

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

June 26, 2017 – 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, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, and Gayle Isaac
Others Present: Madilynn Amos, Abbie Barr, Addy Blom, Lane Dethrow, Doug Dodd, Shelley Dodd, Anna Forsyth, Brenda Hodnett, Abby Lamont, Carter Lee, Marcelina Marvelli, Kameron Nehring, Allie Norvell, RYanne Rausch, Rachel Rhoads, Lisa Sharp, Taylor Shipley, Dan Sloan, Mallory Sturtz, Graham Sullivan, Justin Jagler (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Sheri Benson

Communications – Abby Lamont and Mallory Sturtz had the girls soccer team introduce themselves and their parents, and shared highlights of the soccer season. First Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and the United Presbyterian churches were recognized for their school supply donations and their contribution to Open Your Heart.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10205

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

Human Resources Update – Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10206

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

Jason Carter – (transfer) – from 7th Grade Science Teacher (BMS) to 5th Grade Teacher (BMS)

Madison Christy – (transfer) – from 3rd Grade Teacher (EH) to 3rd Grade Teacher (WW)

Courtney Kline – (contract) – 8th Grade ELA Teacher (BMS)

Aaron Stoltz – (contract) – 7th Grade ELA Teacher (BMS)

Jeremy Yenger – (contract) – 7th Grade Science Teacher (BMS)

Shannon Clark – (resignation) – 8th Grade ELA Teacher (BMS) – effective June 22, 2017

Allison Gumpster – Schmidt (resignation) – 5th/6th Grade School Counselor (BMS) – effective June 22, 2017

Darcy Van Dam – (resignation) – 3rd Grade Teacher (WW) – effective June 22, 2017

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10207

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

Monica Lewis – (contract) – Behavior Interventionist (BMS)

Alisa Buchli – (contract) – Attendance Secretary (NHS)

Elizabeth Stock – (contract) – 9th Grade Girls Basketball (NHS)

Sara VanDalen – (contract) – Assistant Cheer Coach (NHS)

Linda Hunter – (resignation) – Food Service (EH) – effective June 21, 2017

Brian Keys – (resignation) – Bus Driver – effective June 21, 2017

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

2017 – 2018 Staff Placements

Staff placements for the 2017 – 2018 school year were shared with board members' in their meeting packet.

Open Forum – Doug and Shelley Dodd were present to speak about the new softball field construction, raising concerns on noise, lighting, privacy, and traffic. Justin Jagler announced his departure from the Newton Daily News.

Public Hearing – (6:40 PM) – Purchase of Technology Items – No one was present to speak on this topic.

Public Hearing – (6:45 PM) – Construction of Softball Field – Doug and Shelley Dodd spoke on this topic during the open forum.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services
Consider Approval of the Purchase of Technology Equipment Including Replacement of 1:1 Devices and Purchase of Interactive Instructional Technology

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to approve the technology purchase with Apple, Inc. Education for 500 iPads in the amount of \$197,000 and for 500 carrying cases in the amount of \$19,500 with Technology Resource Advisors, Inc. for the high school 1:1 initiative. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Benson – **ACTION #10208**

Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to approve the technology purchase with Best Buy Education in the amount of \$101,543.65 for 305 Acer Chromebooks for the middle school 1:1 initiative. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Benson – **ACTION #10209**

Leonard moved, Cook seconded to approve the technology purchase with Midwest Computer Products, Inc. for the purchase of short throw projectors and wall mounts in the amount of \$31,980.00 – **ACTION #10210**

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the technology purchase with Tierney for interactive technology equipment in the amount of \$21,910.00 – Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Benson – **ACTION #10211**

Consider Acceptance of the Bid by Koester Construction in the Amount of \$660,000 for the Construction of a Softball Field – ACTION #10212

Discussion topics included: neighborhood notification, consideration of alternate locations, and need to construct a privacy fence due to concerns raised by the Dodd family during the open forum. Elbert moved, Cantu seconded to approve the bid by Koester Construction in the amount of \$660,000 for the construction of a new softball field displaced by the construction of the middle school. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Leonard, Padget Nays: Friedman Absent: Benson

Consider Approval of the 2017 – 2018 Middle School Student Handbook – ACTION #10213

Discussion topics included: cell phone usage, students and construction zone, student and parent acknowledgement of handbook. Cook moved, Friedman seconded to approve the 2017 – 2018 Middle School Student – Family Handbook. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Benson

Consider Approval of an Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunities Center – Baxter Community School District – ACTION #10214

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve an inter-district agreement with the Baxter Community School District for students to be served in WEST Academy or the Learning Opportunity Center. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Benson

First Reading: Policy Dealing with Past Due Food Service Accounts

Isaac facilitated discussion with board members on the first reading of a board policy dealing with past due food service accounts. Cook requested a cost comparison for preparation of hot versus cold lunch. There was discussion on schools that qualify for free and reduced, and how outstanding food service balances will be handled. There was discussion on employee food service accounts and whether we have educated parents on how to track their food service account balances.

Consider Approval of an Inter-Fund Loan of up to \$1,500,000 from the SAVE Fund to Cover Bills and Payroll during the Months of July and August 2017 – ACTION #10215

Discussion topics included: logistics of fund transfer, board notification, board approval, interest rates, comparison of Open Enrollment (in/out) and SPED (tuition in/out), and timeliness of payments. Elbert moved, Cook seconded to approve an inter-fund loan in an amount up to \$1,500,000 from the SAVE fund to cover bills and payroll during the months of July and August 2017. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Benson

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10216

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

A decision was made that the next board meeting would be July 24, 2017 (no meeting July 10, 2017).

Adjourn – ACTION #10217

Friedman moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary