

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

July 25, 2016 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Sheri Benson convened the board to order at 6:40 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson

Absent: Robyn Friedman

Others Present: Harry Heiligenthal (IASB), Paula Lureman, Dan Sloan, Jason W. Brooks (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications – None

Consent Agenda – ACTION #9967

Padget moved, Leonard seconded to approve the consent agenda, with an amendment to switch items VIIC and VIID on the agenda order. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Leonard, Padget Absent: Friedman

Human Resources Update – Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #9968

Ryan Arguello – (Contract) – Assistant Football Coach (NHS) – effective beginning of 2016 – 2017 school year

Dan Cibula – (Contract) – 9th Grade Head Boys Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective beginning of 2016 – 2017 school year

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #9969

Collin Reynolds – (Resignation) – Assistant Football Coach (NHS) – effective end of the 2015 – 2016 school year

Jeff Roush – (Resignation) – Food Service Driver (BMS) – effective July 18, 2016

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

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Construction Progress – Emerson Hough – project is on schedule, teachers will be allowed in classrooms August 1, with air conditioning estimated to be completed the week of August 14, 2016.

Report on Registration Process – over 1,900 students have been registered via online.

Capturing Kids' Hearts – Recap July and District-Wide Overview – a total of 171 staff members have been trained.

Denison Survey Process – administrators have answered questions, and at the end of September teachers will complete survey. Results will be shared with board members.

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

Consider Acceptance of Donation for Cardinal Statue at H.A. Lynn Stadium – ACTION #9970

Superintendent Bob Callaghan displayed a picture of the cardinal statue presented for donation. Cook moved, Leonard seconded to accept the donation of a Cardinal Statue at H.A. Lynn Stadium. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Leonard, Padget Absent: Friedman

Direction for Board Learning Leadership – ACTION #9971

Harry Heiligenthal (IASB) was present to explain a series of five workshop sessions to help develop characteristics of an effective school board, with a cost of \$400.00 each. Padget moved, Leonard seconded to commit to a student leading for learning (201 workshop) with IASB to begin this Fall 2016. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Leonard, Padget Absent: Friedman

Consider Purchase of 80 Laptop Computers for Berg Middle School Certified Staff and 24 Desktop Computers for the Emerson Hough Computer Lab – ACTION #9972

Dan Sloan, Technology Supervisor, explained proposed technology purchases for Berg Middle School and Emerson Hough. Funds will come from PPEL. Elbert moved, Cantu seconded to approve the purchase of 80 laptop computers for Berg Middle School certified staff and 24 desktop computers for the Emerson Hough computer lab in the amount of \$86,888.00. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Leonard, Padget Absent: Friedman

Review Special Education Board Learning Leadership Work Session

Superintendent Callaghan reviewed highlights from the special education board learning leadership work session held July 25, 2016. He encouraged board members to share their perspectives, and feedback from their small groups. He commended the number of teachers in attendance. Superintendent Callaghan recommended we hold a 90-minute work session close to the end of first semester.

Bond Committee Update

Board Members Josh Cantu, Andy Elbert, and Travis Padget gave an update on the July 21, 2016 Bond Committee meeting. The calendar of upcoming events is near finalization, with volunteers continuing to support activities. Presentations have resulted in positive feedback. Berg Middle School will be open for four scheduled tours. More communications are planned as the September 13, 2016 bond referendum vote day approaches. The next bond committee meeting will be held August 4, 2016 (6:30 PM) at Berg Middle School. Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared general information about taxable property valuations.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #9973

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

Business Services Update

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, reviewed Public Financial Management (PFM) engagement letters, due to their reorganization.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates:

Bond Committee Meeting (August 4, 2016) – 6:30 PM (Berg Middle School); **Regular Board Meeting** (August 8, 2016) – 6:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center); **Board Work Session** (August 29, 2016) – 6:00 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center); **SIAC Committee** (September 21, 2016) – 5:00 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center).

Back to School Events

Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared back to school events including: **Administrative Retreat, In-Person Registration, Pay in Person Option, New Teacher Academy, Community Bond Forum, Back to School Convocation, E.J.H. Beard Administration Center Open House, Back to School Nights, and First Days of School.**

Board Member Donna Cook expressed her preference for seating around the board table to better accommodate discussion and deliberation; she expressed concern for football players attending recent camp in the extreme heat; she shared Sundays should be reserved as family days vs. scheduling district activities; she clarified the Emerson Hough construction project in conjunction with district-wide moves; she requested the Technology Committee be re-established and conducting meetings.

Board Member Travis Padget inquired if student transportation logistics for 2016 – 2017 were on track. Sheri Benson forwarded a July 13, 2016 email from Curt Roorda to all board members.

Adjourn – ACTION #9974

Leonard moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President, 2016

Secretary