

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

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

August 12, 2019 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

Present: Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Susan Altemeier, Brenda Hodnett, Zach Jensen, Abby Lamont, Bob Lane, Jerry Sawin, Carlo Supino, Jack Suttek, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Josh Cantu, Cody Muhs, and Travis Padget

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent
None

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 #10761**

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to withdraw items VD, VE, and VF from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion. Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

VD. District Beverage Agreement – Atlantic Bottling Company – ACTION #10762

Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the District Beverage Agreement with the Atlantic Bottling Company. Ayes: Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: Cook Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

VE. Addendum to Advertising Contract – NHS & Varsity Group Marketing – ACTION #10763

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the Addendum to the Advertising Contract with NHS & Varsity Group Marketing. Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

VF. State of Iowa E-Rate Consortium Letter of Agency – Funding Years (2020-2022) – ACTION #10764

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the State of Iowa E-Rate Consortium Letter of Agency – Funding Years (2020-2022). Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

Human Resource Update – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10765

Ally Klepper – (contract) – PreSchool Teacher (TJ) – effective August 13, 2019

LaNita Keeton – (contract) – Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (NHS) – effective November 11, 2019

Mark Yoeman – (contract) – Special Education Teacher (BMS) – effective August 13, 2019

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10766

Kayla Astelle – (agreement) – Educational Associate (TJ) – effective August 23, 2019

Brianna Fuller – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective August 23, 2019

Angela Hobbs – (agreement) – Educational Associate (WW) – effective August 23, 2019

Tiffany Johnson – (agreement) – Educational Associate (AH) – effective August 23, 2019

Brittany Nichols – (agreement) – Educational Associate (EH) – effective August 23, 2019

Pat Sanders – (agreement) – Educational Associate (NHS) – effective August 23, 2019

Pam Johnson – (resignation) – Educational Associate (WW) – effective August 8, 2019

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

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None

Public Hearing – 6:45 PM – Transportation Department Parking Lot Resurface Project

Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor, reviewed the need to resurface the parking lot where the buses enter and exit the Transportation Department.

Public Hearing – 6:50 PM – Parking Lot Addition (South of Softball Complex)

Coaches Abby Lamont and Zach Jensen gave input supporting the parking lot addition project (south of the softball complex), and its potential impacts on the soccer programs. They suggested upgrading and visioning amenities to enhance the soccer fields. Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor, reiterated his support for the soccer programs utilizing the fields.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Construction Update – Berg Middle School – Callaghan gave an update on recent construction projects at the new Berg Middle School, and shared that the Opening Professional Development day would be held there on August 20, 2019.

SAVE Revenue Guidance (IASB) – HF 546 – Callaghan shared a Special Report from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) on Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Revenue Guidance and discussed the timeline for updating the district's Revenue Purpose Statement.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Award for Transportation Department Parking Lot Resurface Project Using SAVE Funds – ACTION #10767

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the Award for the Transportation Department Parking Lot Resurface Project Using SAVE Funds. Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

Consider Purchase of Two Vehicles for the Maintenance Department Using SAVE Funds – 2020 Chevrolet 2500HD 4 Wheel Drive Regular Cab Work Trucks totaling \$57,108 from Karl Chevrolet – ACTION #10768

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the Purchase of Two Vehicles – 2020 Chevrolet 2500HD 4 Wheel Drive Regular Cab Work Trucks totaling \$57,108 from Karl Chevrolet. Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

2019 Legislative Changes Impacting Education

Callaghan shared an Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) handout summarizing legislative session bills for 2019.

Consider Setting the NCSD Board of Directors 2020 Legislative Priorities

Callaghan shared an Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) handout outlining 31 legislative resolutions for 2019. Legislative Priorities will be set at the next board meeting, August 26, 2019.

IASB School Board Election Date Information

Callaghan shared an Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) handout noting key dates for the 2019 school board elections.

Consider Approval of 2019 – 2020 District Goals – ACTION #10769

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the 2019 – 2020 District Goals as presented. Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

Newton Community School District will support student learning by providing current best practices.

1. Newton Community School District will utilize the High Reliability Schools Model to ensure:
 - a. a safe, supportive, collaborative culture in all buildings,
 - b. effective teaching in all classrooms, and
 - c. a guaranteed and viable curriculum.
2. Schools will show student growth at or above the state growth average.
3. All Schools in Newton Community School District will seek:
 - a. High Reliability Schools Level 1 certification.
 - b. Capturing Kids' Hearts fidelity in call classrooms.

Board Policy Review – First Reading: Board Policy 300 Series (Administration) – ACTION #10770

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the First Reading of Board Policy 300 Series (Administration). Ayes: Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Sullivan Nays: None Absent: Cantu, Muhs, Padget

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10771

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

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates: August 19, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Board Work Session – (Montana Mike's); August 20, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Board Culture Work (EJH Beard Admin Center); August 26, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Board Work Session (EJH Beard Admin Center); August 26, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center); August 28, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Board Policy Review Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center)

Upcoming Events: August 13 – 15, 2019 – New Teacher Academy; August 14, 2019 – New Teacher Luncheon; August 15, 2019 – Proud to Know Newton Radio Broadcast; August 20 – 22, 2019 – Teacher Professional Development; August 23, 2019 – First Day of School; 74th IASB Annual Convention and Trade Show – November 20 – 21, 2019 (Des Moines)

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

A variety of possible future agenda items discussed: Parking Lot (South of Softball Complex) – will take action August 26, 2019; Boys' Baseball Field; Educational Associate requirements (Board Work Session – August 26, 2019).

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 #10772

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Minutes Mailed _____ (President)

Approved by Action No. _____, 2019

_____ (Secretary)