

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

March 21, 2018 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Brenda Hodnett, Dave Kalkhoff, Kristy Latta (Ahlers & Cooney), Bret Miller, Bill Peters, Jack Suttek, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Ann Leonard

Communications

None.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10377

Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Leonard

Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10378

Superintendent Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel

Kalee Findlay – (Contract) – 9th Grade Girls Soccer Coach (NHS) – effective March 19, 2018

Jamie Ruschill – (Contract) – Art Teacher (NHS) – beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

Kelly Krueger – (Resignation) – 5th Grade Teacher (BMS) – effective June 1, 2018

Darcey Reynolds – (Resignation) – 2nd Grade Teacher (TJ) – effective June 1, 2018

Jill Stanton – (Resignation) – Math Teacher (NHS) – effective June 1, 2018

Niki Hornbaker – (Transfer) – From Art Teacher (AH & EH) To Art Teacher (NHS) – effective August 20, 2018

Mike Castings – (Volunteer Coach) – Boys and Girls Track (NHS) – effective March 21, 2018

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10379

Superintendent Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel

Charles Burns – (Contract) – Substitute Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective March 21, 2018

Linda Ettelson – (Contract) – Computer/Sprayer (Food Service) – effective [TBD]

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

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

Consider Approving the Purchase and Installation of an Air Conditioning Unit at Thomas Jefferson Elementary – ACTION #10380

Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor, presented this item for approval consideration. He shared that three bids were received to replace the Air Conditioning Unit at Thomas Jefferson Elementary, and recommended the purchase of a Trane Unit (\$34,609) with installation by A.J. Allen (\$34,794). Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to Approve the Purchase and Installation of an Air Conditioning Unit at Thomas Jefferson for the total purchase price of \$69,403.00. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Leonard

Consider Approving the Purchase of Wireless Networking Equipment for the New Berg Middle School to be Partially Funded by E-RATE – ACTION #10381

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented this item for approval consideration. He noted that all technology equipment needs for the new Berg Middle School have been identified, with E-RATE qualified items separated and a Request for Proposal developed. One bid was received from Communication Innovators (\$171,730.88). Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the Purchase of Wireless Networking Equipment for the New Berg Middle School from Communication Innovators in the amount of \$171,730.88 to be Partially Funded by E-RATE. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Leonard

Consider Approving the Purchase of Telephones for the New Berg Middle School – ACTION #10382

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented this item for approval consideration. He shared that three proposals were received for new phones at the new Berg Middle School, and recommended American Business Phones (\$21,904.43) which includes programming, ID cards, and licensing. Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to Approve the Purchase of Telephones for the New Berg Middle School from American Business Phones in the amount of \$21,904.43. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Leonard

Consider Awarding the Contract for the BMS Technology Bid Package – ACTION #10383

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented this item for approval consideration. After separating out E-RATE qualified items, a Request for Proposal was developed. Two bids were received for the technology bid package at the new Berg Middle School, with the recommendation to award Communication Innovators (\$1,001,602.00) – total base bid, with the acceptance of two alternates. Superintendent Callaghan explained the rationale for the alternates. Muhs moved, Sullivan seconded to Award the Contract for the Berg Middle School Technology Bid Package to Communication Innovators in the amount of \$1,001,602.00, with the acceptance of two alternates - \$310 (per drop cost to add an additional 10 GB data cable), and \$560 (per device cost to add an Epson DC21 Document Camera). Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Leonard

CLOSED SESSION – Hearing Regarding Recommended Discipline of a Student – ACTION #10384

At 6:24 PM Cook moved, Friedman seconded that the Board go into closed session to conduct a hearing regarding recommended discipline of a student as provided by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) and to review or discuss records which are required by state and federal law to be kept confidential as provided by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a). Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Leonard

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Dave Kalkhoff, Kristy Latta (Ahlers & Cooney), Bret Miller, and Bill Peters **Absent:** Ann Leonard, Student, Student's Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

OPEN SESSION – ACTION #10385

At 6:51 PM Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously come out of closed session and into open session to take action regarding the recommended discipline of a student. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Leonard

OPEN SESSION – To Take Action Regarding Recommended Discipline of Student – ACTION #10386

Muhs moved, Friedman seconded that the student who was the subject of the disciplinary hearing be expelled for one calendar year subject to possible re-admittance during that time as stated in the written decision of the Board. Legal Counsel is directed to draft a written decision setting forth findings and conclusions consistent with the Board's deliberations, the Board President is authorized to review and sign the decision, and the Board Secretary is directed to mail the decision to the student/guardians. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Leonard

Adjourn – ACTION #10387

Cook moved, Friedman seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President _____, 2018

Secretary