

Newton Community School Board of Education

Board Learning Leadership

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

West Conference Room

September 26, 2016 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Sheri Benson convened the board to order at 5:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert (arrived 5:20 PM), Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, and Christine Dawson.

Absent: None

Others Present: Chris Pierson (AEA), Jim Verlengia (AEA), Tom Bartello, Jolene Comer, Jim Gilbert, Mike Moran, Bill Peters, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, and Lisa Sharp.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #9997

Leonard moved, Cook seconded to approve the consent agenda.

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

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Develop a Denison Culture Committee – Chris Pierson and Jim Verlengia (Heartland AEA)

Chris Pierson and Jim Verlengia facilitated a group discussion with board members and administrators on the development of a Denison Culture Committee involving stakeholder groups such as the Board of Education, Administration, Staff, Students, and Community. There was discussion about culture being “the way we do things around here” and how “the way we think, leads to the way we act, which leads to the system we build.” The Denison Culture Survey is a “stick in the ground” or “snapshot” to see where we are at today so we can recognize where we are at; where we want to go; and how we are going to get there to become a stronger, higher performing organization. District teachers have the opportunity to respond to the culture survey from September 26 – October 7, 2016. The combined survey information will be shared with the committee and work will begin on the district culture.

Adjourn – ACTION #9998

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary