

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

April 9, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Ann Leonard convened the board to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Jolene Comer, Brenda Hodnett, Bret Miller, Bill Peters, Curt Roorda, Deborah Rose, Laura Selover, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Travis Padgett

Communications

Superintendent Callaghan shared that the Recognition of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Honors will be on the April 23 agenda.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10388

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

Human Resources Update

Superintendent Callaghan noted that a revised Human Resources Update was provided at the board table.

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10389

Gary Grimes – (Contract) – JV Softball Coach (NHS) – effective May 7, 2018

Allison Kunkel – (Contract) – Family and Consumer Science Teacher (NHS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 school year

Kris Keuning – (Resignation) – Extended Core Special Education Teacher (EH) – effective June 1, 2018

Amanda Rauch – (Resignation) – Kindergarten Teacher (AH) – effective June 1, 2018

Brandon Sharp – (Resignation) – Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective April 9, 2018

Brandon Sharp – (Resignation) – Fall Strength and Conditioning Coach (NHS) – effective April 9, 2018

Deborah Rose – (Transfer) – from Language Arts Teacher (BMS) to Math Teacher (NHS) – beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

Eric VanderVelden – (Transfer) – from Assistant JV Volleyball Coach (NHS) to Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach (NHS) – effective August 6, 2018

Ed Ergenbright – (Volunteer) – Volunteer Baseball Coach (NHS) – effective April 30, 2018

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10390

David Conn – (Contract) – Custodian (NHS) – hire date [TBD]

Robert Ham – (Contract) – Mechanic (Transportation) – hire date [TBD]

Elizabeth Stock – (Resignation) – JV Girls Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective March 29, 2018

Holly VanderPol – (Resignation) – Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach (NHS) – effective March 22, 2018

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

Open Forum

No one was present to speak during the Open Forum.

Public Hearing – (6:45 PM) – Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Certified Budget

No one was present to speak during the Public Hearing.

Superintendent's Report

Berg Middle School Construction Update – Superintendent Callaghan gave an update on construction progress at the new 5 – 8 middle school.

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

Consider Approval of the Purchase of Two 77-Passenger School Buses – ACTION #10391

Curt Roorda, Transportation Supervisor, shared that three bids were received to replace two 77-passenger school buses for the 2018 – 2019 school year, with the recommendation to purchase from School Bus Sales of Waterloo. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Purchase of Two 77-Passenger School Buses from School Bus Sales of Waterloo for \$173,374.00. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Padgett

Consider Agreement Between AEA Purchasing and Newton Community School District for the 2018 – 2019 School Year – effective July 1, 2018 – ACTION #10392

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented this annual agreement for approval consideration. It is recommended that the agreement be renewed, as the district is able to realize savings on the purchases of food, small wares, and ware wash. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the agreement between AEA Purchasing and Newton Community School District for the 2018 – 2019 School Year – effective July 1, 2018. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Padgett

Consider Agreement Between the State of Iowa, Department of Administrative Services and Newton Community School District for Administration of the 403(b) Plan – effective July 1, 2018 – ACTION #10393

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, recommended the renewal of an agreement to administer the district's 403(b) Plan. Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to approve the agreement between The State of Iowa, Department of Administrative Services and Newton Community School District for Administration of the 403(b) Plan – effective July 1, 2018. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Padgett

Consider Membership Renewal in the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) for the 2018 – 2019 School Year – ACTION #10394

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, recommended that we renew our membership with IASB and confirmed the use of their resources by district administration. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to approve membership renewal in the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) for the 2018 – 2019 School Year. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Padgett

Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) National Showcase School Announcement

Jolene Comer, Emerson Hough Principal, announced that Emerson Hough has officially been selected as a showcase school for Capturing Kids' Hearts. The staff has been recognized for taking all the practices of Capturing Kids' Hearts and implementing them each and every day. Comer was thanked for her leadership.

Consider Resolution Regarding "Backfill Taxes" – ACTION #10395

Superintendent Callaghan explained the concept of backfill taxes, its potential elimination in the 2018 – 2019 budget year, and the \$303,164 impact on the Newton Community School District. He presented a resolution for consideration, opposing any reduction in the backfill. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to adopt the resolution to continue supporting through the state budget "backfill" the replacement of local property tax income lost due to the commercial property tax cut legislated in 2013. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Padgett

Consider Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Certified Budget – ACTION #10396

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented the Proposed Newton School Budget Summary – Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019, and recommended that the board approve with a property tax rate of \$15.7445. Cook moved, Cantu seconded to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2019 certified budget with a property tax rate of \$15.7445 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Padgett

Denison Update

Robyn Friedman gave an update on the Denison Steering Committee, and their April 9, 2018 meeting. District-wide presentations are planned during the April 30, 2018 Professional Development Day.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10397

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting: April 23, 2018 (6:30 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center

Date for Private Hearing: Board members are to consider a date around April 30, 2018 (Time TBD) for a private hearing to be held – EJM Beard Administration Center.

Adjourn – ACTION #10398

Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary