

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

August 8, 2016 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Sheri Benson convened the board to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Bob Callaghan, and Christine Dawson

Absent: Travis Padgett

Others Present: Barbie Burnett, Brenda Hodnett, Lois Holmes, Dan Sloan, Jack Suttek, Katie Wallace, Jason W. Brooks (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications – Superintendent Bob Callaghan thanked Dr. Allan P. Latcham for his donation of furniture to the district.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #9977

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to approve the consent agenda, with an amendment to change Item IVE to the Approval of a Coffee Shop Enterprise at Berg Middle School, and to pull Item IVD Open Enrollments for further discussion. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard Absent: Padgett

Board Member Donna Cook requested that Open Enrollments be a separate discussion. Superintendent Bob Callaghan explained the reasons for the application requests – ACTION #9978

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Open Enrollments. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard Absent: Padgett

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

Certified Personnel – None

Classified Personnel – ACTION #9979

Alesha Artis – (Resignation) – Paraprofessional (BMS) – effective August 2, 2016

Anya Bayles – (Resignation) – Food Service Worker (AH & NHS) – effective August 4, 2016

Kim Kopet – (Resignation) – Food Service Worker (NHS) – effective August 4, 2016

Florence Lester – (Resignation) – Food Service Worker (TJ) – effective August 1, 2016

Bev Schuring – (Resignation) – Crossing Guard (BMS) – effective August 2, 2016

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

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Department Supervisor Reports

Food Service – Cristy Croson – At in-person registration event. No report.

Transportation – Curt Roorda – At in-person registration event. We have received two new busses, and they are being prepared.

Maintenance – Jack Suttek reported on the status of various projects around the district, expressing his appreciation to staff and laborers.

Technology – Dan Sloan reported on the status of various projects around the district, and plans to move forward with the Technology Committee.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Discussion of the Denison Culture Survey Implementation to Certified Staff

Dr. Chris Pierson (Heartland AEA) was present to discuss progress on implementation of the Denison Culture Survey to Certified Staff. A total of 15 administrators have completed the survey. The Denison Culture Survey will also be administered to district teachers. Timelines were discussed for introducing and administering the survey, and interpreting, sharing, and presenting the data.

Consideration of Development and Submission of the Newton Community School District 2017 IASB Legislative Priorities – ACTION #9980

Sheri Benson requested consensus from board members on four legislative priorities so they may be submitted to IASB. It was requested that these be revisited prior to convention for any language adaptations. Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve the four IASB legislative priorities (2) – Standards & Accountability; (21) – Supplemental State Aid; (27) – Unfunded Mandates; (28) – State Penny. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard Absent: Padgett

Near Final Construction Costs for the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center and W.E.S.T. Academy

Superintendent Callaghan reviewed the near final construction costs for the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center and W.E.S.T. Academy, with the construction bid having \$40,922 in the budget remaining unspent and \$467,414 additional costs not in the bid. There was some discussion about updating the main building sign.

Bond Committee Update

Board Members Josh Cantu, Andy Elbert, and Travis Padget gave an update on the August 4, 2016 Bond Committee meeting. They are working on yard sign delivery, public speaking engagements, and the September 13 get out the vote message. Their next meeting will be held August 11, 2016, followed by open houses and tours at Berg Middle School August 16 & 30 and September 1 & 11, 2016.

Business Service Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Approval of Bills – ACTION #9981

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

Business Services Update

Board members with questions on bills will follow up with Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Board Member Robyn Friedman requested board members receive information via email regarding registration balance information.

Future Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting (August 22, 2016) – 6:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center); **Board Work Session** (August 29, 2016) – 6:00 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Back to School Events

Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared back to school events including: **New Teacher Academy, Chamber of Commerce New Teacher Luncheon, Community Bond Forum, Back to School Convocation, E.J.H. Beard Administration Center Open House, Back to School Nights, and First Days of School.**

Adjourn – ACTION #9982

Leonard moved, Elbert seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President _____, 2016

Secretary