

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
E. J. H. Beard Administration Center
East Conference Room

January 22, 2018 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Jim Gilbert (6:55 PM), Brenda Hodnett, Bret Miller, Doug Meyer, Tina Ross, Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Donna Cook

Communications

None

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10330

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda.

Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10331

Bret Miller presented the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel

Andrea Callaghan (resignation) – Language Arts (BMS) – effective May 31, 2018

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10332

Bret Miller presented the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel

Michelle Doland (contract) – Substitute Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective January 16, 2018

Larry Wylie (resignation) – Custodian (EH) – effective January 31, 2018

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Open Forum

None

Superintendent's Report

Current Student Information

Enrollment Summary

Superintendent Callaghan reported a total of 2,960 K – 12 students enrolled as of January 17, 2018.

Attendance Data

Superintendent Callaghan shared student attendance percentages at each campus, with ranges from 86.68% - 94.62%.

Transiency Report

Superintendent Callaghan presented a student transiency report for those students who have either left the district, or entered the district since the October 1, 2017 certified enrollment count date. The report shows a net increase of 11 students.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary & Director of Business Services

Consider Approval of Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement – Proposed Issuance of \$7,690,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018A – ACTION #10333

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, explained the need to approve this bond counsel engagement agreement. Superintendent Callaghan noted that this is the third in a series of \$26,900,000 General Obligation School Bonds for the new middle school construction. Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to approve the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement for the Proposed Issuance of \$7,690,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018A. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Denison Update

Travis Padget and Robyn Friedman gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey, sharing their experiences from attending the first day (January 19, 2018) of a two-day culture workshop.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10334

Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to approve the bills. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Board Work Session: January 22, 2018 (7:00 PM) – EJB Beard Administration Center

Regular Board Meeting: February 12, 2018 (6:30 PM) – EJB Beard Administration Center

Future Work Session or Meeting Dates

Board Culture Work Session: March 10, 2018 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

IASB Day on the Hill: January 30, 2018 – Des Moines

Superintendent Evaluation Schedule – Board members will receive more information from Travis Padget and Ann Leonard via email on this process.

Public Hearing – (6:45 PM) – Purchase of Audio Visual Equipment

A Public Hearing was held at 6:45 PM regarding the purchase of audio visual equipment. There were no verbal or written comments.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Board Secretary & Director of Business Services

Consider Bids for Purchase and Installation of Audio/Visual Equipment at the Newton High School Auditorium, Gymnasium, and Softball Field – ACTION #10335

Superintendent Bob Callaghan explained the bid process and timeline for district audio/visual equipment enhancements. The recommended bid was submitted by Communication Innovators in the amount of \$188,000.00. Doug Meyer from Communication Innovators was present to answer any questions. Friedman moved, Muhs seconded to award the bid to Communication Innovators in the amount of \$188,000.00 for the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment at the Newton High School Auditorium, Gymnasium, and Softball Field. Ayes: Cantu, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan Absent: Cook

Adjourn – ACTION #10336

Sullivan moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President
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Secretary