

## Newton Community School Board of Education

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

May 7, 2018 – 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

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

**Roll Call – Present:** Josh Cantu, Donna Cook, Robyn Friedman, Ann Leonard, Cody Muhs, Travis Padgett, Graham Sullivan, Bob Callaghan, Gayle Isaac, Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Tim Bloom, Carson Cazett, Karla Cazett, Cristy Croson, Grant Fitzgerald, Alison Grier, Matthew Karsten, Kamden Kuennen, Kyle Long, Sherri Long, Bret Miller, Bill Peters, Noah Petersen, Laura Selover, and Dave Dolmage (Newton Daily News)

### Communications

Travis Padgett read the district **mission** and **vision statements**.

Karla Cazett introduced **DECA** students who were present to share about their recent trip to Atlanta, GA for a national competition.

Alison Grier and Bret Miller spoke about **Red Pride Service Day** and the variety of projects students (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) from Berg Middle School, Newton High School, and WEST Academy participated in. This year's theme was "Red Pride Lives Here!" Grier thanked the Red Pride Committee, coordinators, Student "Team Red Pride" Committee, transportation department, donors, and sponsors for their support.

### Consent Agenda – ACTION #10411

Leonard moved, Sullivan seconded to unanimously approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All Nays: None

### Human Resources Update

Laura Selover presented the Human Resources Update.

### Certified Personnel – ACTION #10412

**Mackenzie Burt** – (Contract) – ELA Teacher (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Brittany McDowell** – (Contract) – ELA Teacher (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Nicole Partlow** – (Contract) – Special Education Teacher (AH) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Lauren Roush** – (Contract) – Art Teacher (AH/EH) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Chas Beeler** – (Involuntary Transfer) – from Technology Teacher (BMS) to Band Teacher (NHS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Kelilah Brown** – (Resignation) – Band Teacher (NHS) – effective June 1, 2018

**Tanner Clute** – (Resignation) – Special Education Teacher (BMS) – effective June 1, 2018

**Tanner Clute** – (Resignation) – Varsity Boys Track Coach (NHS) – effective end of the 2017 – 2018 School Year

**Quin Knepper** – (Resignation) – Science Teacher (NHS) – effective June 1, 2018

**Quin Knepper** – (Resignation) – Boys Swimming Coach (NHS) – effective May 7, 2018

**Morgan Forsythe** – (Transfer) – from Special Education Teacher (AH) to Special Education Teacher (EH) – eff. beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Aaron Stoltz** – (Transfer) – from ELA Teacher (BMS) to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Kathy Ventling** – (Transfer) – from ELA Teacher (WEST Academy) to ELA Teacher (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Jeremy Yenger** – (Transfer) – from Science Teacher (BMS) to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (BMS) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

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

### Classified Personnel – ACTION #10413

**Caitlyn Meyer** – (Contract) – Varsity Assistant Softball Coach (NHS) – effective May 7, 2018

**Elizabeth Stock** – (Contract) – Softball Coach (BMS) – effective May 7, 2018

**Michelle Winther** – (Involuntary Transfer) – from Specialist (BMS) to Specialist (WEST Academy) – effective beginning of 2018 – 2019 School Year

**Derrick Hurt** – (Resignation) – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach (BMS) – effective April 25, 2018

**Tim Masterson** – (Resignation) – Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective May 30, 2018

**Vicky Masterson** – (Retirement) – Bus Driver (Transportation) – effective May 30, 2018

**Kitty Meyer** – (Retirement) – Cook (Food Service) – effective May 30, 2018

**Fran Lucas** – (Volunteer) – Volunteer Softball Coach – effective May 7, 2018

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

### Retirement Celebration Dates

Laura Selover shared upcoming retirement celebration dates:

**Food Service** – May 14, 2018 at 2:30 PM (NHS Multi-Purpose Room)

**Berg Middle School** – May 23, 2018 at 3:45 PM (BMS 7/8 LMC)

**Newton High School** – May 31, 2018 at 7:30 AM (NHS)

### Open Forum

None

### Superintendent's Report

**Middle School Construction Update** – Superintendent Callaghan gave an update on construction progress at the new middle school, a recap of the board's site tour on April 30, 2018. The project is ahead of schedule and under budget, with the current plan to move into the new space during winter break December 2018.

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

### Consideration for Increasing Meal Prices for the 2018 – 2019 School Year – ACTION #10414

Cristy Croson explained proposed meal price changes for the 2018 – 2019 school year. **Lunch:** **K – 4** (no increase from \$2.70); **5 – 6** (increase \$0.10 to \$2.80 and to match **7 – 8** pricing); **9 – 12** (increase \$0.10 to \$2.90); **reduced** (no increase from \$0.40); **adult** (increase \$0.05 to \$3.65). **Breakfast:**

**K – 12** (no increase from \$1.30); **reduced** (no increase from \$0.30); **adult** (no increase from \$1.55). Cook moved, Muhs seconded to approve the meal prices as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

**Summer Food Program**

Cristy Croson announced that the free Summer Food Program will be available at Emerson Hough, Berg Middle School, and Newton High School with lunch being served from 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM. In addition (new this year), breakfast will be served at Emerson Hough from 7:40 AM – 8:40 AM in coordination with the summer school program. Adults wishing to participate in the Summer Food Program will be charged \$2.00 per meal for breakfast, and \$3.00 per meal for lunch.

**Board to Consider Awarding Pizza Contract for the 2018 – 2019 School Year**

Gayle Isaac presented three bids to supply pizza at the Newton Community School District's concession stands for athletic events. The recommended low bid was Pizza Ranch at \$8.00 per large single topping pizza, with no delivery fee. Cook moved, Muhs seconded to table this agenda item due to questions on the policy and procedure on tipping delivery drivers, and whether the decision to select a pizza vendor should be made by the Athletic Booster Club.

**Certify Class of 2018 Graduates for WEST Academy – ACTION #10415**

Bret Miller presented a list of WEST Academy students eligible to graduate with the Class of 2018. Those students meeting the graduation requirements will receive a diploma. Friedman moved, Leonard seconded to certify the Class of 2018 Graduates for WEST Academy as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

**Certify Class of 2018 Graduates for Newton High School – ACTION #10416**

Superintendent Bob Callaghan presented a list of Newton High School students eligible to graduate with the Class of 2018. Those students meeting the graduation requirements will receive a diploma. Leonard moved, Muhs seconded to certify the Class of 2018 Graduates for Newton High School as presented. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Leonard, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan

**Denison Update**

District-wide presentations on the Denison Culture Survey were held during the April 30, 2018 Professional Development Day. The Denison Steering Committee will meet on May 16, 2018 to discuss common themes.

**Business Service Report – Gayle Isaac, Director of Business Services**

**Approval of Bills – ACTION #10417**

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

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

**Future Meeting Dates**

**Regular Board Meeting:** May 21, 2018 (5:00 PM) – EJV Beard Administration Center

**Newton Softball Field Dedication:** May 21, 2018 (7:15 PM) – 1402 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street South

**WEST Academy Graduation:** May 24, 2018 (11:00 AM) – DACC – Newton

**Newton High School Graduation:** May 27, 2018 (3:00 PM) – Maytag Park Bowl – Rain: NHS

**Follow-Up Board Work Session:** Meeting with Dr. Jim Verlengia, date to be determined

**Adjourn – ACTION #10418**

Sullivan moved, Friedman seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Minutes Mailed

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

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President

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Secretary