

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

June 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:35 PM

Roll Call – **Present:** Sheri Benson, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Laura Selover, and Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Bethany Baumgartner, Krista Baumgartner, Natalie Camp, Randall Camp, Jolene Comer, Cristy Croson, Scott Enyart, Scott Garvis, Jim Gilbert, Brenda Hodnett, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Matt Moran, Mike Moran, Bill Peters, Megan Pressgrove, Sherry Pressgrove, Tony Pressgrove, Alana Reynolds, Deborah Rose, Todd Schuster, Dan Sloan, Jack Suttek, Erick Zehr, Tara Zehr, Justin Jagler (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Josh Cantu

Communications – Scott Enyart was present to recognize Girls Golf and their accomplishment at state. Erick Zehr recognized the Girls Doubles Tennis for their state qualification. Scott Garvis congratulated Melinda Worthington and students who performed at the Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards. Bill Peters shared information about Ruth DenHartog (NHS Art Teacher), and the opportunity for her to teach in Taiwan. Superintendent Bob Callaghan honored Tyler Stewart for his leadership with BMS 7th – 8th Grade students and their participation in the Iowa Straw Poll (2016).

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10187

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Human Resources Update – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10188

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

Kaylee Forst – (contract) – Special Education Teacher (WW)

Dionne Riley – (contract) – Title I Teacher (TJ/WW)

Allison Schmidt – (contract) – 5th & 6th Grade Counselor (BMS)

Jen Wiebel – (transfer) – from 5th Grade Teacher (BMS) to Instructional Coach (BMS)

Effective End of the 2016 – 2017 School Year:

Taryn Fisher – (resignation) – ELA Teacher (BMS)

JoEllen Linn – (resignation) – Volleyball Coach (BMS)

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10189

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

Nicole Meyer – (agreement) – Food Service Worker (BMS)

Effective End of the 2016 – 2017 School Year:

Connie Squire – (resignation) – Attendance Secretary (NHS) – effective May 25, 2017

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

Open Forum – None

Public Hearing – (6:45 PM) – High School Parking Lot Re-Surface Project – No one was present to speak on this topic.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Congressman Dave Loeb sack Visit – May 31, 2017 – Callaghan shared the events of Congressman Dave Loeb sack's visit to the district, including stops at the E.J.H. Beard Administration Center and Berg Middle School where he had a Q & A session with staff.

Berg Middle School Ground Breaking Ceremony – June 2, 2017 – Callaghan presented information and pictures from the June 2, 2017 ground breaking ceremony, celebrating the beginning of construction on the new middle school. Exterior and interior drawings provided by FRK Architects + Engineers were also displayed.

Current Student Information – Enrollment Summary: Callaghan reported total student enrollment as of June 6, 2017 at 2,983. **Attendance Data:** Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 89.81% - 96.04%. **Transiency Report:** Callaghan presented a student transiency report for those students who have either left the district, or entered the district since the October 1, 2016 certified enrollment count date. The report showed a net increase of 13 students.

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

Consider Approval of the High School Parking Lot Re-Surfacing Project Construction – ACTION #10190

David Bentz (Bishop Engineering Company, Inc.) presented a bid received for the high school parking lot re-surfacing project. Elbert moved, Benson seconded to award construction of the high school parking lot re-surfacing project to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$482,260.00. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Acceptance of Abatement Bids for Berg Middle School – ACTION #10191

Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor, presented bids received for Phase I of the asbestos abatement (floor tile & mastic) at Berg Middle School. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to award the abatement bid for Berg Middle School to Environmental Property Solutions in the amount of \$53,200.00. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Setting the Graduation Date for the Class of 2018 – ACTION #10192

Bill Peters, NHS Principal, was present to discuss a recent desk audit conducted by the Department of Education and criteria for setting a graduation date for the Class of 2018. Graduation for Newton High School will be May 27, 2018 3:00 PM at Maytag Park. Friedman moved, Cook seconded, that the graduation date for the Newton High School Class of 2018 be set as May 27, 2018. Ayes: Benson, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Nays: Cook Absent: Cantu

Consider Approval of the 2017 – 2018 Newton High School Student Handbook – ACTION #10193

Bill Peters, NHS Principal, was present to discuss updates to the 2017 – 2018 Newton High School Student Handbook. Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the 2017 – 2018 Newton High School Student Handbook, with updates as presented. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Approval of the 2017 – 2018 Elementary Student Handbook – ACTION #10194

Elementary principals Jolene Comer (EH), Jim Gilbert (AH), Trisca Mick (TJ), Todd Schuster (WW), were present to discuss updates to the 2017 – 2018 Elementary Parent & Student Handbook. Leonard moved, Cook seconded to approve the 2017 – 2018 Elementary Parent & Student Handbook with updates as presented. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Approval of Special Inspection Services for Berg Construction – ACTION #10195

Callaghan and Isaac presented three bids that were received for special inspections and construction materials testing on the new middle school. The project will be funded with SAVE funds. Elbert moved, Cook seconded to approve the bid from Braun Intertec Corporation in the amount of \$95,372.50. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the Purchase of Technology Equipment Including Replacement of 1:1 Devices and Purchase of Interactive Instructional Technology (June 26, 2017 6:40 PM) – ACTION #10196

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to set a public hearing for the purchase of technology equipment for June 26, 2017 at 6:40 PM. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the Construction of a Softball Field (June 26, 2017 6:45 PM) – ACTION #10197

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to set a public hearing for the construction of a softball field for June 26, 2017 at 6:45 PM. Ayes: Benson, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu, Cook

Discussion Regarding a Draft Policy Dealing with Past Due Food Service Accounts

Isaac and Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, facilitated a discussion about drafting a policy to ensure school district employees, families, and students, have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. This is a federal mandate, due to many school districts with past due food service accounts. A policy needs to be developed regarding how to collect on past due accounts and procedures set so accounts will not grow in deficit.

Consider Approval of an Agreement between Drake University Head Start and Newton Community School District for 2017 – 2018 – ACTION #10198

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve an agreement between Drake University Head Start and the Newton Community School District for 2017 – 2018. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

Consider Approval of a Cooperative Student Teaching/Practicum Agreement between Iowa State University and Newton Community School District – ACTION #10199

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to approve a cooperative student teaching/practicum agreement between Iowa State University and Newton Community School District. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Padget, Leonard Absent: Cantu

Consider Approval of an Agreement between Knox College and Newton Community School District for Student Teaching – 2017 – 2019 – ACTION #10200

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve an agreement between Knox College and Newton Community School District for Student Teaching for 2017 – 2019. Ayes: Benson, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cantu

IASB Legislative Summary (2017) & Priorities (2018)

Callaghan facilitated a discussion on IASB information presented to board members including the 2017 Legislative Summary and 2018 Call for Legislative Priorities.

Denison Culture Survey Update

Laura Selover gave a brief report on the Denison Culture Survey, including future work with the Heartland AEA, focus groups, steering committee, and administration. A timeline update was provided for sharing (scrubbed) data and themes. It is anticipated that information would be shared with the board in August / September 2017.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10201

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Board Work Session – 5:00 PM June 19, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center) – Topic: K-12 Educational Philosophy (Part 2)

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM June 26, 2017 – (E.J.H. Beard Administration Center)

Adjourn – ACTION #10202

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary