensing, LLC. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for January 22, 2018 at the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center (6:45 PM) for the Purchase and Installation of Audio/Visual Equipment at the Newton High School Auditorium, Gymnasium, and Softball Field – ACTION #10321

Isaac explained the combined request for the purchase of Audio/Visual equipment and consideration for setting a public hearing. Bids on the project are due January 12, 2018. Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to set a public hearing for January 22, 2018 at the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center (6:45 PM) for the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment at the Newton High School Auditorium, Gymnasium, and Softball Field. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider the Purchase of Food Service Equipment – ACTION #10322

Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, provided an equipment bid comparison sheet to board members for a 40 gallon tilting skillet braising pan and 60 gallon kettle and explained the need to replace the equipment. Martin Brothers Distributing Co., Inc. had the low bid for equipment & installation at \$34,679.27. Sullivan moved, Cantu seconded to award the bid to Martin Brothers for the purchase of food service equipment in the amount of \$34,679.27. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider the Purchase of a Pickup Truck for the Newton High School CTE Program – ACTION #10323

Curt Roorda, Transportation Supervisor, provided pricing information from Karl Chevrolet for a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cab with a total sales price of \$30,476.38. The truck purchase is for the Newton High School CTE Program, and will enable the district to save on mileage reimbursement. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the purchase of a pickup truck (2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cab)

for the Newton High School CTE Program from Karl Chevrolet in the amount of \$30,476.38. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Review the Newton Community School District Line Item Budget – 2017 – 2018

Board Members have been provided with a copy of the 2017 – 2018 Newton Community School District Line Item Budget book (electronic or hard copy). Isaac opened up discussion with board members, and there were no additional comments.

Denison Update

Board Member Robyn Friedman gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey. A two-day retreat has been scheduled for January 19 & 26, 2018, with a moderator present to help the focus group determine next steps.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10324

Cook moved, Leonard 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: January 22, 2018 (6:30 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center

Future Work Session or Meeting Dates

Future Board-Work Work Session: Travis Padget and Ann Leonard have dates to recommend to board members for an upcoming culture work session with Jim Verlengia. Confirmation of a meeting date will be coordinated via email.

IASB Day on the Hill – January 30, 2018 – (Des Moines) – those attending will leave at 7:30 AM to allow Superintendent Callaghan to meet regarding Capturing Kids' Hearts campus nomination at Emerson Hough.

Superintendent Evaluation Schedule – will occur in January / February 2018. Board members will get more information from Travis Padget and Ann Leonard on this process.

Adjourn – ACTION #10325

Cantu moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary