

Newton Community School Board of Education

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

September 11, 2017 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Travis Padget convened the board to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call – **Present:** Sheri Benson, Josh Cantu, Andrew Elbert, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Travis Padget, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Barb Hackworth, Niki Hively, Brenda Hodnett, Bret Miller, Cody Muhs, Bill Peters, Curt Roorda, Jack Sutteck, Randy Van (KCOB), and David Dolmage (Newton Daily News). **Absent:** Donna Cook

Communications – A moment of silence was taken to observe Patriot Day. Callaghan also thanked first responders in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida in light of recent hurricane weather events.

Consent Agenda – ACTION #10255

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

Human Resources Update – Callaghan presented the Human Resources Update

Certified Personnel – No Report

Classified Personnel – ACTION #10256

Sue Ranard – (resignation) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective September 5, 2017

Debbie Miller – (transfer) – from Health Associate (EH) to Health Associate (WW) – effective September 1, 2017

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

Open Forum – None

Superintendent's Report – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Supervisor Reports

Transportation – Curt Roorda shared that the 2017 – 2018 school year has started out very well with bus traffic flow; a bus inspection was conducted in August 2017 with a good outcome, and any deficiencies corrected.

Maintenance – Jack Sutteck reported that the maintenance department had a great summer; he gave an update on various summer projects throughout the district.

Construction Project Updates – Callaghan distributed handouts pertaining to the new middle school construction progress, including four-week schedule and maps. Various board members have been provided a site tour. He also gave updates on construction progress at the softball complex.

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

Request for Field Trip Approval: NHS Newspaper and Yearbook Editors travel to NEA/JEA National High School Journalism Convention, Dallas, TX – November 15 – 19, 2017 – ACTION #10257

Niki Hively (NHS Language Arts) was present to speak to the board regarding a field trip for journalism students. Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to approve the field trip request for students to attend the NEA/JEA National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas, TX – November 15 – 19, 2017. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

Consider Approval of Softball Press Box Advertising Panel – ACTION #10258

Bill Peters (NHS Principal) was present to speak to the board regarding advertising at the new softball complex. He shared that Scott Garvis is currently working with various community businesses on securing advertising. Leonard moved, Elbert seconded to approve advertising at the softball complex. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #10259

Isaac was available to answer any questions from board members regarding the bills. Elbert moved, Cantu seconded to approve the bills. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

Isaac reminded board members that on September 25, 2017 the board will have an annual meeting and an organizational meeting.

New Business – Old Business – Bob Callaghan, Superintendent

Future Meeting Dates

School Board Election: September 12, 2017

Callaghan reminded those in attendance to get out and vote in the upcoming election.

Board Work Session: September 25, 2017 (5:00 PM) – E.J.H. Beard Administration Center

Regular Board Meeting: September 25, 2017 (7:00 PM) – E.J.H. Beard Administration Center
Annual Meeting (*first half*) and Organizational Meeting (*second half*)

Jasper County Substance Abuse Coalition Forum: September 28, 2017 (7:00 PM) – NHS Auditorium

Future Work Session or Meeting Dates: October/November – Budget Work Session

72nd Annual IASB Convention & Trade Show: November 15 – 17, 2017.

Adjourn – ACTION #10260

Leonard moved, Friedman seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Minutes Mailed

Approved by Action No. _____

President

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Secretary