

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

March 27, 2017 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:32 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook (6:32 PM), Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson

Others Present: Seth Banwell, Tom Bartello, Aaron Bartels, Mark Burnett, Jason Carter, Carson Cazett, Karla Cazett, Dan Cibula, Quinrail Coley, Jolene Comer, McKenna Davis, Colton Forck, Grant Garvis, Connor Gholson, Jim Gilbert, Faith Harlow, Nicole Hively, Lois Holmes, Makayla Kelleher, Patrick Kelleher, Valerie Kelleher, Kyle Long, Joe Malsom, Mike Moran, Rhandyn Oldfield, Lienne Pak, Bill Peters, Noah Petersen, Collin Reynolds, Shana Robinson, Deb Rose, Lane Rose, Cody Satterfield, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, Lisa Sharp, Ethan Short, Alia Smith, Sadie Steinbach, Garrett Sturtz, Branden Telepnev, Trey VanderLaan, Josh Ventling, Katie Wallace, Justin Jagler (Newton Daily News) and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications

Karla Cazett and DECA students who qualified for state were present for recognition. Nicole Hively and speech students who qualified for state in large group and individual events were honored. Seth Banwell was recognized as the IGCA District Bowling Coach of the Year. The boys' varsity basketball coaches and team were recognized for their participation in the state tournament.

Superintendent Bob Callaghan reported on recent calls made to the district's anonymous tip line.

Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared that Moody's Investors Service assigned an A1 rating to Newton Community School District General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10123

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

Human Resources Update – Laura Selover presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10124

Tracy Wulfekuhle – (contract) Assistant Tennis Coach (NHS) – effective beginning 2016 – 2017 school year

Lisa Barbour – Sanchez – (contract) Special Education Teacher, Extended Core Program (NHS) – effective July 1, 2017

Kelli Hinrichs – (contract) Music Teacher (AH & EH) – effective July 1, 2017

Tracy Wulfekuhle – (contract) Math Teacher (WEST Academy) – effective July 1, 2017

Jody Barr – (reassignment) from Special Education Teacher (EH) to Special Education Teacher, Extended Core Program (BMS) – effective July 1, 2017

Shannon Roberts – (resignation) from 6th Grade Teacher (BMS) – effective May 31, 2017

Michaela Wood – (resignation) from 9th Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective end of 2016 – 2017 school year

Janelle Nekola – (volunteer) – Volunteer Drill Team Coach – effective 2017 – 2018 school year.

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10125

Inez Castillo – (resignation) Food Service Worker (AH) – effective March 24, 2017

Joyce Stonehocker – (retirement) Food Service Worker (WW) – effective March 31, 2017

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

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Current Student Information

Enrollment Summary – Callaghan reported total student enrollment as of March 22, 2017 at 3,004.

Attendance Data – Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with the total average student attendance (PreK – 12) as of March 22, 2017 at 92.80%.

Transiency Report – Callaghan presented a student transiency report for those students who have either left the district, or entered the district since the October 1, 2016 certified enrollment count date. The report showed a net increase of 33 students.

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

Resolution Appointing Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa to Serve as Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same – ACTION #10126

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, explained the meaning of the resolution. As funds are gathered from property tax to pay on bonds, funds are deposited into ISJIT. This resolution enables Bankers Trust to withdraw and make payments on our behalf. Elbert moved, Benson seconded to approve a resolution appointing Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa to serve as paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement and authorizing the execution of same. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Tax Exemption Certificate be Placed on File and Approved – ACTION #10127

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded for the tax exemption certificate to be placed on file and approved. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Continuing Disclosure Certificate be Placed on File and Approved – ACTION #10128

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded for the continuing disclosure certificate to be placed on file and approved. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services read the resolution.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, of the Newton Community School District, State of Iowa, in the Amount of \$9,620,000 and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof – ACTION #10129

Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, of the Newton Community School District, State of Iowa, in the amount of \$9,620,000 and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Superintendent Bob Callaghan read the resolution

Consideration of Extending 2017 – 2018 Contracts to Certified Staff – ACTION #10130

Superintendent Bob Callaghan and Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, referred board members to information in their packet regarding proposed certified staff for the 2017 – 2018 school year and those the district are in the process of hiring. Upon approval, contracts for certified staff will go out in the mail and are due back April 18, 2017. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve extending 2017 – 2018 contracts to certified staff as listed. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Abstain: Elbert

Consideration of Approval of the 2017 – 2018 School Year Calendar – ACTION #10131

Board members reviewed Draft 1 and Draft 4 (early release Mondays) of the Newton Community School District 2017 – 2018 School Calendar. A Board Work Session on the topic was held prior to the regular meeting. Board members had further discussion on calendar revisions during the regular meeting. Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to approve Draft 4 (early release Mondays) of the 2017 – 2018 School Calendar, with an amendment to modify August 28, 2017 as an early dismissal day. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Nays: Cook

Discussion of the 2017 – 2018 Budgetary and Tax Rate Proposals

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, facilitated discussion on the 2017 – 2018 Budgetary and Tax Rate Proposals. A notice of public hearing on the proposed FY 2017 – 2018 Newton School Budget Summary with the proposed tax rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation) of \$15.74336 was included in the board packet. Isaac presented a handout regarding Adoption of Budget and Taxes (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) detailing how we arrived at the proposed tax rate.

Consideration of Adjustments to the April and May 2017 Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Board of Education – ACTION #10132

Superintendent Bob Callaghan requested a scheduling adjustment to the April 24, 2017 regular board meeting so he could attend his daughters' track meet. A discussion was held determining that any board items could be covered at the April 10, 2017 meeting, or the following meeting on May 8, 2017. Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to cancel the April 24, 2017 board meeting. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10133

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Board Work Session – 5:30 PM April 10, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM April 10, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Superintendent Bob Callaghan and Woodrow Wilson Principal Todd Schuster informed the board of crossing guard Barb Poole, who passed away.

Adjourn – ACTION #10134

Leonard moved, Elbert seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary