

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

February 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Donna Cook convened the board to order at 6:34 PM

Roll Call – Present: Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Cody Muhs, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson
Others Present: Michele Heisdorffer, Rex Heisdorffer, Jon Liebl (Liebl Marketing Group), Justin Lobaito (Bearded Ginger Designs), Bret Miller, Joe Otto, Kayla Langmaid (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB) **Absent:** Ann Leonard, Travis Padget

Communications

None

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10339

Friedman moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda, with Item IV.F pulled from the agenda.

Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – ACTION #10340

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update – Certified Personnel

Robyn Friedman – (Resignation) – Girls Cross Country Coach (BMS) – effective February 8, 2018

Scott Garvis – (Resignation) – Activities Director/Assistant Principal (NHS) – effective June 30, 2018

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

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10341

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update – Classified Personnel

Melissa Jones – (Resignation) – Cook (Food Service) – effective February 9, 2018

Andy Ratliff – (Resignation) – Mechanic (Transportation) – effective February 9, 2018

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

Open Forum

None

Superintendent's Report

Construction Update – Middle School

Superintendent Callaghan shared that four board members received a tour of the middle school complex, and viewed construction progress.

Construction Update – Softball Complex

Superintendent Callaghan referenced AIA Document G701-2017, Change Order #3, showing the new contract sum of \$610,956.00 for general construction of the softball complex. The original contract sum was \$660,000.00, with the project finalized \$49,044.00 under budget.

Legislative Update – Funding

Superintendent Callaghan gave an update on pending legislation with the Iowa House and Senate, including projected Supplemental State Aid, Transportation Equity Bill, and SAVE.

Inclement Weather Update – February 19, 2018 Snow Make Up Day

Superintendent Callaghan provided board members with a summary of school cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals to date. Due to the school cancellation on January 11, 2018, school will now be in session on February 19, 2018.

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

Newton Community School District Website Launch Preview

Jon Liebl (Liebl Marketing Group) and Justin Lobaito (Bearded Ginger Designs) were present to preview with the board, the process of updating the Newton Community School District's website (www.newtoncsd.org). One of the added features on the site is "The Bridge" which will help to bridge communication between the school district and the community. The site will launch in the next several weeks.

Board to Consider Adopting a Resolution Directing the Advertisement For Sale of Not To Exceed \$7,690,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018A, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures, and Approving Official Statement – ACTION #10342

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, summarized this resolution pertaining to the sale of General Obligation School Bonds. This third sale is toward payment on the middle school construction project, and will complete the bond referendum that was passed in September 2016. Bids will be received and considered for approval on February 26, 2018. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to Adopt a Resolution Directing the Advertisement For Sale of Not to Exceed \$7,690,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018A, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures, and Approving Official Statement. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Leonard, Padget

Consider Acceptance of the Certified Seniority Report (December 2017) – ACTION #10343

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Certified Seniority Report for approval. Muhs moved, Friedman seconded to Accept the Certified Seniority Report (December 2017) as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Leonard, Padget

Consider Acceptance of the Classified Seniority Report (December 2017) – ACTION #10344

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Classified Seniority Report for approval. Friedman moved, Sullivan seconded to Accept the Classified Seniority Report (December 2017) as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Leonard, Padget

Consider Final Approval of Berg Middle School Signage – ACTION #10345

Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared for approval consideration, a production drawing of a plaque to be displayed at Berg Middle School including Architect, Engineers, Contractors, and School Board member names. Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to approve the final design of the Berg Middle School signage. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Sullivan Absent: Leonard, Padget

Denison Update

Robyn Friedman gave an update on the Denison Culture Survey, sharing her experience from attending the first day (February 12, 2018) of an additional two-day culture workshop. The board was given a draft copy of the district's updated mission and vision statements being developed for consideration. The board will take action on the mission and vision Statements February 26, 2018 with the next Denison culture workshop scheduled for March 1, 2018.

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10346

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

Upcoming Bond Sale Timeline

Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services, provided a timeline for the upcoming bond sale. February 13 – Moody's rating call; February 26 – Bids received and awarded; March 12 – Final approval of bond documents; March 27 – Bonds available for delivery.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting: February 26, 2018 (6:30 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center

Future Work Session or Meeting Dates

SIAC Meeting: February 21, 2018 (5:00 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center

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

Superintendent Evaluation Schedule – A closed session will be scheduled after the February 26, 2018 meeting.

Adjourn – ACTION #10347

Cantu moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Minutes Mailed
Approved by Action No. _____

President
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Secretary