

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

December 12, 2016 – 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Travis Padget convened the board to order at 5:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert (departed 6:40 PM), Robyn Friedman, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson

Others Present: Derek Bair, Dave Briden (FRK), Cristy Croson, Ruth DenHartog, Mark Law, Todd Lucas, Bill Peters, Lexi Pollock, Deborah Rose, Lisa Sharp, Dan Sloan, Doug Smith, Jack Sutteck, Bev Thomas, JiaHao Zheng and family, Justin Jagler (Newton Daily News) and Randy Van (KCOB)

Absent: Ann Leonard

Communications – JiaHao Zheng was introduced by NHS art teacher Ruth DenHartog and recognized by the board for his 3D and sculpture art display at the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center. Donna Cook was recognized by the board for earning her Basics of Boardsmanship Certificate.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10057

Cook moved, Friedman seconded to approve the consent agenda, with an amendment to move item VIII C to the first item under Learning, Leadership, and District Business. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Padget Absent: Leonard

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

Certified Personnel – No Report

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10058

Laura Satterfield – (Agreement) – Part-Time Paraprofessional (TJ) – effective 12/06/16 (seniority 12/05/2016)

Peggy Esperanza – (Agreement) – Substitute Bus Driver – effective 12/13/16

Sonya Metz – (Agreement) – Substitute Bus Driver – effective 12/13/16

Julie Anderson – (Resignation) – Full-Time Paraprofessional (EH) – effective 12/22/16

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

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Heavy Equipment Day

Derek Bair (NHS Industrial Technology Teacher) was present to share the activities of Heavy Equipment Day held at NHS on November 11, 2016. Eleven vendors displayed 20 pieces of equipment and shared career information with approximately 300 Industrial Tech and Ag students.

Department Supervisor Reports – Food Service

Cristy Croson (Food Service Supervisor) shared her experiences visiting Johnston and Waukee schools to gain input on the configuration of their food service areas for design ideas for the new 5 – 8 middle school.

Department Supervisor Reports – Transportation

Curt Rooda (Transportation Supervisor) – not present, no report

Department Supervisor Reports – Maintenance

Jack Sutteck (Maintenance Supervisor) – present, no questions from board members.

Department Supervisor Reports – Technology

Dan Sloan (Technology) – present, no questions from board members.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Consider Changes (additions and deletions) to the NHS 2017 – 2018 Academic Handbook – ACTION #10059

Bill Peters (NHS Principal) noted proposed changes to the Newton Senior High School and DMACC Academy academic handbook for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Elbert moved, Cantu seconded, to approve the proposed changes to the NHS 2017 – 2018 academic handbook. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Padget Absent: Leonard

Consider Approval of the Design Development for the Newton 5–8 Middle School Project as Presented by FRK Architects + Engineers and Authorize FRK to Proceed with Preparation of Construction Documents – ACTION #10060

Lexi Pollock and Doug Smith spoke about their experience on the Middle School Construction Committee. Smith commended FRK for considering various design modifications suggested by user groups. He encouraged board members to support the proposed design development. Callaghan recognized audience members who have served on the Construction Committee. Dave Briden (FRK) thanked NCSD staff for their input in the design development process. Briden highlighted the contents of the Newton Community School District Newton 5 – 8 Middle School Design Development Presentation booklet (dated December 12, 2016). The Preliminary Opinion of Project Cost is \$38,264,230. Benson moved, Cook seconded to approve the Design Development for the Newton 5 – 8

Middle School Project as Presented by FRK Architects + Engineers and to Authorize FRK to Proceed with Preparation of Construction Documents. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Padget Absent: Leonard

Consider Approval to Dispose of 80 Dell Latitude Laptop Computers and 45 Laser Printers via GovDeals Auction – ACTION #10061

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to Approve the Disposal of 80 Dell Latitude Laptop Computers and 45 Laser Printers via GovDeals Auction. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Consider Adoption of the Resolution by the Newton Community School District Board of Education to Join and Support the Efforts of “The Promise of Iowa” Campaign – ACTION #10062

Cook moved, Benson seconded to Adopt the Resolution to Join and Support the Efforts of “The Promise of Iowa” Campaign. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Authorizing the Execution of the Same – ACTION #10063

Isaac explained the legal required steps and formalities to close on the sale of bonds (December 22, 2016). Friedman moved, Benson seconded, to Adopt the Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Authorizing the Execution of the Same. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Approval of Form of Tax Exemption Certificate – ACTION #10064

Cook moved, Cantu seconded to Approve the Form of Tax Exemption Certificate. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate – ACTION #10065

Cantu moved, Cook seconded to Approve the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds – ACTION #10066

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program – ACTION #10067

Isaac explained that our current Instructional Support Levy expires June 30, 2017. If we wish to continue with the program, a public hearing needs to take place prior to a vote. This year, a total of \$1,293,368 was raised for non-categorical, regular education programs. A public hearing was recommended for January 9, 2017 at 6:45 PM. Benson moved, Cantu seconded to Adopt the Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program and to Hold a Public Hearing on January 9, 2016 at 6:45 PM. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Friedman Padget Absent: Elbert, Leonard

Denison Culture Committee Update

Padget and Friedman gave an update on the Denison Culture Committee, sharing that there are a number of people interested in serving on a steering committee which will move the district forward toward becoming high-performing. A timeline was discussed for communicating information to non-certified staff.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10068

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

2016 – 2017 Line Item Budget Book

Isaac provided a copy of the 2016 2017 Line Item Budget Book to board members. He invited them to peruse through it, and to submit any questions to him so he can answer them.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates:

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

Public Hearing on the Instructional Support Levy – January 9, 2017 – 6:45 PM

Tentative Budget Work Session scheduled for January 9, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Budget information about Forecast 5 was shared and the importance of staying within our spending authority. A request was made that Budget Committee reports be added to the agenda.

Action Advocacy Workshops – (January 11 – February 16, 2017) – Callaghan recommended the January 26, 2017 (Ankeny) Action Advocacy Workshop. Board Members are to let Christine Dawson know if they plan to attend.

Day on the Hill – (January 24, 2017) – Callaghan advised Board Members of the January 24, 2017 Day on the Hill. Board Members are to let Christine Dawson know if they plan to attend.

Adjourn – ACTION #10069

Friedman moved, Benson seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary