

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

May 21, 2018 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 5:01 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:** Rachel Berkland, Ali Bestell, Emilee Brisel, Andrea Callaghan, Jack Callaghan, Kate Callaghan, Tanner Clute, Jolene Comer, Alexandra Doepp, Isaac Friedman, Leo Friedman, Jim Gilbert, Landon Hansen, Lisa Hansen, Molly Kremer, Daniel Lopez-Sanders, David Lopez-Sanders, Lori Lopez-Sanders, Jace Lukefahr, Taylor McGonegle, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Josh Miravalles, Ann Nelson, Jan Olson, Kristi Rhoads, Rachel Rhoads, Jeff Richardson, Deborah Rose, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, Lisa Sharp, Tyler Stewart, Rachelle Tipton, Rachel Tomas, Camden Winther, Matthew Yeager, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB).

Communications

Battle of the Books Club – State Champions

Ann Nelson introduced the Battle of the Books Club and the students presented about their achievements as State Champions for a second year. Those present were: Alexandra Doepp, Isaac Friedman, and David Lopez-Sanders

Boys and Girls Track – State Qualifiers

Rachelle Tipton and Rachel Tomas introduced the Girls State Track Qualifiers and recognized them for their accomplishments. Those present were: Rachel Berkland, Ali Bestell, Kate Callaghan, and Rachel Rhoads.

Tanner Clute and Jeff Richardson introduced the Boys State Track Qualifiers and recognized them for their accomplishments. Those present were: Jack Callaghan, Landon Hansen, Jace Lukefahr, Josh Miravalles, Camden Winther, and Matthew Yeager.

School Board Recognition Month

Board members were honored by administration and various campuses for School Board Recognition Month.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10419

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

Human Resources Update

Laura Selover presented the Human Resources Update.

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10420

Alisha Calow – (contract) – Preschool Teacher (TJ) – effective beginning of 2018-2019 School Year

Michelle Delvaux – (contract) – Science Teacher (NHS) – effective beginning of 2018-2019 School Year

Loren Jacobsen – (contract) – Business Education Teacher (NHS) – effective beginning of 2018-2019 School Year

Joe Kuhn – (contract) – 8th Grade Football Coach (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018-2019 School Year

Liz Mount – (resignation) – Special Education Teacher (EH) – effective June 1, 2018

Brandon Sharp – (resignation) – Special Education Teacher (BMS) – effective June 1, 2018

Rebecca Taylor – (resignation) – 2nd Grade Teacher (EH) – effective June 1, 2018

Barb Hackworth – (transfer) – from SPED Teacher (TJ) to SPED Teacher (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018-2019 School Year

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10421

Derek Wrage – (contract) – 7th Grade Football Coach (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

Billie Eilander – (resignation) – Educational Associate (WW) – effective May 30, 2018

Marla Logue – (resignation) – Health Associate (EH) – effective May 30, 2018

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

Open Forum

None

Public Hearing – (5:15 PM) – Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 Budget Amendment

No one was present to speak during the Public Hearing.

Superintendent's Report

Enrollment Summary – Superintendent Callaghan reported a total of 2,943 K – 12 students enrolled as of May 16, 2018.

Attendance Data – Superintendent Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 92.80% - 96.37%.

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 10 students.

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

Discussion on S.A.W. Swim Program

Emily Brisel, Molly Kremer, and Taylor McGonegle shared a presentation about the S.A.W. Swim Program offered during the 2017 – 2018 school year to second grade elementary students at the Newton YMCA. Students learned basic swimming skills that would benefit them during water emergencies. A total of 212 students were served.

Consider Approval for Out of State Travel: BMS Student Council – National Student Council Conference – June 25 – 28, 2018 – Wayzata, MN – ACTION #10422

Tyler Stewart presented a request for out of state travel for three 8th Grade Berg Middle School students to attend a National Student Council Conference – June 25 – 28, 2018 to Wayzata, MN. Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the Out of State Travel Request. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Approval for Out of State Travel: Cross Country – Roy Griak Invitational – September 28 – 29, 2018 – Minneapolis, MN – ACTION #10423

Superintendent Callaghan presented a request for out of state travel for cross county athletes to attend the Roy Griak Invitational – September 28 – 29, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN. Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Out of State Travel Request. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Approval of Student Teaching Agreement with Central College (2018 – 2019) – ACTION #10424

Superintendent Callaghan presented approval of a Student Teaching Agreement with Central College (2018 – 2019). Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the agreement. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Approval of 2018 – 2019 Classified Agreements – ACTION #10425

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented approval of 2018 – 2019 Classified Agreements. He reminded board members that we are in the second year of a two-year agreement. The recommendation is to approve a 2% total package increase. Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the 2018 – 2019 Classified Agreements. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Total Package Increase of 2% for the Meet and Confer Groups to Include Secretaries, Head Custodians, and Specialists – ACTION #10426

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, recommended approval of a 2% total package increase for the Meet and Confer Groups. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve a Total Package Increase of 2% for the Meet and Confer Groups to include Secretaries, Head Custodians, and Specialists. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Total Package Increase of 5% for the Meet and Confer Groups to Include Supervisors and Managers – ACTION #10427

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, recommended approval of a 5% total package increase for the Meet and Confer Groups. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve a Total Package Increase of 5% for the Meet and Confer Groups to include Supervisors and Managers. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Continuation of Administrator Contracts with a Total Package Increase of 2% – ACTION #10428

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, presented approval of Administrator Contracts. The recommendation is to approve a 2% total package increase. Cook moved, Friedman seconded to approve a Total Package Increase of 2% for the Administrator Contracts. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Discussion on Flexibility Account

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, facilitated a discussion on the Flexibility Account due to the legislature allowing more flexibility on categorical funds. In cases where the district deems it necessary to transfer surplus funds, a public hearing will need scheduled with a resolution vote.

Consider Setting the Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Consider Expending Funds from the Flexibility Account – (Recommendation: June 11, 2018 at 6:45 PM – EJM Beard Administration Center) – ACTION #10429

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, shared that the district will request the transfer of \$2,200 from the Flexibility Account for use on Secondary Summer School. A public hearing will need scheduled to consider this transfer. Friedman moved, Cook seconded to approve setting a Public Hearing to Consider Expending Funds from the Flexibility Account for June 11, 2018 at 6:45 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Consider Certifying the Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 Budget Amendment – ACTION #10430

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, explained the amendments to the Newton Community School District's 2017 – 2018 budget. Leonard moved, Cook seconded to certify the 2017 – 2018 budget amendment. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

Denison Update

The Denison Steering Committee will be scheduling a meeting in the month of June 2018.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10431

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Newton Softball Field Dedication: May 21, 2018 (7:15 PM) – 1402 West 6th Street South

Regular Board Meeting: June 11, 2018 (6:30 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center

WEST Academy Graduation: May 24, 2018 (11:00 AM) – DMACC – Newton

Newton High School Graduation: May 27, 2018 (3:00 PM) – Maytag Park Bowl – Rain: NHS

Follow-Up Board Work Session: Meeting with Dr. Jim Verlengia, date to be determined

Adjourn – ACTION #10432

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary