

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
E. J. H. Beard Administration Center
East Conference Room

September 25, 2017 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 7:05 PM

Roll Call – **Present:** Sheri Benson (Departed 7:27 PM), Josh Cantu, Andrew Elbert (Departed 7:27 PM), Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Diane Babcock, Jolene Comer, Ruth DenHartog, Rachel Geyer, Barb Hackworth, Brenda Hodnett, Steph Langstraat, Paula Lureman, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Jen Norvell, Bill Peters, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Lisa Sharp, Randy Van (KCOB), and David Dolmage (Newton Daily News). **Absent:** Donna Cook

Communications – **Student Artwork Display** – Ruth DenHartog introduced Rachel Geyer who spoke about her art displayed at the EJH Beard Administration Center.

Consent Agenda – **ACTION #10263**

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

Human Resources Update – Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10264**

Mike Kremer – (resignation) – Wrestling Coach (NHS) – Effective September 14, 2017

Brad LaFratte – (resignation) – Girls JV Basketball Coach (NHS) – Effective September 11, 2017

Jason Mikkelson – (contract) – Assistant Bowling (NHS) – Effective September 14, 2017

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

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10265**

Joyce Gamble – (agreement) – Food Service (TJ) – Effective September 22, 2017

Lisa Marston – (agreement) – Educational Associate (TJ) – Effective October 3, 2017

Gina McGinley – (agreement) – Educational Associate (EH) – Effective September 26, 2017

Thelma Ratcliff – (agreement) – Educational Associate (TJ) – Effective September 14, 2017

Angella Hashman – (resignation) – Educational Associate (EH) – Effective October 11, 2017

Cindy Pashka – (resignation) – Food Service (NHS) – Effective September 19, 2017

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

Open Forum – None

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Unfinished Business (Current Board) – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary & Director of Business Services

Presentation of the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017

Gayle Isaac presented a Treasurer's Report by Fund, ISJIT Monthly Activity Summary, and Bank Statements to the Board of Education.

Consider Acceptance of the Jasper County Election Canvass of Official Vote Totals for the NCSD School Board Election – ACTION #10266

Gayle Isaac presented the Abstract of Votes cast in the Jasper County school election held September 12, 2017. The canvass of official vote totals was as follows: Robyn Friedman (610); Cody Muhs (556); Travis Padget (588); Graham Sullivan (581). The candidate total was 2,335 votes with a scattering (write-in) of 22 votes, for a total of 2,357 votes. Leonard moved, Benson seconded to accept the Jasper County Election Canvass of Official Vote Totals for the NCSD School Board Election as presented. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

Recognition of Board Members Who Have Completed Their Terms

Superintendent Bob Callaghan gave recognition to Sheri Benson and Andy Elbert, as board members who have completed their terms. A cake and gift (clock) was shared in honor of their service.

Reorganization of the 2017 – 2018 Board of Education

Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary, called the reorganization meeting together at 7:27 PM.

Isaac gave the oath of office to elected board members: Robyn Friedman, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, and Graham Sullivan

Isaac called for nominations for the NCSD Board of Education, President

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to nominate **Travis Padget for Board President**. Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to close the nominations. A unanimous voice vote was taken – Ayes: All Nays: None

Isaac called for nominations for the NCSD Board of Education, Vice-President

Friedman moved to nominate **Ann Leonard for Board Vice-President**. Padget moved, Muhs seconded to close the nominations. A unanimous voice vote was taken – Ayes: All Nays: None

Padget and Leonard were sworn into their offices by Isaac, who welcomed all to the board.

Set Regular Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations for the 2017 – 2018 Board of Education – ACTION #10267

A handout of proposed school board meeting dates for 2017 – 2018 was shared with board members. It was noted that one meeting will be held in December 2017, and with winter concerts a compromise of December 18, 2017 at 5:00 PM was recommended so all were able to attend after the board meeting. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the dates, times and locations for the 2017 – 2018 Board of Education meetings, with the December 18, 2017 meeting to be held at 5:00 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Softball Complex Update – Callaghan gave an update on the softball complex with pictures, including Field Report, Minutes, and Schedule. He shared that the project is still on time for major completion by November 2017.

Berg Complex Update – Callaghan gave an update on the Berg complex with pictures of construction progress from the live camera feed, as well as an interior drawing showing color schemes. He shared that the project is on schedule at this time, with planned move in Spring Break 2019.

Enrollment Report – Callaghan provided K – 12 student enrollment numbers at 2,958 as of September 20, 2017.

Attendance Report – Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 87.96% - 97.38%

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – (New Board) – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary & Director of Business Services

Denison Update

Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs, gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey process.

Discussion of the September 25, 2017 Board Work Session

Board President Travis Padgett led a discussion of the September 25, 2017 Board Work Session. The topic was “Direction of the NCSD Special Education Delivery of Instructional Services Resulting from Listening Post Data and Teacher Input.” Each board member, along with Superintendent Bob Callaghan, provided their feedback on the work session conversation and any action steps. Each campus shared an amount of additional educational associates needed, with discussion on increasing their weekly hours from 27.5 to 29. Callaghan and Isaac also gave input on the complexities of school finance and the Special Education deficit.

Consider Approval of Academic Policy and Ineligibility Dates for Berg Middle School – ACTION #10268

Steph Langstraat, BMS Assistant Principal & 7th – 8th Activities Director, spoke about revisions to the academic policy and ineligibility dates for Berg Middle School. The revisions will allow each student to be held accountable, and give them more opportunity to be successful. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Academic Policy and Ineligibility Dates for Berg Middle School. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Padgett, Sullivan Nays: Muhs Absent: Cook

Consider Approval of the 2017 – 2018 Resolution Naming Depositories – ACTION #10269

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, provided a 2017 – 2018 resolution naming depositories. Isaac noted that the PMA amount should read \$25,000,000 due to the bond. Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to approve the resolution, with correction as noted. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Resolution for the District to Request Allowable Growth and a Supplemental Aid Payment for our Negative Special Education Balance of \$389,147.62 for the end of the 2016 – 2017 School Year – ACTION #10270

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, provided 2016 – 2017 Special Education balance information to board members. Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Resolution to Request Allowable Growth and a Supplemental Aid Payment for our Negative Special Education Balance of \$389,147.62 for the end of the 2016 – 2017 School Year. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consider Nomination of the NSCD Board Treasurer and Board Secretary – ACTION #10271

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to nominate Gayle Isaac as the NCSD Board Treasurer and Board Secretary. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Select Representative for the IASB Delegate Assembly – ACTION #10272

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to nominate Robyn Friedman as Representative for the IASB Delegate Assembly. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10273

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the bills. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padgett, Sullivan Absent: Cook

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Jasper County Substance Abuse Coalition Forum: September 28, 2017 (7:00 PM) – NHS Auditorium

Regular Board Meeting: October 9, 2017 (6:30 PM) – EJH Beard Administration Center

Future Work Session or Meeting Dates: None

72nd Annual IASB Convention & Trade Show: November 15 – 17, 2017 – Des Moines

Adjourn – ACTION #10274

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

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary