

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

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

March 25, 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, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson

Others Present: Niki Aldrich, Madeline Allen, Chaz Allen, Teri Allen, Makatlyn Anderson, Dana Anderson, Jolene Comer, Molly Coy, Sarah Coy, Kameryn Davis, Amanda Fifer, Morgan Fifer, Isaac Friedman, Brenda Hodnett, Anita Holmes, Matt Holmes, Kayla Juni, Caroline Kelleher, Makayla Kelleher, Patrick Kelleher, Valerie Kelleher, Nicky Lampe, Gary Larsson, Lori Linahon, Morgan Linahon, Tim Linahon, Bret Miller, Ann Nasalroad, Delaney Nasalroad, Don Nasalroad, Allie Norvell, Jen Norvell, Bill Peters, Kevin Rhoads, Kristi Rhoads, Rachel Rhoads, Tina Ross, Todd Schuster, Sandy Scotton, Laura Selover, Lisa Sharp, Suzanne Shawver, Sara Shockey, Doree Ward, Denae Wright, Krista Wright, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB).

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Speech – All State Recognition

Bill Peters, NHS Principal and Niki Aldrich, NHS Language Arts Teacher, recognized four students who qualified for large group all state speech: Molly Coy, Isaac Friedman, Makayla Kelleher, and Delaney Nasalroad. Isaac Friedman was also honored for his qualification in an individual all state speech event.

Pacesetters – All State Dance Team Recognition

Bill Peters and Coach Kayla Juni recognized a group of Pacesetters for their achievements with the all state dance team: Madeline Allen, Makatlyn Anderson, Kameryn Davis (Honorary Member), Morgan Fifer, Morgan Linahon, Allie Norvell, and Denae Wright.

Rachel Rhoads – E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship

Bill Peters recognized Rachel Rhoads as the recipient of the prestigious E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship. Rachel expressed her gratitude for the many opportunities provided to her by the Newton Community School District.

Excellence in Education Award Recipients

Superintendent Callaghan, and NCEF Board Members Travis Padget and Graham Sullivan recognized the 2018 – 2019 Excellence in Education recipients: Gary Larsson (BMS), Sara Shockey (EH), and Doree Ward (NHS). Other recipients (*not present*) included: Melissa Bennett (TJ), Heidi Holley (WW), Taylor Marsho (AH), and Tara Swanson (WEST Academy).

Golden Apple Award Recipient – Nicky Lampe

Superintendent Callaghan and Lisa Sharp, BMS Principal honored Nicky Lampe who was a recipient of the WHO-TV 13 Golden Apple Award. Lampe shared that it was an honor that the students took the time to nominate her, and it has been a highlight of her teaching career.

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

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

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10630**

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

Human Resource Update – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10631**

Jennah Hughes – (contract) – Art Teacher (TJ/WW) – effective August 1, 2019

BreAnna Ploeger – (contract) – ELL Teacher (AH/EH/TJ/WW) – effective August 1, 2019

Amber Warnes – (contract) – Title I Teacher (EH) – effective August 1, 2019

Mallory Bebout – (transfer) – from Special Education Teacher (EH) to Special Education Teacher (NHS) – effective August 1, 2019

Kyle Peta – (resignation) – Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective March 25, 2019

Kyle Peta – (resignation) – 3rd Grade Teacher (TJ) – effective June 30, 2019

Micaela Sciarrotta – (resignation) – Assistant 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective March 19, 2019

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

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

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10632**

Keith Beal – (resignation) – Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective March 15, 2019

Joel Provin – (retirement) – Educational Associate (TJ) – effective May 31, 2019

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

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

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None

Public Hearing (6:45 PM) – SIAC Recommended 2019 – 2020 School District Calendar

No one was present to speak during the Public Hearing.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Bring Your Legislator to School Month

Superintendent Callaghan shared that three legislators (Wes Breckenridge, Zach Nunn, and Amy Sinclair) recently visited the Newton Community School District as a part of Bring Your Legislator to School Month.

Embargoed Data – Newton Graduation & Dropout Rates

Superintendent Callaghan shared data released from the Iowa Department of Education regarding graduation and dropout rates. 2018 Newton Community School District graduation rate was 92.98% compared to the State of Iowa 91.4%. The 2017 – 2018 Newton Community School District (7th – 12th) dropout rate was 1.6% compared to the State of Iowa 1.83%.

Report on Middle School & High School Music

Superintendent Callaghan read a statement further explaining the reduction in force in the Middle School/High School Music Department.

Construction Update – Newton Softball Complex – Phase 2

Superintendent Callaghan gave a construction updates on the Newton Softball Complex – Phase 2 and a timeline to final project completion. At this time, final completion is scheduled for mid-April 2019.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Approval of the SIAC Recommended 2019 – 2020 School District Calendar – ACTION #10633

Bret Miller, Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum presented a draft of the 2019 – 2020 school district calendar, with a start date of August 23, 2019. Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to Approve the SIAC Recommended 2019 – 2020 School District Calendar. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Approval of Board Policy (Education Records Access) – 506.1 – ACTION #10634

Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs, and Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented revised Board Policy 506.1 (Education Records Access) for approval. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Approval of Board Policy (Student Directory Information) – 506.2 – ACTION #10635

Tina Ross, Director of Special Programs, and Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented Board Policy 506.2 (Student Directory Information) for approval. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Adoption of the Proposed FY20 Certified Budget – April 8, 2019 at 6:45 PM – EJJ Beard Administration Center – ACTION #10636

Padget moved, Sullivan seconded to Set a Public Hearing for Adoption of the Proposed FY20 Certified Budget for April 8, 2019 at 6:45 PM at the EJJ Beard Administration Center. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Approval of Bus Camera Bids Recommendation with Hogle Bus Company for \$91,753.51 – ACTION #10637

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented three bids for the replacement and installation of bus camera systems. The project would be financed with Sales Tax dollars. Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to Approve the Bus Camera Bids Recommendation with Hogle Bus Company for \$91,753.51. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Approval of Public Education Agreement with Synovia Solutions for GPS Routing Program – ACTION #10638

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented an agreement with Synovia Solutions for a GPS routing program that would be implemented on all school vehicles. He also shared information about a “Here Comes the Bus” app. Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the Public Education Agreement with Synovia Solutions for GPS Routing Program. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Partial Release of Retainage for Berg Middle School to the Hansen Company, Inc. – ACTION #10639

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented a letter from Hansen Company, Inc. requesting early release of retainage on the Berg Middle School project in the amount of \$765,090.90. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the Partial Release of Retainage for Berg Middle School to the Hansen Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$765,090.90. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Approval of the Classified Seniority Report – UE – (March 2019) – ACTION #10640

Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, presented the UE Seniority Report for board approval. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Classified Seniority Report – UE – (March 2019) as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10641

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

FY20 Budget Information

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, displayed Preliminary Budget Hearing information in a slide presentation.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

March 27, 2019 – 5:00 PM – Board Work Session – Exempt – (EJJ Beard Admin Center)

March 27, 2019 – 7:00 PM – Board Culture Work Session – (EJJ Beard Admin Center)

April 8, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJJ Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events

March 25 – 29, 2019 – Public Schools Week “See for Yourself” Campaign

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

None

Adjourn – ACTION #10642

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary