

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

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

May 6, 2019 – 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

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

Others Present: Cristy Croson, Erik Davis, Brenda Hodnett, Bret Miller, Andrew Rooker, Curt Roorda, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB). **Absent:** Graham Sullivan, Laura Selover

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent Callaghan thanked our school board members for their commitment and service to the Newton Community School District. Certificates were presented with this year's theme "Superheroes 4 Public Ed!"

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

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

Board President Robyn Friedman explained the **High Performing School Board Surveys** and encouraged audience members to anonymously complete and submit them at the end of the meeting. The board will use the ratings data during their board culture work.

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #10681**

Bret Miller, Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum, shared updates on the Marzano Research Contract (date change, addition of presenters). Leonard moved, Cantu seconded to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Human Resource Update – Bret Miller, Director of PreK – 12 Curriculum

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10682**

Jennifer Flake – (contract) – from Specialist, Behavior Interventionist (BMS) to School Nurse (BMS) – effective August 20, 2019

Dustin Brisel – (resignation) – 4th Grade Teacher (EH) – effective June 30, 2019

Emily Julin – (resignation) – Math Teacher (BMS) – effective June 30, 2019

Tina Ross – (resignation) – Director of Special Programs (District) – effective June 30, 2019

Amy Blasius – (transfer) – from Special Education Teacher, Consortium (BMS) to Special Education Teacher, Behavior Interventionist (BMS) – effective August 20, 2019

Bret Miller – (transfer) – from WEST Academy Principal/Director of Curriculum & Instruction to Director of Teaching & Learning (District) – effective July 1, 2019

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

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10683**

Keith Dunkerson – (resignation) – Custodian (NHS) – effective May 31, 2019

Jennifer Flake – (transfer) – from Specialist, Behavior Interventionist (BMS) to School Nurse (BMS) – effective August 20, 2019

Sonya Metz – (transfer) – from Route #81 (Transportation) to Route #86 (Transportation) – effective August 23, 2019

Judy Lourens – (transfer) – from Educational Associate LMC (BMS) to Educational Associate LMC (AH) – effective August 23, 2019

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

Retirement Celebration Dates

Information for upcoming individual retirement celebrations for **Don Arends** (24 Years of Service), **Diane Babcock** (30 Years of Service), **Heidi Holley** (36 Years of Service), and **JoAnne Price** (33 Years of Service) was shared in board member packets.

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Supervisor Reports

Food Service

Cristy Croson, Supervisor, shared that the food service department recently received two **donations** - \$100 from Jordan Bell (Kinetic Edge) and \$500 from Wilma Grout. A copy of the Iowa Department of Education's Bureau of Nutrition & Health Services **State Review** Summary Report was provided in the board member packets. Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, commended Croson for her role in the Administrative Review.

Transportation

Curt Roorda, Supervisor, gave a report on recent **county road closures** affecting two school bus routes; alerts for **hard surface routes** (May 2 & 3); and progress on Synovia Solutions and the installation of **GPS software** in district vehicles and subsequent training plan.

Technology

Erik Davis, Manager, provided an update on the Purchase of 475 **Chromebooks** (225 each – 3rd and 5th grades, 25 inventory) which is part of the district's Capital Improvement Plan, with \$200,000 in budgeted funds coming from SAVE; Purchase of 12 **charging carts** for the elementary schools; Request for Proposal to be posted for the purchase of 110 **laptops** for district staff; Redistribution of district **copy machines**; and Installation of one gig of **fiber internet link** at Berg Middle School to provide redundancy.

Maintenance

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, shared a letter and statement of loss from EMC Insurance regarding a **storm claim** for roof damages suffered by the school district on April 7, 2019. The repairs for this project will be expedited. A new metal **cardinal sign** has been installed at the softball complex. The softball complex is now considered substantially completed, and is in the district's possession.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Approval of the Proposed Breakfast and Lunch Rates for the 2019 – 2020 School Year – **ACTION #10684**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, and Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, shared information comparing Newton Community School District breakfast and lunch prices over five years (2014/2015 – 2018/2019). A comparison of breakfast and lunch prices with eight surrounding districts was also provided (2018/2019). The proposed rates for 2019/2020 are: **Breakfast** \$1.40 (K-4); \$1.50 (5-8); \$1.50 (9-12); \$1.75 (Adult) and **Lunch** \$2.75 (K-4); \$2.85 (5-8); \$2.95 (9-12); \$3.75 (Adult). Cook moved, Muhs seconded to approve the Proposed Breakfast and Lunch Rates for the 2019 – 2020 School Year. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Consider the Purchase of District Vehicles: **Two Chevrolet Suburbans from Karl Chevrolet (State Bid) in the Amount of \$80,906.98 – ACTION #10685**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, and Curt Roorda, Transportation Supervisor, presented a request for the purchase of two Chevrolet Suburbans. Padget moved, Cantu seconded to Approve the Purchase of Two Chevrolet Suburbans from Karl Chevrolet (State Bid) in the Amount of \$80,906.98. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Consider Approval of Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) Membership Dues Invoice Payment for FY20 in the Amount of **\$9,058.00 – ACTION #10686**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, recommended the district renew their IASB membership for FY20. Cook moved, Padget seconded to Approve the Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) Membership Dues Invoice Payment for FY20 in the Amount of \$9,058.00. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Consider Setting a Public Hearing to Amend the Current Budget for FY19 – May 20, 2019 – 6:45 PM – EJB Beard Administration Center – **ACTION #10687**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, explained the need for a FY19 budget amendment. Cook moved, Muhs seconded to Set a Public Hearing the Amend the Current Budget for FY19 – May 20, 2019 at 6:45 PM at the EJB Beard Administration Center. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the Sale or Disposal of School Property – (Policy Code 903.1) – May 20, 2019 – 6:50 PM – EJB Beard Administration Center – **ACTION #10688**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, explained the need for a sale of school property remaining from the old Berg Middle School, which is currently in storage at the Meisner Center. Leonard moved, Muhs seconded to Set a Public Hearing for the Sale or Disposal of School Property – May 20, 2019 at 6:50 PM at the EJB Beard Administration Center. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Consider Approval of a Three – Year Contract with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE Local 898) and the Newton Community School District for FY20 – FY22 – **ACTION #10689**

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented a three-year UE contract for approval consideration. Leonard moved, Cook seconded to Approve a Three – Year Contract with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE Local 898) and the Newton Community School District for FY20 – FY22. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget Nays: None Absent: Sullivan

Denison Update

Robyn Friedman, Board President, and Travis Padget, Board Member, gave an update on the May 2, 2019 Denison Culture Group meeting and planning for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – **ACTION #10690**

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

May 9, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Policy Review Committee Meeting – *c/o Josh Cantu*

May 13, 2019 – 5:00 PM – Board Agenda Prep Meeting – *rescheduled from May 9, 2019 per Superintendent Callaghan*

May 13, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Board Culture Work Session – (EJB Beard Admin Center) – *this meeting will be rescheduled per Ann Leonard*

May 20, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – (EJB Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events

May 23, 2019 – 11:00 AM – WEST Academy Graduation (DMACC)

May 26, 2019 – 3:00 PM – Newton High School Graduation (Maytag Park)

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

Board President Robyn Friedman suggested a placeholder be put on the agenda for Board Policy Review.

High Performing School Board Survey

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, will send the board their internal survey. Data from audience surveys will be recorded.

Adjourn – **ACTION #10691**

Padget moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary