

**Newton Community School Board of Education**  
Board Work Session  
E.J.H. Beard Administration Center  
ZOOM 963 9129 5462  
**August 24, 2020 – 5:30 PM**

## MINUTES

**Call to Order** – Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 5:31 PM

**Roll Call** – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

**Present:** Donna Cook (Zoom), Robyn Friedman, Cody Muhs (Zoom), Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Mark Thayer (5:42 PM), Tom Messinger, Tim Bloom, Christine Dawson **Present via Zoom** (18 including): Jolene Comer, Jessica Ferguson, Jim Gilbert, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Bill Peters, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, and Lisa Sharp **Absent:** Josh Cantu

**Iowa Code – Chapter 21 (Open Meetings Law)** – *Chapter 21 states electronic meetings can be held only if meeting in person is impossible or impractical. The August 24, 2020 board work session was held electronically via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, and the need to limit audience numbers (to <10) and to maintain 6' social distancing recommendations.*

**Consent Agenda** – Robyn Friedman, Board President – **ACTION #11069**

Padget moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All Nays: None

**Learning, Leadership, and District Business** – Tom Messinger, Superintendent

**Topic: Discussion of District Goals Development – 2020 – 2021**

Superintendent Tom Messinger facilitated discussion between district administrators and the board regarding the Newton Community School District's goals for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The district's High Reliability Schools three-year plan was also referenced, with a time for questions and answers.

**Adjourn** – **ACTION #11070**

Padget moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

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President

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Secretary