

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

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

September 9, 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:** Derek Bair, Cristy Croson, John Dunwell, Jessica Ferguson, Kelli Hinrichs, Brenda Hodnett, Bret Miller, Curt Roorda, Laura Selover, Darin Tisdale, Shane Wheeler, Mark Yeoman, Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

Communications – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Superintendent Callaghan acknowledged and expressed appreciation for school supply donations from **First Baptist Church, Newton Noon Rotary, Universal Pediatrics, and Windstream.** He also recognized the donation of t-shirts to students entering Kindergarten and 5th Grades.

Superintendent Callaghan read a letter from **Educational Associates** thanking administrators and board members for voting in favor of a salary stipend for the Highly Qualified Educational Associates.

Robyn Friedman presented the Government Finance Officers Association (**GFOA**) **Certificate of Achievement** to Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services for excellence in financial reporting.

Purpose Statements – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

The mission, vision, district goals (2019 – 2020), 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 #10792**

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

Human Resource Update – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10793**

Tom Vanderlaan – (resignation) – from 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (BMS) – effective August 23, 2019

Chris Dydell – (transfer) – from 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (NHS) to JV Boys Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective November 11, 2019

Nicole Lampe – (volunteer) – 7th Grade Volleyball (BMS) – pending certification

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

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10794**

Liz Castillo – (agreement) – Educational Associate (BMS) – pending completion of HR materials

Julia DenHerder – (agreement) – Instrumental Music (BMS) – pending completion of HR materials

Andrew Key – (agreement) – Vocal Music (BMS) – pending completion of HR materials

Emily Robinson – (agreement) – PreK Educational Associate (TJ) – pending completion of HR materials

Teresa Thompson – (agreement) – Instrumental Music (BMS) – pending completion of HR materials

Laura Thieben – (agreement) – Instrumental Music (BMS) – pending completion of HR materials

Amanda VanWynGarden – (agreement) – Educational Associate (WW) – pending completion of HR materials

Angie Wadsworth – (agreement) – PreK Educational Associate (TJ) – effective September 10, 2019

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

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Summer School Update – Derek Bair gave an update on the district's summer school programs.

Supervisor Reports

Food Service – Cristy Croson gave an update on the summer food breakfast and lunch programs.

Maintenance – Jack Suttek was not able to attend, and will give a report at a future board meeting.

Transportation – Curt Roorda gave a report on transportation with the start of the school year.

Technology – Superintendent Callaghan introduced Shane Wheeler, who gave a report on district technology projects.

Initial Website Data – Superintendent Callaghan referenced data analyzing website communications.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business

Consider Approval for Out of State Travel: NHS Journalism Students Travel to National Journalism Convention – November 21 - 24, 2019 – Washington, DC – ACTION #10795

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to approve an Out of State Travel Request for NHS Journalism Students to Travel to a National Journalism Convention (November 21 – 24, 2019) in Washington, DC. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Setting a Public Hearing for the NHS Mechanical Equipment Project – September 23, 2019 at 6:45 PM – EJB Beard Administration Center – (Discussion/Action Item) – ACTION #10796

Padget moved, Sullivan seconded to Set a Public Hearing for the NHS Mechanical Equipment Project – for September 23, 2019 at 6:45 PM – EJB Beard Administration Center. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Setting Board Meeting Calendar Dates (past September 23, 2019) – (Discussion/Action Item) – ACTION #10797

Leonard moved, Padget seconded to Set Board Meeting Calendar Dates (past September 23, 2019) as October 14, October 28, and November 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Consider Annual Statutory Assignments for Board Secretary/Treasurer, Depositories, Publication and Legal Counsel for FY 2020 – ACTION #10798

Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to assign Tim Bloom as Board Secretary/Treasurer; First Newton National Bank, US Bank, Bank Iowa, BMO, UMB and PMA as Depositories; Newton Daily News as Publication; and Ahlers & Cooney as Legal Counsel for FY2020. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Board Policy Review – First Reading: Board Policy 400 Series (Employees) – ACTION #10799

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to Approve the First Reading of Board Policy 400 Series (Employees) with recommended edits. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Nays: None

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10800

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously approve the bills. Ayes: All Nays: None

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates: September 23, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center); **[Date & Time TBD]** – Board Policy Review Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center) – 500 Board Policies

Upcoming Events: School Board Elections – Candidate Filing Deadline (5:00 PM) – **September 19, 2019**; Board Secretaries Deliver Nomination Papers to Controlling Commissioner (by noon) – **September 20, 2019**; IASB Employee Relations Conference – **October 17, 2019** (Altoona); 74th IASB Annual Convention and Trade Show – **November 20 – 21, 2019** (Des Moines)

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

None.

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 #10801

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

_____ (President)

_____, 2019

_____ (Secretary)