

Newton Community School Board of Education

Board Work Session

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

August 14, 2017 – following regular meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Travis Padget convened the board to order at 7:40 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Andy Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, and Christine Dawson

Absent: Donna Cook

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10246

Benson moved, Leonard seconded to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Travis Padget, President

Topic: Goal Setting and Professional Development 2017 – 2018

Superintendent Bob Callaghan and Board Members reviewed 2016 – 2017 District and School Board Goals and made revisions for 2017 – 2018:

District Goals – 2017/2018

District Goal #1: Newton Community School District will ensure that 80-85% of students are meeting the expectations of the core curriculum with core instruction at each grade level and within all subpopulations.

District Goal #2: Newton Community School District will engage parents and the community by providing a variety of opportunities designed to increase participation in the educational process.

District Goal #3: Newton Community School District will create a culture that provides: (1) an encouraging, positive, and high trust environment, (2) that is safe and secure, (3) emotionally and physically healthy, and (4) fosters open and honest communication.

District Goal #4: Newton Community School District will employ, retain, and professionally support highly qualified staff who will prepare our students to succeed by utilizing technology, engaging students, and placing student's needs first.

School Board Goals – 2017/2018

School Board Goal #1: The Newton Community School District School Board will allocate appropriate resources that will empower teachers to ensure that 80 – 85% of students are meeting the expectations of the core curriculum at each grade level and within all subpopulations. In addition, the Board will provide resources for supplemental services necessary to support the remaining 15 – 20% of the students.

School Board Goal #2: The Newton Community School District School Board will encourage and support the development of partnerships with parent and community stakeholders to enrich student learning and expand educational opportunities and experiences.

School Board Goal #3: The Newton Community School District School Board will support and develop a culture that provides: (1) an encouraging, positive, and high trust environment, (2) that is safe and secure, (3) emotionally and physically healthy, and (4) fosters open and honest communication by allocating funding and establishing policies.

School Board Goal #4: The Newton Community School District School Board will provide the technology and allocate the resources for staff to access appropriate professional development designed to enhance their instructional skills.

Discussion also included Superintendent Goals, and individual Professional Development Goals. The idea of a School Board Orientation calendar for 2017 – 2018 was shared.

Adjourn – ACTION #10247

Leonard moved, Elbert seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary