

## Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center

East Conference Room

August 22, 2016 – 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

### Call to Order

Sheri Benson convened the board to order at 6:31 PM

### Roll Call

**Present:** Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman (arrived 6:35 PM), Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, and Christine Dawson

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Tom Bartello, Mark Burnett, Jolene Comer, Jim Gilbert, Elizabeth Lnenicka, Carrie Riggs, Todd Schuster, Jason W. Brooks (Newton Daily News), and Randy Van (KCOB)

**Communications** – Superintendent Bob Callaghan shared recent communications about bussing issues.

### Consent Agenda – ACTION #9983

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

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

### Certified Personnel – ACTION #9984

**Christie Hughes** – (Contract) – Assistant Bowling Coach (NHS) – effective beginning of the 2016 – 2017 school year

**Taryn Fisher** – (Resignation) – Assistant Softball Coach (NHS) – effective August 4, 2016

**Carl Smith** – (Resignation) – Head 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling Coach (NHS) – effective August 5, 2016

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

### Classified Personnel – ACTION #9985

**Scott Croson** – (Agreement) – Food Service Delivery (NHS) – effective August 23, 2016

**Phyllis Frohwein** – (Agreement) – Crossing Guard – effective August 23, 2016

**Brian Kays** – (Resignation) – Bus Driver – effective July 22, 2016

**Becki Vasseau** – (Resignation) – Paraprofessional (EH) – effective August 16, 2016

**Paula Thompson** – (Resignation) – Paraprofessional (EH) – effective August 16, 2016

**Susan Metz** – (Resignation) – Paraprofessional (BMS) – effective August 18, 2016

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

**Open Forum** – Carrie Riggs and Elizabeth Lnenicka participated in the Open Forum by speaking about the topic of busing, as it pertains to daycare providers and families.

**Superintendent's Report** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

**Retreat** – information was shared about the Administrative Retreat held August 1 – 3, 2016, including Instructional Coaches.

**New Teacher Orientation** – information was shared about the New Teacher Academy held August 15 – 17, 2016.

**Convocation** – information was shared about the district's back to school Convocation held August 18, 2016.

**Open Enrollment** – will be an agenda topic for an October 24, 2016.

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

### Direction Regarding District Communication

Superintendent Bob Callaghan sought direction from board members regarding district communication and how to best share information so that board members are "in the know." Suggestions were to include board members on district-wide communications, as well as any campus level communications sent to all parents (emails, letters, newsletters, etc). There was also some discussion about individual board member questions that are addressed to the superintendent and responding in accordance with open meeting laws.

### Future Board Work Sessions – (1) Goal Setting and (2) Setting Board Direction

It was requested that this work session, originally scheduled for August 29, 2016, be rescheduled to October 3, 2016.

### Bond Committee Update

Board Members Josh Cantu, Andy Elbert, and Travis Padget gave an update on the August 16 and August 18, 2016 Bond Committee open house/tour meetings held at Berg Middle School. Cantu shared that there were a lot of good questions and information gained. Three more open house/tours are scheduled for August 30, September 1, and September 11, 2016. The committee is working on social media efforts, marketing with radio and newspaper, parent letter, fundraising, yard sign delivery, community presentations, and phone calls for the September 13 get out the vote message. The deadline for letters to the editor is September 2, 2016.

**Business Service Report** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent and Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

### Approval of Bills – ACTION #9986

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

**Business Services Update**

There was some discussion about board member participation in the IASB Delegate Assembly, with Robyn Friedman willing to serve in this capacity. Gayle Isaac will forward an email reminder, with this topic as a future agenda action item.

Registration is open for the IASB annual convention (November 16 – 18, 2016).

Gayle also shared that he is working on year end reports and preparing for auditors before resuming board policy updates.

**New Business – Old Business** – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**Regular Board Meeting** (September 12, 2016) – 6:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center); **Board Work Session** (October 3, 2016) – 6:00 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center) – *rescheduled from August 29, 2016*

**Adjourn – ACTION #9987**

Elbert moved, Cantu seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Minutes Mailed

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

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President

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Secretary