

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

September 26, 2016 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Sheri Benson convened the board to order at 6:41 PM

Roll Call

Present: Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson

Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Bartello, Jolene Comer, Fran Henderson, Jim Gilbert, Brenda Hodnett, Mike Moran, Bill Peters, Deborah Rose, Tina Ross, Randall Rusk, Laura Selover, Lisa Sharp, Jason W. Brooks (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications – Coach Sarah Patterson was recognized as recipient of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) Golden Plaque Award for distinguished coaching in the sport of swimming. The Moose Lodge and The Vernon Company were recognized for donating school supplies to the Newton Community School District.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #9999

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

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10000

Alicia Boothe – (Agreement) – Food Service (EH) – effective September 15, 2016 (seniority date: August 23, 2016)

Tracy Chamberlain – (Agreement) – Health Para (BMS) – effective September 27, 2016

Molly Greenlee – (Agreement) – Food Service (TJ) – effective September 12, 2016 (seniority date: August 25, 2016)

Jessica McNeer – (Agreement) – Paraprofessional (WW) – effective September 15, 2016

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

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Update on September 26, 2016 Professional Development – Principals shared a variety of topics covered with staff on their PD day

Enrollment and Attendance Update – Superintendent Callaghan shared student enrollment numbers and attendance percentages for each of the district campuses.

Berg Middle School Construction Committee – Superintendent Callaghan introduced a committee structure and process

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

Consider Reorganization of Board Officers

Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary, led an annual reorganization of board officers including President and Vice-President.

Nominations for President included Robyn Friedman and Travis Padget (with resolution). A ballot vote was conducted with Padget elected as President, receiving six votes and Friedman receiving one vote. – ACTION #10001

Nominations for Vice-President included Josh Cantu and Robyn Friedman. A ballot vote was conducted with Friedman elected as Vice-President, receiving five votes and Cantu receiving two votes. – ACTION #10002

President Travis Padget and Vice-President Robyn Friedman were sworn into office by Gayle Isaac.

Consider Request for Out of State Travel – Central Region DECA Leadership Conference – Indianapolis, Indiana (November 18 – 20, 2016) – ACTION #10003

Leonard moved, Cook seconded to approve the request for students to attend the Central Region DECA Leadership Conference – Indianapolis, Indiana (November 18 – 20, 2016). Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget All funds are the responsibility of students attending, through fundraising. No district funds may be expended for out of state travel.

Consider Request for Out of State Travel – International Career Development Conference – Anaheim, California (April 26 – 29, 2017) – ACTION #10004

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the request for DECA students to attend the International Career Development Conference – Anaheim, California (April 26 – 29, 2017). Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget All funds are the responsibility of students attending, through fundraising. No district funds may be expended for out of state travel.

Consider Purchase of Equipment for Upgrading the Timekeeping System for the Boys and Girls Swim Teams – ACTION #10005

Friedman moved, Benson seconded to approve the purchase of \$25,000 worth of equipment from Daktronics, Inc. to upgrade the timekeeping system for the boys and girls swim teams. The equipment is property of the Newton Community School District. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Resolution Naming the Newton Community School District Bank Depositories – ACTION #10006

Cook moved, Elbert seconded to approve the Newton CSD Bank Depositories as First Newton National Bank, US Bank, Bank Iowa, and PMA. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padgett

Resolution for the District to Request Allowable Growth and a Supplemental Aid Payment for our Negative Special Education Balance of \$616,851.11 for FY '16 – ACTION #10007

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve a resolution to request an Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid Payment for our Negative Special Education Balance in the amount of \$616,851.11 for FY '16. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padgett This resolution provides the authority for the board to levy property tax in FY '18 to recoup expended funds from FY '16.

Consider Agreement Between the Newton Community School District and FRK Architects + Engineers for Construction of a New 5 – 8 Middle School – ACTION #10008

Elbert moved, Cantu seconded to approve an Agreement Between the Newton Community School District and FRK Architects + Engineers for the Construction of a New 5 – 8 Middle School. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padgett

Discussion Regarding the Preliminary Timeline – Construction of New 5 – 8 Middle School

Callaghan presented a preliminary timeline from FRK Architects + Engineers for the construction of a new 5 – 8 middle school, with substantial completion scheduled for Fall 2019. A bond sale will occur in the Spring 2017 to begin funding this project.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10009

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

Business Services Update

The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the next regular board meeting (October 10, 2016).

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates:

Board Work Session (October 4, 2016) – 5:00 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center); **Regular Board Meeting** (October 10, 2016) – 6:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center);

Adjourn – ACTION #10010

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary