

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

February 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Travis Padget convened the board to order at 7:01 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook (7:17 PM), Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson

Others Present: Karen Arnold, Diane Babcock, Curtis Briggs, Karla Cazett, Cristy Croson, Evelyn George, Lois Holmes, Justin Jagler (Newton Daily News), Jen Norvell, Chad Robson, Rhonda Robson, Curt Roorda, Deborah Rose, Tina Ross, Laura Selover, Randy Van (KCOB), Katie Wallace, and Randy Young.

Communications – Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared that a \$14,065.89 donation has been given via the Newton Community Educational Foundation (NCEF) to the Berg Middle School athletic program from the estate of Robert Timothy Trier. The Newton High School Pacesetters Dance Team, along with Coach Paige Meredith, was recognized for their recent competition and achievement at the national championships in Orlando, Florida.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10089

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget
Absent: Cook

Human Resources Update – Laura Selover presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10090

Chase Dickinson – (Contract) – Track Coach (BMS) – beginning 2016 – 2017 school year

Mackenzie Locey – (Contract) – Color Guard Coach (NHS) – beginning 2017 – 2018 school year

Elbert moved, Friedman seconded to approve the Certified Personnel Human Resources Update. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget
Absent: Cook

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10091

Sue Ranard – (Agreement) – Paraprofessional (EH) – effective 02/01/17

Barb Hartgers – (Resignation) – Food Service Worker (BMS) – effective 02/09/17

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Classified Personnel Human Resources Update. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget
Absent: Cook

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Department Supervisor Reports

Maintenance – Jack Sutte (not present)

Technology – Dan Sloan (not present)

Food Service – Cristy Croson spoke about progress on implementing the summer 2017 food service program.

Transportation – Curt Roorda reviewed the current status of bus travel on gravel and hard surface roads; gave a report from the 2016 – 2017 school year bus inspection; shared that the mail van may be in need of an upgrade.

Inclement Weather Update – February 20, 2017 Snow Make-Up Date

Callaghan noted that according to the 2016 – 2017 school calendar, February 20, 2017 is listed as a possible snow make-up date. Due to the cancellation of school on January 16, 2017 (ice storm), February 20, 2017 will be utilized a snow make-up date.

Berg Middle School Construction Timeline

Callaghan reviewed the project timeline for construction of a new middle school. Construction document approval is scheduled for March 13, 2017; documents will go to the printer on March 27, 2017; bidding will take place April 27, 2017; with award of contract on May 8, 2017. Callaghan shared that the softball field will be relocated to another venue.

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

Consider Request for Out of State Travel – DECA International Career Development Conference – Anaheim, California – April 26 – 30, 2017 – ACTION #10092

Karla Cazett, NHS Business Marketing & DECA, shared information about the state DECA event February 26 – 27, 2017. If any of the students competing place first or second, they would be eligible to travel out of state to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California – April 26 – 30, 2017. Elbert moved, Cook seconded to approve the out of state travel request. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Discussion of the 2017 – 2018 Preschool Procedures

Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs, shared the 2017 – 2018 three and four year old preschool application, eligibility requirements, and registration timeline.

Discussion of the Spring 2017 Kindergarten Round Up Procedures

Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs, shared information regarding Spring 2017 Kindergarten Round Up and registration timeline.

School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Request for Modified Supplemental Amount for Dropout Prevention – ACTION #10093

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented a request for Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk/Dropout Prevention in the amount of \$624,970. He explained that the total budget is \$977,182; less estimated carryover funds of \$4,160; less district match of \$208,324. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the request in the amount of \$624,970. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of a Two-Year Contract with the Newton Community Education Association (NCEA) for 2017 – 2018 and 2018 – 2019 – ACTION #10094

Bob Callaghan, Superintendent, and Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, reviewed the historically low 1.11% State Supplemental Aid (SSA) and proposed 2% total package increase (wages, cost of insurance, aging the scale) and two year commitment. Deb Rose, NCEA President, expressed thanks for communication and collaboration during the negotiations process. Friedman moved, Cook seconded to approve a two-year contract with the Newton Community Education Association (NCEA) for 2017 – 2018 and 2018 – 2019, with a 2% total package increase. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Abstain: Elbert

Denison Culture Survey Update

Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey. The Denison Steering Committee met February 8, 2017 and learned their role and reviewed survey data. The five key words of: unity, pride, trust, honesty, and to be a school district of choice were discussed. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10095

Benson moved, Elbert seconded to approve the bills. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Budget Preparation Update

Isaac gave an update on budget preparations. He is scheduled to present a proposed budget to the board on March 13, 2017. The Budget Committee will meet next on February 22, 2017.

Upcoming Bond Sale Timeline

Isaac reviewed the upcoming bond sale timeline, which is for a second installment of \$10,000,000 towards construction of the new 5 – 8 middle school. February 27, 2017 – set sale date, approve electronic bidding, and approve preliminary official statement; March 13, 2017 – bids received and board asked to approve sale; March 27, 2017 – approval of final documents; April 12, 2017 – closing and delivery date. Isaac noted that budget approval includes property tax levy for debt service. Documentation of the bond sale and debt service information will be provided to the Department of Education, with any adjustments made to our certified budget as it pertains to the bond sale.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

SIAC Meeting – 5:00 PM February 15, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Board Work Session – 5:30 PM February 27, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Topic: Budget Work Session

Board members will be surveyed for options on a second budget work session.

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM February 27, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Adjourn – ACTION #10096

Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary