

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

May 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:33 PM

Roll Call – Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Robyn Friedman, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Seth Banwell, Cristy Croson, Ruth DenHartog, Alison Grier, Barb Hackworth, Brenda Hodnett, Lois Holmes, Laurie Kramer, Laura Lengeling, Trisca Mick, Michelle Modlin, Bill Peters, Deborah Rose, Tina Ross, Laura Selover, Jack Suttek, Justin Jagler (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Ann Leonard

Communications – Trisca Mick read a note to board members thanking them for their decision-making roles regarding the 2017-2018 district calendar. Alison Grier spoke about this year's Red Pride Service Day. Ruth DenHartog and Laura Lengeling honored student artists who participated in Youth Art Month, the Little Hawkeye Art Show and Competition, and displayed art at the EJH Beard Administration Center. Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared an email from another school district complimenting Seth Banwell and the Berg Middle School band students for their performance and conduct during a recent competition at Adventureland.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10151

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded to approve the consent agenda with the following amendments (VIII): move items F to A, L to B, items G and H to C and D, and then proceed with the remaining items in order as they appear on the agenda as items E through N. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padget Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Human Resources Update – Laura Selover presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10152

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

John Bieber – (Contract) – Assistant Speech Coach (NHS); **Pam Ferguson** – (Contract) – LMC/Technology (WW/TJ); **Rudy Kammel** – (Contract) – Vocal Choir (NHS); **Kristine Keuning** – (Contract) – Special Education Extended Core (EH); **Ann Nelson** – (Contract) – TLS Coordinator; **Micaela Sciarrotta** – (Contract) – 5th Grade (BMS); **Ashley Spicer** – (Contract) – 5th Grade (BMS); **Tana Wagschal** – (Contract) – 8th Grade ELA (BMS); **Nikki Barr** – (Transfer) – from 2nd Grade (EH) to Instructional Coach (EH); **Shelly Fitzgerald** – (Transfer) – from Counselor (BMS) to Counselor (NHS); **Karen Hurt** – (Transfer) – from At-Risk (LOC) to At-Risk (BMS); **Andy Kuker** – (Transfer) – from Boys (BMS) to Asst 9th Girls Basketball Coach (NHS); **Bill Liley** – (Transfer) – Success Coach (BMS) to At-Risk (LOC); **Elizabeth Mount** – (Transfer) – Special Education Extended Core (EH) to Special Education Resource (EH); **Matt Oleson** – (Transfer) – 5th Grade (BMS) to 6th Grade (BMS); **Tammy Parriott** – (Transfer) – Title I (TJ/WW) to Title I (WW); **Cara Schwarz** – (Transfer) – ELA (BMS) to 7th – 12th Instructional Coach; **Eric VanderVelden** – (Transfer) – 9th Grade to JV/Asst Girls Varsity Basketball Coach (NHS); **Jourdan VanWyk** – (Transfer) – Counselor (NHS) to Counselor (BMS)

Effective End of the 2016 – 2017 School Year:

Mary Margaret Gran – (Retirement) – Family Consumer Science (BMS); **Dustin Brisel** – (Resignation) – Assistant 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (NHS); **Will Edgar** – (Resignation) – Assistant Speech Coach (NHS); **Mike Moran** – (Resignation) – WEST Academy Principal; **Brenda Newell** – (Resignation) – Title I Reading Teacher (WW); **Kimberly Powers** – (Resignation) – Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach (NHS); **Emily Svatosch** – (Resignation) – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (BMS); **Amy Weaver** – (Resignation) – Instructional Coach (EH)

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10153

Angela Keith – (Contract) – Food Service (BMS) – effective April 12, 2017; **Dawn Dee** – (Resignation) – Food Service (WW) – effective May 26, 2017; **Diane Fuller** – (Resignation) – Paraprofessional (TJ) – effective May 26, 2017; **Valerie Steinbach** – (Resignation) – Success Coach (BMS) – effective June 2, 2017; **Vickie Walter** – (Resignation) – Food Service (BMS) – effective May 26, 2017; **Daryn Williams** – (Resignation) – Transportation (Route 81) – effective April 21, 2017; **Erick Zehr** – (Transfer) – from Asst Girls Varsity (NHS) to Asst 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – beg. of the 2017 – 2018 school year

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

Retirement Celebration Dates – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, shared information about this year's retirees and upcoming celebration dates.

Open Forum – Deb Rose shared information about the BMS Academic Assembly (May 25) and on behalf of the NCEA recognized the board for School Board Appreciation Month.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

21st Century Grant – Callaghan announced that the Newton Community School District was not awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.

2016 – 2017 Health Services Report – Callaghan announced National School Nurses Week, and expressed his appreciation for district health services personnel. Laura Kramer (Nurse) gave a report of health services for the 2016 – 2017 school year and number of documented visits.

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

Consider Approval of the Thomas Jefferson Elementary Principal – ACTION #10158

Friedman moved, Benson seconded to offer an administrative contract to Trisca Mick where she will serve as Principal of Thomas Jefferson Elementary for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padget Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Department of Education (Bureau of Nutrition) Requirement for Board Policy on Dealing with Past Due Lunch Accounts

Isaac shared that the district is being directed to form board policy to address past due food service accounts. Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, gave input for possible resolutions while continuing to ensure students are not denied meals.

Consider Participation in the AEA Purchasing Agreement for Food Services (2017 – 2018) – ACTION #10159

Friedman moved, Benson seconded, that the Newton Community School District participate in the AEA Purchasing Agreement for Food Services during the 2017 – 2018 school year. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider Approval of the Emerson Hough Roofing Project – ACTION #10160

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded, to accept the bid from Hopkins Roofing in the amount of \$54,800 for the Emerson Hough Roof #6 Project as outline in the 10-year plan scope of work. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider Approval of Maintenance Storage Facility Bids – ACTION #10161

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded, to accept the bid from APB Pole Barns in the amount of \$31,697 for the construction of a maintenance storage building. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider Request for Newton High School P.E. Waiver – ACTION #10154

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to request a waiver for P.E. from the Iowa Department of Education for Newton High School for the 2016 – 2017 and the 2017 – 2018 school years. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Certify Class of 2017 Graduates for WEST Academy – ACTION #10156

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded to approve and certify the list of graduates from WEST Academy – the Class of 2017. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Certify Class of 2017 Graduates for Newton High School – ACTION #10157

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded to approve and certify the list of graduates from Newton High School – the Class of 2017. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreement by and between University of Northern Iowa and Newton Community School District for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year – ACTION #10162

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded, to approve a cooperative agreement by and between the University of Northern Iowa and the Newton Community School District for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Set Public Hearing for the 2016 – 2017 Budget Amendment to be held on May 22, 2017 at 6:40 PM – ACTION #10163

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to set a public hearing to be held on May 22, 2017 at 6:40 PM for the 2016 – 2017 budget amendment. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Set Public Hearing for the Construction of the New 5 – 8 Middle School to be held on May 22, 2017 at 6:45 PM – ACTION #10164

Friedman moved, Benson seconded to set a public hearing to be held on May 22, 2017 at 6:45 PM for the construction of a new 5 – 8 middle school. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider Non-Renewal of the Gateway Program Contract with DMACC – ACTION #10155

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to dissolve and non-renew the Gateway Program Contract with DMACC. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider Approval for the Leasing of Copiers to be Placed in the Schools – ACTION #10165

Cantu moved, Benson seconded to approve a three-year leasing contract with Forbes Office Solutions for copiers to be placed in the Newton Schools. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Consider the Approval of a Fund Transfer of No More Than \$500,000 from SAVE Fund to Debt Service Fund – ACTION #10166

Cantu moved, Friedman seconded, to approve a fund transfer of not more than \$500,000 from the SAVE fund to the debt service fund. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Friedman, Padgett Absent: Cook, Elbert, Leonard

Denison Culture Survey Update

Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey and explained gains on members for focus groups.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – April 24, 2017 – ACTION #10167

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

Approval of Bills – May 8, 2017 – ACTION #10168

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

Yellow Folder, Software Unlimited, DocuSign

Issac reported on district paperless initiatives and associated costs.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

WEST Academy Graduation – 11:00 AM May 18, 2017 – (DMACC Newton)

NHS Graduation – 3:00 PM May 21, 2017 – (Maytag Park)

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM May 22, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Adjourn – ACTION #10169

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

Secretary

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