

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

July 23, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Tim Bloom, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Cristy Croson, Susanne Gerlach (PFM), Gary Grimes, Brenda Hodnett, Bret Miller, Bill Peters, Kristi Peters, Casey Price, Ryan Rump, Eric VanderVelden, Randy Van (KCOB), state softball athletes & parents **Absent:** Robyn Friedman and Ann Leonard

Communications

Jamie Stensland, American Heart Association was not able to be present to speak about Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart.

Ryan Rump was introduced as the new Director of Athletics/Activities for the Newton High School. The girls softball team, their coaches and parents, were recognized for their accomplishment as state qualifiers.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10466

Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda.

Human Resources Update

Bret Miller presented the Human Resources Update.

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10467

Denise Fick – (contract) – Science Teacher (BMS) – eff beginning of 2018 – 2019 school year

Tyler Stewart – (resignation) – 7th Grade Football Coach (BMS) – eff July 11, 2018

Brady Calow – (resignation) – 9th Grade Assistant Baseball Coach (NHS) – eff July 9, 2018

Kristie Durr – (resignation) – Volleyball Coach (BMS) – eff July 20, 2018

Bill Liley – (resignation) – Head Boys Basketball Coach (NHS) – eff July 5, 2018

Michelle Marquis – (resignation) – 9th Girls Basketball Coach (NHS) – eff June 25, 2018

Jeanine Piatz – (resignation) – Science Teacher (BMS) – eff July 4, 2018

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10468

Brad Kahler – (agreement) – Behavior Interventionist (BMS) – eff August 20, 2018

Carla Thompson – (agreement) – Secretary (BMS) – eff TBD

Lisa Kampman – (resignation) – Educational Associate (TJ) – eff July 6, 2018

Bill Liley – (resignation) – Specialist (LOC) – eff July 5, 2018

Thelma Ratcliff – (resignation) – Educational Associate (TJ) – eff July 1, 2018

Josie Carter – (retirement) – Secretary (BMS) – eff July 26, 2018

Bonita Naisbitt – (retirement) – Educational Associate (EH) – eff July 9, 2018

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

Open Forum

None

Superintendent's Report

Middle School Construction Update

Callaghan gave an update on construction progress at the new Berg Middle School and displayed pictures. Substantial completion is anticipated prior to December 2018, with plan to move furniture following the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Middle School Construction Site Walkthrough – July 30, 2018 (6:00 PM)

Board members will have an opportunity to walkthrough the Berg Middle School construction site on Monday, July 30, 2018. Additional walkthroughs are anticipated, and plans for a committee preview, and an Open House to the public are in progress for December 2018.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Discussion Regarding Opening and Considering Sealed Bids by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor for the School District and Referring Same to the Board of Directors

Susanne Gerlach from Public Financial Management (PFM) was present to facilitate proceedings regarding opening of sealed bids for approximately \$5,960,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds, series 2018B. This series is the final financing for the new Berg Middle School project which began in 2015. Gerlach reviewed interest rates on the previous bond sales: 2.57% (2016), 2.80% (2017), and 3.18% (2018A). She shared the district received an S&P Global Rating of 'A+' with a positive response for re-investing in Newton. Five bids were received from 41 different firms, with the top bidder being Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Consideration of Sealed Bids Opened and Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and the Financial Advisor and Resolution Directing the Sale – ACTION #10469

Susanne Gerlach from Public Financial Management (PFM) was present with Superintendent Bob Callaghan and Board Secretary Tim Bloom to direct the sale of the bonds. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded the recommendation of PFM that the Newton Community School District award \$5,620,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds, series 2018B to the syndicate Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at a true interest cost of 2.7491%. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Muhs, Sullivan Abstain: Padget Absent: Friedman, Leonard

Consider Approval of Food Service Bid for Milk (2018 – 2019) – ACTION #10470

Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, presented a price comparison of milk bids and recommended Anderson Erickson (AE) Dairy. Cook moved, Muhs seconded that the board approve the AE Dairy bid for milk for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Friedman, Leonard

Consider Approval of Food Service Bid for Bread (2018 – 2019) – ACTION #10471

Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, presented a price comparison of bread bids and recommended Bimbo (Sara Lee). Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded that the board approve the Bimbo (Sara Lee) bid for bread for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan
Absent: Friedman, Leonard

Consider IASB Legislative Priorities for 2019 Session

Board Members received information in their meeting packets on 31 IASB Legislative Resolutions, and 6 resolutions as Legislative Priorities for the 2018 Session. Board Members were asked to mark 6 – 8 resolutions they considered to be high priority, and as a group the top four would be chosen at the August 13, 2018 board meeting.

Denison Update

No update, as there has been no action since our last board meeting. There was some discussion regarding the Back to School Convocation.

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10472

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

FY '18 Year End Cash Position

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services reviewed the district's year end cash position for FY '18, with a report included in board members' meeting packets.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Middle School Construction Site Walk Through – 6:00 PM July 30, 2018 – (BMS)

Jim Verlengia – Board Work Session – 5:30 PM August 6, 2018 – (EJH Beard Administration Center)

Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 PM August 13, 2018 – (EJH Beard Administration Center)

Sean Dunphy - 360° Review – (Time TBD) August 27, 2018 – (EJH Beard Administration Center)

Closed Session

Due to the absence of two board members, Cantu moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously table the closed session.

Adjourn – ACTION #10473

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President
_____, 2018

Secretary