

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

January 28, 2019 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

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

Others Present: Chief Rob Burdess (6:45 PM), SRO Julie Britton, Jolene Comer, Bret Miller, Michelle Modlin (6:47 PM), Jen Norvell, Bill Peters, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Darin Tisdale, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Absent: Travis Padgett

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

None

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

The mission, vision, collective commitments, and board commitments were reviewed.

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10589**

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: Padgett

Human Resource Update – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10590**

Leslee Hansen – (resignation) – Special Education (BMS) – effective June 3, 2019

Joe Kuhn – (resignation) – Special Education (BMS) – effective June 3, 2019

Don Arends – (VERP) – School Counselor (NHS) – effective June 28, 2019

Diane Babcock – (VERP) – Kindergarten Teacher (TJ) – effective May 31, 2019

Heidi Holley – (VERP) – 1st Grade Teacher (WW) – effective May 31, 2019

JoAnne Price – (VERP) – Title I Reading Teacher (EH) – effective May 31, 2019

*VERP – Voluntary Early Retirement Program

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Padgett

Classified Personnel

None

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Current Student Information

Enrollment Summary – Superintendent Callaghan provided a 2018 – 2019 enrollment update for K – 12 students as K – 4 (1,074), 5 – 8 (932), and 9 – 12 (916) for a total of 2922 students as of January 23, 2019.

Attendance Data – Superintendent Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 91.00% - 95.87%

Transiency Report – Superintendent Callaghan presented a student transiency report for those students who have either left the district, or entered the district since the October 1, 2018 certified enrollment count date. The report shows a net increase of 0 students.

Construction Update

Softball Complex – Superintendent Callaghan shared that we were three months ahead of schedule on Phase II, however, due to inclement weather we are now just about a month ahead of the April 2019 anticipated completion date. Jack Sutte, Maintenance Supervisor, has found that 1 – 2 heat pump exchanges are not fully functioning, but they are getting fixed.

Berg Middle School – Superintendent Callaghan reported progress on building access and the subcontractors who resolved recent issues.

Excellence in Education Award Winners – Superintendent Callaghan shared the events of the January 24, 2019 Annual Chamber Dinner where district teachers were recognized for their Excellence in Education as follows: **Taylor Marsho** (Aurora Heights), **Gary Larsson** (Berg Middle School), **Sara Shockey** (Emerson Hough), **Doree Ward** (Newton High School), **Melissa Bennett** (Thomas Jefferson), **Tracy Swanson** (WEST Academy), and **Heidi Holley** (Woodrow Wilson).

Winter Weather Update – Superintendent Callaghan shared a severe weather chart, effective January 25, 2019. February 18, 2019 will be a make-up day for students and staff for the school cancellation on January 22, 2019. June 3, 2019 will be the make-up day for staff for the school cancellation on January 23, 2019. Further decisions are forthcoming for student make-up days due to inclement weather.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Continuation of the 28E Agreement between the Newton Community School District and City of Newton with Consideration of an additional School Resource Officer

Superintendent Callaghan and Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services welcomed Chief Rob Burdess and SRO Julie Britton for a discussion on renewing the 28E Interagency Agreement and possibly adding a second School Resource Officer to include student safety and additional educational programming.

Principal Report on Process Champions and Professional Development

Bret Miller, Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum facilitated a discussion with Elementary, Middle, and High School Principals on the Process Champions training and Professional Development held January 28, 2019.

Denison Update

Robyn Friedman shared that the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019.

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10591

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

Property Valuations History

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services shared a Property Valuations History from 1994 – 2018.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

February 4, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Exempt Session – (EJH Beard Admin Center) – *with closed session*

February 6, 2019 – 5:00 PM – Public Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

February 11, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events

February 5, 2019 – 9:00 AM – IASB Day on the Hill – (Des Moines) – *meetings have been scheduled with local legislators*

Adjourn – ACTION #10592

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President
_____, 2019

Secretary