

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

July 24, 2017 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:35 PM

Roll Call – **Present:** Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Cristy Croson, Brandon Fitch, Brenda Hodnett, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Judi Mulbrook, Deborah Rose, Tina Ross, Randy Van (KCOB), David Dolmage (Newton Daily News), and WHO TV Channel 13 News.

Communications – None

Consent Agenda – **ACTION #10222**

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Human Resources Update – Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – **ACTION #10223**

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

Brandon Fitch – (contract) – School Counselor (5th – 6th) (BMS)

Samantha Gaddis – (contract) – 3rd Grade Teacher (EH)

Joe Kuhn – (contract) – Special Education Teacher, Extended Core (BMS)

Joe Kuhn – (contract) – Football Coach (BMS)

Mallory Sturtz – (resignation) – Language Arts Teacher (BMS) – effective July 17, 2017

Mallory Sturtz – (resignation) – Girls Soccer Coach (NHS) – effective July 17, 2017

Mallory Sturtz – (resignation) – 9th Grade Volleyball Coach (NHS) – effective July 17, 2017

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the Certified Personnel Human Resources Update. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Classified Personnel – **ACTION #10224**

Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:

Inez Castillo – (agreement) – Food Service (TJ)

Kristie Durr – (agreement) – Volleyball Coach (BMS)

Derrick Hurt – (agreement) – Football Coach (BMS)

Katie Pline – (agreement) – Drum Line Sponsor (NHS)

Holly Vander Pol – (agreement) – Volleyball Coach (NHS)

Karen Gulling – (retirement) – Custodian (BMS) – effective July 31, 2017

Mike Maxwell – (retirement) – Custodian (NHS) – effective June 30, 2017

Dan Sloan – (resignation) – Technology Supervisor – effective August 31, 2017

Benson moved, Cook seconded to approve Classified Personnel Human Resources Update. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Capturing Kids' Hearts and Leadership Blueprint Training (The Flippen Group) – Callaghan shared the percentage of certified staff (by building) trained in Capturing Kids' Hearts, and gave information on the upcoming CKH training (July 17 – 18, 2017). He noted the number of administrative staff to be trained in Leadership Blueprint (July 27 – 28, 2017) and informed the board that other districts will participate and share the costs.

Back to School – Callaghan provided important back to school dates including New Teacher Academy (August 15 – 17), New Teacher Breakfast (August 15), New Teacher Luncheon (August 16), Convocation (August 21), Back to School Nights (August 22), and First Day of School (August 24). A calendar of events will be sent to board members.

Enrollment and Registration Numbers – Callaghan shared a student enrollment summary report dated July 24, 2017. Elementary numbers (K-4) are at 1,172 with secondary (5-12) at 1,842 for a total of 3,014 students currently enrolled. Tina Ross provided a pie chart of online registration numbers showing 60.1% applications submitted, 38.6% applications remaining, and 0.3% applications in progress.

Construction Project Updates – Callaghan displayed pictures and gave updates on district construction project sites including Berg Middle School, Newton High School Parking Lot, and Softball Complex.

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

Consider Approval of Food Service Bid for Milk (2017 – 2018) – ACTION #10225

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Anderson Erickson (AE) dairy bid for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of Food Service Bid for Bread (2017 – 2018) – ACTION #10226

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Bimbo (Sara Lee) bread bid for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Second Reading: Policy Dealing with Past Due Food Service Accounts – ACTION #10227

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the second reading of Policy 710.4 regarding meal charges. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of the Softball Complex Bleacher Construction Project Bid – ACTION #10228

Friedman moved, Cook seconded to approve the bid by American Aluminum Seating, Inc. in the amount of \$48,221 for the ADA seating at the softball field. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of the 2017 – 2018 PreSchool Student Handbook – ACTION #10229

Leonard moved, Elbert seconded to approve the 2017 – 2018 PreSchool Student Handbook. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of the 2017 – 2018 WEST Academy / Learning Opportunity Center Student Handbook – ACTION #10230

Leonard moved, Cook seconded to approve the 2017 – 2018 WEST Academy / Learning Opportunity Center Student Handbook. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of an Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunities Center – Grinnell Community School District – ACTION #10231

Friedman moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunity Center with Grinnell Community School District. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of an Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunities Center – Lynnville/Sully Community School District – ACTION #10232

Leonard moved, Cook seconded to approve the Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunity Center with Lynnville/Sully Community School District. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of an Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunities Center – Pella Community School District – ACTION #10233

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunity Center with Pella Community School District. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of an Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunities Center – Prairie City/Monroe Community School District – ACTION #10234

Cook moved, Leonard seconded to approve the Inter-District Agreement for WEST Academy and Learning Opportunity Center with Prairie City/Monroe Community School District. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider Approval of 2017 – 2018 Consortium Agreement to Jointly Administer an Instructional Program at Children’s Square and Heartland Family Service located within the Boundaries of the Council Bluffs Community School District – ACTION #10235

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to approve the 2017 – 2018 Consortium Agreement to jointly administer an instructional program at Children’s Square and Heartland Family Services. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Consider IASB Legislative Priorities (2018) – ACTION #10236

Callaghan identified IASB Legislative Priorities by number. Cook moved, Leonard seconded that the following be the Legislative Priorities of the Newton Community School #8 (Special Education – State), #19 (School Funding Policy), #20 (Supplemental State Aid), #27 (SAVE – Securing an Advanced Vision for Education). Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10237

Elbert moved, Benson seconded to approve the bills. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Cook, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget

School Board Elections Timeline

As of July 24, 2017 one person had submitted nomination paperwork to run for school board (Graham Sullivan). The due date to submit nomination papers is Thursday, August 3, 2017 by 5:00 PM.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

Next regular board meeting: August 14, 2017 (6:30 PM) – EJM Beard Administration Center – goal setting session to follow meeting.

Board Member Donna Cook asked if Superintendent Callaghan was aware of Facebook postings regarding flooring at Berg Middle School. Callaghan acknowledged having received a communication from Mike DaSilva with WHO TV Channel 13 news. He explained the timeline regarding communications to Channel 13, board members, and staff on the construction progress and abatement process at Berg Middle School. Cantu encouraged administration to come up with a solution to the employee’s concern. Cook recommended we address Facebook policy, and encouraged staff to communicate direct with administration.

Adjourn – ACTION #10238

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary