

## Newton Community School Board of Education

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

November 27, 2017 – 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

**Call to Order** – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:30 PM

**Roll Call – Present:** Josh Cantu, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Derek Bair, Jack Callaghan, Jolene Comer, Brenda Hodnett, Steph Langstraat, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Blake Robson, Lauren Saehler, Laura Selover, Amy Shannon, Lisa Sharp, Doug Smith, Rachelle Tipton, Steve Weeks, Tara Zehr, David Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Donna Cook

### Communications

**Newton REALTORS** were recognized for their donation of winter items to the Newton Community School District. Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, accepted the donations on behalf of the Newton Community School District. Derek Bair, NHS Industrial Arts Teacher, reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Heavy Equipment Day** held at Newton High School on November 3, 2017. Rachelle Tipton, Lauren Saehler, and Tom Weeks shared about the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams' participation in the **Roy Griak Invitational**. Team members Jack Callaghan and Blake Robson were present to share their experiences.

### Consent Agenda – ACTION #10304

Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda.

### Human Resources Update

**Certified Personnel** – None

### Classified Personnel – ACTION #10305

Selover presented the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel

**Daniel Mott** – (agreement) – Custodian (EH) – effective November 17, 2017

**Larry Shaver** – (agreement) – Custodian (NHS) – effective November 17, 2017

**Michelle Doland** – (resignation) – Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective November 20, 2017

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

### Open Forum

None.

### Superintendent's Report

#### Enrollment Update

Superintendent Callaghan reported a total of 2,960 K – 12 students enrolled as of November 22, 2017.

#### Attendance Update

Superintendent Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 92.92% - 96.47%.

#### Transiency Report

Superintendent Callaghan presented a student transiency report for those students who have either left the district, or entered the district since the October 1, 2017 certified enrollment count date. The report showed a net loss of 1 student.

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

#### Proposed Changes to the Middle School Report Card for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

Bret Miller (Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum), Lisa Sharp (BMS Principal), Steph Langstraat (BMS Assistant Principal), and Amy Shannon (BMS Assistant Principal) provided information about proposed changes to the middle school report card, and the concept of Standards Referenced Grading. Lisa Sharp shared a power point presentation entitled "Berg Middle School – Every Student. Every Classroom" and there was a time of questions and answers.

#### Consider 2017 IASB District #5 Ballot Information – Opportunity to Vote for Representation on the IASB Board of Directors – ACTION #10306

Superintendent Callaghan provided to board members IASB District Director candidacy information for Heather Anderson and Mary Poulter. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded that the board vote for Mary Poulter as representative on the IASB Board of Directors. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

#### Consider an Update to the PPEL Plan

Superintendent Callaghan and Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented an update to the PPEL plan with projections through 2020. Expenses include capital equipment at each of the schools, and various categorized items pertaining to district wide, maintenance, transportation, technology, and H.A. Lynn Stadium.

#### Discussion and Update Regarding the FY '19 Budget

Superintendent Callaghan and Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, led a discussion and update on the FY '19 budget and examined personnel and non-personnel expenditures that comprise the \$32,041,846 budget.

#### Denison Update

Selover gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey. The Denison Steering Committee presented to staff on Monday, November 27, 2017. Survey results were shared. The work of the Steering Committee is now transitioning to a sub-committee, and representatives from each building will begin to work as a focus group. A two-day retreat is planned after the first of the new year, with a moderator present to help the focus group determine next steps.

**Business Service Report** – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

#### Approval of Bills – ACTION #10307

Friedman moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously approve the bills.

**New Business – Old Business** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

**Future Meeting Dates**

**Regular Board Meeting:** December 18, 2017 (5:00 PM) – EJH Beard Administration Center

**Future Work Session or Meeting Dates** – possible Saturday board culture, team-building session in January or February 2018 facilitated by Dr. Jim Verlengia. Other topics discussed: consideration of a book study, and feedback on when the Finance/Budget committee would convene.

**Adjourn – ACTION #10308**

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

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President

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Secretary