

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

April 23, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:31 PM

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Dawn Bleeker, Madison Bleeker, Rebecca Carver, Jessica Cole, Jolene Comer, Jim Gilbert, Emily Grantham, Barb Hackworth, Carole Hall, Timothy Hall, Brooke Kuker, Steph Langstraat, Cori Latcham, Laura Lengeling, Taylor McGonegle, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Krysten Osby, Lisa Pageler, Darcy Reynolds, Deborah Rose, Tina Ross, Cara Schwarz, Amy Shannon, Lisa Sharp, Scott Sharp, Denise Townsend, Jenny Verwers, Reanna Yenger, Tara Zehr, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications

Madison Bleeker spoke about her artwork on display at the EJH Beard Administration Center.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10399

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

Human Resources Update

Superintendent Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update.

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10400

Sam Gaddis – (Involuntary Transfer) – from 3rd Grade Teacher (EH) to Kindergarten Teacher (AH) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

Megan Hankins – (Resignation) – Preschool Teacher (TJ) – effective June 1, 2018

Andy Kuker – (Resignation) – 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective end of 2017 – 2018 School Year, pending suitable replacement

Justin Liston – (Resignation) – 8th Grade Football Coach (BMS) – effective end of 2017 – 2018 School Year

Justin Liston – (Resignation) – TAG Business Education Teacher (NHS) – effective June 1, 2018

Courtney Kline – (Resignation) – Language Arts Teacher (BMS) – effective June 1, 2018

Gayle Isaac – (Retirement) – Director of Business Services – effective (TBD)

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10401

Sonya Putz – (Retirement) – Food Service (NHS) – effective May 31, 2018

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

Open Forum

Steph Langstraat, Amy Shannon, and Lisa Sharp spoke on the Berg Middle School Culture Survey – Newton Daily Newspaper Response.

Superintendent's Report

Enrollment Summary – Superintendent Callaghan reported a total of 2,957 K – 12 students enrolled as of April 18, 2018.

Attendance Data – Superintendent Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 89.63% - 94.92%.

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 shows a decrease of two students.

Legislative Update – Superintendent Callaghan gave updates on House Files 2369 (School Bond Elections); 2467 (School Meals); 2481 (SAVE) and Senate Files 475 (Education Omnibus); 2318 (High School Credits).

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

Discussion and Recognition of Elementary Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Rebecca Carver (PBIS Coordinator – AEA) and Timothy Hall (AEA) presented certificates and banners to the elementary and middle schools for the 2016 – 2017 school year, honoring their level of PBIS implementation: Aurora Heights (Emerging), Thomas Jefferson (Honor Plus), Emerson Hough (Banner), Woodrow Wilson (Banner), and Berg Middle School (Banner). PBIS team members from each school were introduced, and Thomas Jefferson Principal Trisca Mick facilitated a power point presentation.

Discussion and Consideration of In-District Student Transfer Procedures

Elementary Principals Jolene Comer and Trisca Mick explained three scenarios regarding the Newton Community School District's In-District Student Transfer Requests and the procedures for each. (1) **District Transfer Requests:** where families are requested by the district to transfer. Such transfers will automatically be granted a continued transfer without reapplying annually. (2) **Voluntary Transfer Requests:** where families request to transfer. Such requests will be reviewed annually, with preference given to students already on an in-district transfer. No district transportation will be provided. (3) **Staff Transfer Requests:** where staff requests their children or grandchildren to transfer to the campus where the staff member works. All such requests will be granted, however, no district transportation will be provided. In-District Transfer Requests for 2018 – 2019 are due June 7, 2018.

Report on the K – 12 Newton Extended Learning Program (ELP) Handbook

Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs, presented an updated K – 12 Newton Extended Learning Program (ELP) Handbook, and introduced those present at the board meeting serving on the committee.

Update on the District Student Achievement Data and District Programming in Preparation for the Spring 2018 Iowa Assessments

Bret Miller, Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum presented a power point on district student achievement data for Iowa Assessments, FAST, and MAP. He discussed curriculum, and monitoring district programming in the interest of continuing to achieve growth in high quality instruction.

Consider Memorandum of Understanding Between Newton Community School District and Drake University Head Start – effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 – ACTION #10402

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented a Memorandum of Understanding for approval. Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Newton Community School District and Drake University Head Start – effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Setting Date and Time of Public Hearing for 2017 – 2018 Budget Amendment (May 21, 2018 at 5:15 PM) – ACTION #10403

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, explained the need to hold a public hearing for a possible 2017 – 2018 budget amendment. Friedman moved, Muhs seconded to set a date and time for a public hearing for a possible 2017 – 2018 budget amendment on May 21, 2018 at 5:15 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Providing Board Authorization for Inter Fund Loans – ACTION #10404

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, explained the possible need to borrow funds from SAVE for the General Fund to cover expenses that occur in the summer months, prior to receiving state funds. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to authorize the ability to provide Inter Fund Loans (up to \$1,500,000) through September 15, 2018. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Extending the Audit Service Contract – ACTION #10405

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, shared that one response was received from Hunt & Associates, PC to contract audit services for the Newton Community School District. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to extend the Audit Services Contract to Hunt & Associates, PC for the years ending June 30, 2018 2019 2020. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Approval of 2018 – 2019 Certified Contracts – ACTION #10406

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented teacher contracts being recommended for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the 2018 – 2019 Certified Contracts. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Denison Update

Robyn Friedman gave an update on the Denison Steering Committee, and the plans for district-wide presentations during the April 30, 2018 Professional Development Day.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10407

Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the bills. Ayes: All Nays: None

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting: May 7, 2018 (6:30 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center

Private Hearing: April 30, 2018 (6:30 PM) – has been cancelled

Follow Up Board Work Session: Travis Padget and Ann Leonard will discuss potential dates at a future planning meeting with Superintendent Callaghan. A board work session with Dr. Jim Verlengia would be held sometime after graduation.

Berg Middle School Tour Date: A tour of construction progress at Berg Middle School will be held April 30, 2018 (time TBD).

Adjourn – ACTION #10408

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary