

## Newton Community School Board of Education

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

January 14, 2019 – 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

**Call to Order** – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 7:03 PM.

**Roll Call** – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

**Present:** Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson

**Others Present:** Brenda Hodnett, Darin Tisdale, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

**Communications** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent  
None

**Purpose Statements** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

The following purpose statements were verbally shared by board members and district staff.

**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.

#### Collective Commitments

1. We commit to promoting and supporting the district's mission and vision.
2. We commit to communicating openly and honestly with all stakeholders in a timely manner.
3. We commit to implementing a decision-making/systems process.
4. We commit to seeing the whole child when making decisions.
5. We commit to building positive relationships district-wide.

#### Board Commitments

1. Challenge ourselves to be a more effective/high performing school board.
2. We will stay within the confines of the board's work.
3. Speak up, in a timely manner, if there is disagreement.

**Consent Agenda** – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10575**

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda.

**Human Resource Update** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

**Certified Personnel** – **ACTION #10576**

**Susan Altemeier** – (contract) – Assistant JV Girls Soccer Coach (NHS) – effective March 18, 2019

**Cole Peters** – (volunteer) – Wrestling Coach (NHS) – effective January 14, 2019

Leonard moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously approve the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel Report. Ayes: All  
Nays: None

**Classified Personnel**

None

**Open Forum** – Robyn Friedman, President

None

**Superintendent's Report** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

None

#### Learning, Leadership, and District Business

**Consider Acceptance of the 2017 – 2018 Audit Report** – **ACTION #10577**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services commended Darin Tisdale and his students for their design of the audit report cover page – "Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow – We are Newton Cardinals – Red Pride Lives Here." Mike Stanley, Hunt & Associates, PC presented the 2017 – 2018 Audit Report in its new CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) format. Cook moved, Muhs seconded to Accept the 2017 – 2018 Audit Report. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

**Consider Resolution for the District to Make an Application to the SBRC for Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk/Dropout Prevention in the Amount of \$887,500** – **ACTION #10578**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, reviewed the resolution for approval consideration. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to Resolve that the District Make an Application to the SBRC for Modified Supplemental Amount for At Risk/Dropout Prevention in the Amount of \$887,500. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

**Denison Update**

Robyn Friedman and Travis Padgett discussed progress on Denison culture work. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019.

**Business Service Report** – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

**Approval of Bills** – ACTION #10579

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously approve the bills. Ayes: All Nays: None

**New Business – Old Business** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

**Future Meeting Dates**

**January 21, 2019** – 6:00 PM – Closed Session (Quarterly Review – SPT) – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

**January 28, 2019** – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

**Upcoming Events**

**January 24, 2019** – 5:00 PM – Annual Chamber Dinner (Legacy Plaza, Building #2)

**February 5, 2019** – 9:00 AM – IASB Day on the Hill – (Des Moines)

**Adjourn** – ACTION #10580

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

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President

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Secretary