

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center East Conference Room

February 11, 2019 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 5:03 PM.

Roll Call – Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

Present: Josh Cantu (5:05 PM), Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs (5:05 PM), Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan and Tim Bloom

Others Present: Chief Rob Burdess, Jeff Murphy, Darin Eide, Jeff Maki, Alex Modlin, Mitch Montgomery, Sandy Scotton, Shelly Fitzgerald, Jack Suttek, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Absent: Donna Cook

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Jeff Murphy with the Newton Athletic Boosters shared with the board their new partnership with Hy-Vee Gas to receive \$.01 per gallon of fuel sold from the Newton Hy-Vee Gas location. The new signage will be provided by SignPro and paid for by the Booster Club. Funds will go to the Booster Club, which in turn will come to support Newton School Activities and Athletics.

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

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

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10600**

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

Human Resource Update – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #16001**

Lisa Barbour-Sanchez – (resignation) – Special Education (NMS) – effective June 30, 2019

Katie Craney – (resignation) – Art Teacher (TJ/WW) – effective June 30, 2019

Nick Hoskins – (resignation) – Coach 9th Assistant Football (NHS) – effective February 7, 2019

Joe Kuhn – (resignation) – Coach 8th Grade Football (BMS) – effective January 14, 2019

Lauren Saehler – (resignation) – Volunteer Coach Girls CC (NHS) – effective January 25, 2019

Jourdan VanWyk – (resignation) – School Counselor (BMS) – effective June 30, 2019

Brett Lundberg – (volunteer) – Volunteer Coach Boys Soccer (NHS) – effective March 11, 2019

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel Report.

Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget and Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #16002**

Bill McClead – (agreement) – Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective February 11, 2019

Karen King – (resignation) – Secretary (WEST) – effective June 30, 2019

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel Report.

Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget and Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

Mitch Montgomery discussed issues he would like addressed by the district. The discussion included transportation issues with bus pickup and the amount of time spent his students are on the bus. He also discussed the lack of a wrestling room at the new Berg Middle School.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Department Reports

Maintenance – Jack Suttek, Supervisor of Maintenance provided an update on the Berg Middle School. The demolition has begun at the old Berg site. The items from the old Berg are in storage and the district will need to address how those will be handled. Capital outlay plans are in the works and updated five-year projection plans will be shared with the board once they are completed.

Technology – Tim Bloom, Supervisor of Technology shared with the board technology information of ongoing and future summer projects. The projects include DVR server migration, Chromebooks for next year 5th graders, a review of district intercom systems, staff laptops for elementary teachers, and network systems upgrade at Newton High School.

Day at the Hill

Superintendent Callaghan shared with the board a recap of learning and advocating at the state capitol. District officials met with Senator Amy Sinclair, Senator Zach Nunn, Senator Jeff Edler, Representative Wes Breckenridge and Representative Jon Thorup. Board member Josh Cantu talked about the experience and explained the items that were discussed aligned to our board goals submitted to the Iowa Association of School Boards. Conversations with the elected officials included setting State Supplemental Aid (SSA) timely and adequately, extension of the one cent state-wide sales tax (SAVE), and mental health for students.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Acceptance of Therapy Dog Donation from Clemon-Maki Insurance

Superintendent Callaghan welcomed Darin Eide, Jeff Maki and Alex Modlin from Clemon-Maki Insurance. Shelly Fitzgerald, High School Counselor shared with the board the addition of the therapy dog and the process of meeting with the Clemon-Maki Insurance team to see what they could do to support the Newton Schools. Clemon-Maki commented that they would like to expand this in the future so all buildings would have a therapy dog.

Continuation of the 28E Agreement between the Newton Community School District and City of Newton with Consideration of an additional School Resource Officer – ACTION #10603

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Continuation of the 28E Agreement between the Newton Community School District and the City of Newton with Consideration of an additional School Resource Officer.

Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget and Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards to be Submitted with Application – ACTION #10604

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services shared that the district is not receiving a rebate for credit card purchases. The district has 5 credit cards with US Bank and do not qualify for a rebate with the current state program plan. The new program the district would participate is sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Business Officials. The rebate would have been \$1,132 for last year charges or 1.32% of all charges.

Muhs moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards to be Submitted with Application.

Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget and Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cook

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10605

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

February 18, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Public Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

February 20, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Exempt Session – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

February 25, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Adjourn – ACTION #10606

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary