

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

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

March 9, 2020 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – 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, Cody Muhs (departed 6:44 PM), Travis Padget, Mark Thayer, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson

Others Present: Anthony Bestell, James Bestell, John Bieber, Karla Cazett, Jon Dunwell, Jessica Ferguson, Leo Friedman, Isabelle Gonzales, Alison Grier, Mark Hallam, Brenda Hodnett, Christie Hughes, Connie Kearns, Ann Leonard, Gage Linahon, Lori Linahon, Tim Linahon, Nelson Lopez, Tom Messinger, Bret Miller, William Muckler, Jen Norvell, Andre Parks, Kaylee Parks, Stephanie Parks, Abby Price, Andrea Price, Ryan Price, Ryan Rump, Destin Schroder, Melissa Schroder, Sandy Scotton, Laura Selover, Ange Sevenbergen, Haley Sevenbergen, Jack Sutte, Andy Swedenhjelm, Darin Tisdale, Shane Wheeler, Mark Yeoman, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Absent: Bob Callaghan, Graham Sullivan

Communications – Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

Student/Athlete State Qualifier Recognition:

DECA – Karla Cazett was present with Nelson Lopez, William Muckler, and Kaylee Parks who received recognition for their accomplishments at the February state competition along with William Cheng, Caroline Kelleher, Kaylanna Seu, Blake Sevenbergen and Jill Waits.

Speech Team – John Bieber was present with Leo Friedman, Isabelle Gonzales, and Haley Sevenbergen, honoring them and Molly Coy, Jackson Mace, Makayla Pearson, and Johnny Valtman for their performance at state in the Radio Broadcast category.

Girls Bowling – Christie Hughes introduced Abby Price and shared her accomplishments this year in bowling, along with her finish at state in Class 2A.

Boys Swimming – Ryan Rump shared the state accomplishments of swimmers Jayden Dydell, Eli Eekhoff, Izaak Miller, and Jacob Nedder.

Wrestling – Andy Swedenhjelm honored wrestlers Anthony Bestell, Destin Schroder, and Gage Linahon for their achievements at the state wrestling meet.

Purpose Statements – Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

The mission, vision, district goals (2019 – 2020), collective commitments, and board commitments were reviewed.

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10935**

Cook moved, Padget seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with additional fundraisers presented at the board table, and with agenda item VIIIID (Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Property Purchase) tabled. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Padget, Thayer Nays: None Absent: Muhs, Sullivan

Human Resource Update – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources

Licensed Personnel – **ACTION #10936**

Cassidy Bos – (contract) – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach (NHS) – effective March 16, 2020

Lanita Keeton – (resignation) – JV Volleyball Coach (NHS) – effective February 27, 2020

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

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10937**

Katie Smith – (agreement) – Food Service (EH) – effective February 28, 2020

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

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Introduction of Next Superintendent – Tom Messinger – Robyn Friedman

Robyn Friedman introduced the next Superintendent of the Newton Community School District, Tom Messinger who will officially begin his duties on July 1, 2020. Messinger shared a few words, and was welcomed by the board and those in attendance.

Consider Approval of the Elementary Security Cameras, High School Auxiliary Parking Lot, and District-Wide Camera Management Bid Recommendation – Walsh Doors and Security in the amounts of \$149,975 (Equipment & Installation) and \$36,995 (Managed Service Agreement), both financed with SAVE Fund Dollars – **ACTION #10938**

Shane Wheeler was present to discuss the bid recommendation, and project scope. Padget moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Bid Recommendation with Walsh Doors and Security in the amounts of \$149,975 (Equipment & Installation) and \$36,995 (Managed Service Agreement) for Elementary Security Cameras, High School Auxiliary Parking Lot, and District-Wide Camera Management and financed with SAVE Fund Dollars. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Padget, Thayer Nays: None Absent: Muhs, Sullivan

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Certified Budget – March 23, 2020 at 6:45 PM (EJH Beard Administration Center) – **ACTION #10939**

Cantu moved, Cook seconded to Set a Public Hearing for Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Certified Budget for March 23, 2020 at 6:45 PM at the EJH Beard Administration Center. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Padget, Thayer Nays: None Absent: Muhs, Sullivan

School Board Protocol Handbook

No update – Board Member Cody Muhs (absent).

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – **ACTION #10940**

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

Capital Improvement Plans

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, along with Department Supervisors, Jack Sutte (Maintenance) and Shane Wheeler (Technology) shared projects outlined in the district's Capital Improvement Plans – PPEL (FY21-FY25) and SAVE (FY21-30).

New Business – Old Business – Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

Future Meeting Dates: [Date & Time TBD] – Board Policy Review Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center) – 500 Series Board Policies; **March 23, 2020** – 5:30 PM – Board Work Session (EJH Beard Admin Center) – Topic: Open Enrollment; **March 23, 2020** – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center); **April 27, 2020** – 5:30 PM – Board Work Session (EJH Beard Admin Center) – Topic: In-District Transfers, Boundaries.

In lieu of two meetings in May 2020, one meeting will be held: **May 18, 2020** – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events: **April 4 – 6, 2020** – NSBA Public Education Leaders Conference – (Chicago).

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

A variety of future agenda items were discussed – **NCEA Meetings** (initial proposals); **COVID-19 information** (Emergency Operation Plan).

Board Highlights

Board President Robyn Friedman expressed that the board highlights have been well received. This meetings highlights: Student Recognitions, Introduction of Next Superintendent, Cameras & Management System, Capital Improvement Plans, Public Hearing: Proposed FY21 Certified Budget.

Adjourn – ACTION #10941

Cook moved, Cantu seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Ayes: All Nays: None

Minutes Mailed _____ (President)
Approved by Action No. _____, 2020
_____ (Secretary)