

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

October 23, 2017 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Cassie Banwell, Seth Banwell, Grace Benson, Mindy Benson, Paige Benson, Terry Boudreaux, Marci Clark, Maxine Clark, Nat Clark, Erik Davis, Will Edgar, Leo Friedman, Talia Friedman, Carrie Garrett, Maggie Garrett, Jim Gilbert, Matt Guy, Summer Guy, Tanner Guy, Taylor Guy, Tyler Guy, Brenda Hodnett, Gage Linahon, Lori Linahon, Tim Linahon, Daniel Lopez-Sanders, David Lopez-Sanders, Emigdio Lopez-Sanders, Lori Lopez-Sanders, Oliver Miller, Bill Peters, Joe Rechtfertig, Tara Rechtfertig, Tatum Rechtfertig, Deborah Rose, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, Ange Sevenbergen, Haley Sevenbergen, Dough Smith, Kathryn VanManen, Sara VanManen, Isabelle Wilson, Lance Zaabel, Lauren Zaabel, Levi Zaabel, Pam Zaabel, Roger Zaabel, Randy Van (KCOB), and David Dolmage (Newton Daily News). **Absent:** Donna Cook

Communications – Bill Peters (NHS Principal) introduced Gage Linahon and invited him to tell about his **Eagle Scout** project, the construction of a Gaga Ball pit at Aurora Heights Park. Will Edgar (BMS Music) introduced **vocal students** Maxine Clark and Isabelle Wilson and shared that they auditioned and were selected for OPUS Honor Choir. Seth Banwell (BMS Music) introduced **band students** Grace Benson, Leo Friedman, Maggie Garrett, Tanner Guy, Tatum Rechtfertig, Haley Sevenbergen, Kathryn VanManen, and Lauren Zaabel who were selected for SCIBA District Honor Band. Maggie Garrett played a few scales and a sample of her fast etude. Bill Peters introduced David Lopez-Sanders and announced his selection as **National Merit Hispanic Scholar**.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10283

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

Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10284

Selover presented the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel

Casey Price – (contract) – Head Varsity Softball Coach (NHS) – pending completion of HR employment materials

Micaela Sciarrotta – (resignation) – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach (BMS) – end of 2017 – 2018 school year, pending suitable replacement

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10285

Selover presented the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel

Sandra Cluck – (agreement) – Food Service – effective October 19, 2017

Joey Farr – (agreement) – Educational Associate (EH) – effective October 18, 2017

Jane Hiemstra – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective October 16, 2017

Malissa Munger – (agreement) – Educational Associate (AH) – pending completion of HR employment materials

Amanda Scott – (agreement) – Food Service – pending completion of HR employment materials

Debbie Stratton – (agreement) – Educational Associate (TJ) – pending completion of HR employment materials

Derek Wrage – (agreement) – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (NHS) – pending completion of HR employment materials

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

Educational Associates Update

Selover provided an update on the hiring of Educational Associates as a follow up to the October 9, 2017 board meeting. Three of six additional Educational Associates have been hired.

Open Forum

Oliver Miller spoke about Educational Associates, suggestions on how to pay for this, and the benefits of free play at recess.

Superintendent's Report

Certified Enrollment Report

Callaghan shared data from the 2017 Certified Enrollment Report included in the informational board packet. Under Actual Enrollment, previous was reported as 2,965.24 with current as 3,075.67 for a change of +110.43 students.

Enrollment Report

Callaghan provided K – 12 student enrollment numbers at 2,949 as of October 18, 2017.

Attendance Percentages

Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 90.54% - 97.01%

Registration Fee Summary

Isaac noted data provided in the informational board packet regarding 2017 – 2018 fees, showing a comparison between fees paid and waived.

Free and Reduced Percentages

Isaac noted data provided in the informational board packet regarding a comparison of free and reduced percentages, October 2012 – October 2017. Friedman noted the importance of eligible families utilizing free and reduced vs. incurring uncollectable debt.

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

Request for Field Trip Approval: Central Leadership Conference, Omaha, NE – December 1 – 3, 2017 – ACTION #10286

Peters requested approval for approximately 20 DECA students to attend the Central Leadership Conference. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the field trip request for DECA students to attend the Central Leadership Conference, Omaha, NE – December 1 – 3, 2017. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consider Purchase of a “MegaTron Server” – ACTION #10287

Erik Davis, Technology, was present to request approval for the purchase of a storage appliance to replace dated hard drives and servers. Davis shared a power point presentation outlining the benefits of updating this infrastructure. Lightedge was the recommended bid in the amount of \$63,183.01. Davis answered questions from board members. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the purchase of a storage appliance from Lightedge in the amount of \$63,183.01. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Discussion of Berg Middle School Interior Finishes

Callaghan spoke about interior finishes at Berg Middle School and recognized Doug Smith (Construction Sub-Committee Chair) and those present who have been a part of the design process. Updated images from FRK Architects + Engineers showing interior finishes were displayed.

Consider Setting Date and Time for Budget Board Work Session – November 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM – ACTION #10288

Isaac shared the need to set a date and time for a budget board work session. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to set a Budget Board Work Session for November 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Consider Setting Earlier Time for Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2018 – ACTION #10289

Isaac shared the need to set an earlier time for the regular board meeting on May 21, 2018 in order for those interested to attend the softball complex dedication at 7:15 PM. Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to set an earlier time for the Regular Board Meeting May 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Denison Update

Selover gave a progress update on the Denison Culture Survey. A recent meeting was held with Chris Pierson (AEA), and meeting times are being coordinated for the Steering Committee to meet to review results, start action plan and next steps, and develop a communication.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10290

Isaac noted that there is no longer a need for a signature sheet when bills are approved. The auditors have agreed that all documents will be electronic, and minutes will serve as verification of approval action.

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Board Work Session – November 13, 2017 (5:00 PM) – EJV Beard Administration Center

Consider Changing Time for Regular Board Meeting – November 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM – ACTION #10291

In the interest of allowing enough meeting time for the 5:00 PM November 13, 2017 Board Work Session, it was suggested that Board Members consider changing the time for the November 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to change the time of the Regular Board Meeting on November 13, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Future Meeting Dates

Board Work Session: November 13, 2017 (5:00 PM) – EJV Beard Administration Center

Regular Board Meeting: November 13, 2017 (7:00 PM) – EJV Beard Administration Center

Regular Board Meeting: May 21, 2018 (5:00 PM) – EJV Beard Administration Center

72nd Annual IASB Convention & Trade Show: November 15 – 17, 2017 – Des Moines

Callaghan confirmed that all participants are registered. Transportation arrangements will be discussed at the November 13, 2017 board meeting.

Callaghan thanked all those in attendance for their participation at the regular board meeting.

Adjourn – ACTION #10292

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary