

**Mission:** "The Newton Community School District empowers every learner to achieve a lifetime of personal success."  
**Vision:** "We are a collaborative and cohesive team that inspires and supports all learners in a culture of safety and acceptance."

## Newton Community School Board of Education

### Regular Board Meeting

EJH Beard Administration Center  
1302 First Avenue West  
Newton, IA 50208

**September 28, 2020 – 6:30 PM**

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### Electronic Meeting Via ZOOM

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94136493804>

Meeting ID: 941 3649 3804

Passcode: 321402



## AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** – Robyn Friedman, President
- II. **Roll Call** – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary
- III. **Communications** – Tom Messinger, Superintendent
  - A. School Supplies Donation – Newton Moose Lodge
  - B. Red Pride Shout Outs
  - C. Homecoming – September 24, 2020 (Theme: Cardinal Strong)
  - D. US Department of Education – National Blue Ribbon Schools Program (Woodrow Wilson)
  - E. GFOA Award of Financial Reporting Achievement
- IV. **Purpose Statements** – Robyn Friedman, President
  - A. Mission
  - B. Vision
  - C. District Goals (2020 – 2021)
  - D. Collective Commitments
  - E. Board Commitments
- V. **Consent Agenda** – Robyn Friedman, President – **(Action Item)**
  - A. Agenda
  - B. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – September 14, 2020
  - C. School District Affiliation Agreement – Drake University and Newton CSD
  - D. 28E Agreement – Woodward Granger CSD (Grandwood) – 2020 – 2021
  - E. Inter-Agency Contracts for Grandwood Special Education Instructional Program – 2020 – 2021
  - F. Memorandum of Understanding – Newton CSD and Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) Mental Health & Disability Services (MHDS) Region
  - G. Agreement – Newton CSD and Kids Zoom
  - H. Administrator and Supervisor – Travel Allowances (2020 – 2021)
  - I. Open Enrollments
  - J. June Financials
- VI. **Human Resources Update** – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources – **(Action Item)**
  - A. Licensed Personnel
  - B. Classified Personnel
- VII. **Open Forum** – Robyn Friedman, President
- VIII. **Superintendent's Report** – Tom Messinger, Superintendent
  - A. **Return to Learn Plan**
    1. Criteria for Evaluation of Return to Learn Plan

**B. Current Student Information**

1. Enrollment (onsite & remote)
2. Attendance (onsite & remote)

**C. Principals Reports**

1. Elementary Schools
2. Middle School
3. High School & WEST Academy

**IX. Learning, Leadership, and District Business** – Tom Messinger, Superintendent and Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

- A. **Consider Approval of Board Goal (2020 – 2021)** – Robyn Friedman, President – (Discussion/Action Item)
- B. **Resolution for the District to Request Modified Allowable Growth and Supplement Aid for our Negative Special Education Balance of \$767,698.86 for the end of the 2019-20 School Year** – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services – (Discussion/Action Item)
- C. **Resolution for the District to Request Modified Allowable Growth and Supplement Aid for LEP instruction cost in excess of funding in the amount of \$47,799.20 for the end of the 2019-20 School Year** – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services – (Discussion/Action Item)
- D. **Consider Approval of Professional Learning Agreement – Four Oaks Family & Children’s Services** (Therapeutic Classroom Agreement) – Dr. Jessica Ferguson, Director of Special Education – (Discussion/Action Item)
- E. **Board Policy Review – First Reading: Board Policy 200 Series (Board of Directors) [200 – 217]** – (Discussion/Action Item)  
<https://www.newtoncsd.org/district/school-board/general-policies>
- F. **Agenda Item Topics from September 14, 2020 Meeting** – Tom Messinger, Superintendent (Discussion Item)
  1. Assessment of Bus and Traffic Flow at Buildings
  2. Food Service Balance with Donation Consideration
  3. Status of Property Adjacent to EJB Beard Administration Center

**X. Business Services Report** – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

- A. **Approval of Bills – (Action Item)**
- B. **Annual Treasurer’s Report** – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

**XI. New Business – Old Business** – Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

- A. **Future Meeting Dates**
  1. **Open Enrollment Meeting [TBD]** (via ZOOM)
  2. **Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM** (EJB Beard Administration Center/ZOOM)
    - a. **October 12, 2020**
- B. **Upcoming Events**
  1. **Parent – Teacher Conferences** – October 1, 2020 (NHS)
  2. **Parent – Teacher Conferences** – October 14, 2020 (WEST Academy)
  3. **Parent – Teacher Conferences** – October 20 & 22, 2020 (PreK – 8<sup>th</sup>)
  4. **75<sup>th</sup> IASB Annual (All Digital) Convention** – November 18 – 19, 2020

C. **Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items**

D. **Board Highlights**

**XII. Adjourn – (Action Item)**