

Newton Community School Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

E. J. H. Beard Administration Center – East Conference Room

ZOOM 845 6078 9282

June 22, 2020 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call – Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

Present: Josh Cantu (via Zoom), Donna Cook (via Zoom), Robyn Friedman (via Zoom), Cody Muhs (via Zoom), Travis Padget (via Zoom), Graham Sullivan (via Zoom), Mark Thayer, Tom Messinger, Tim Bloom, and Christine Dawson **Others Present:** Randy Van (KCOB) **Present via Zoom:** Jim Beerends, Jolene Comer, Cristy Croson, Jessica Ferguson, Rachelle Hines (frk architects + engineers), Brenda Hodnett, Dave Kalkhoff, Trisca Mick, Bret Miller, Todd Schuster, Laura Selover, Lisa Sharp, Jack Sutteck, Shane Wheeler, and Tara Zehr.

Iowa Code – Chapter 21 (Open Meetings Law) – *Chapter 21 states electronic meetings can be held only if meeting in person is impossible or impractical. The June 22, 2020 board meeting was held electronically via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, and the need to limit audience numbers (to <10) and to maintain 6' social distancing recommendations.*

Communications – Laura Selover, Interim Superintendent

Educator of Character, Honorable Mention – Tara Zehr

Laura Selover, Interim Superintendent, shared that Tara Zehr was recently awarded as an Educator of Character, with honorable mention.

Purpose Statements – Robyn Friedman, President

The mission, vision, district goals (2019 – 2020), collective commitments, and board commitments were reviewed.

Consent Agenda – Robyn Friedman, President – **ACTION #11017**

Cook moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: All Nays: None

Human Resource Update – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources

Licensed Personnel – **ACTION #11018**

Erin Bright – (contract) – JV Volleyball Coach (NHS) – effective August 10, 2020

Jared Gerber – (contract) – Head Varsity Boys Tennis Coach (NHS) – effective March 15, 2020

Collette Hill – (contract) – Vocal Music Teacher (AH/EH) – effective beginning of 2020 – 2021 School Year

Kristina Loschen – (contract) – Special Education Teacher Strat I (EH) – effective beginning of 2020 – 2021 School Year

Tara Lynn (contract) – Special Education Teacher Strat II (WW) – effective beginning of 2020 – 2021 School Year

Kimberly Powers (contract) – from 6th Grade Teacher (BMS) to Instructional Coach (BMS) – effective beginning of 2020 – 2021 School Year

Casey Price (contract) – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (BMS) – effective October 21, 2020

Sue Smith (resignation) - Tickets & Bookkeeping Sponsor (BMS) – effective June 15, 2020

Padget moved, Muhs seconded to approve the Human Resources Update – Licensed Personnel Report. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Classified Personnel – None

Open Forum – Robyn Friedman, President

None

Public Hearing – 6:45 PM – **Newton High School Partial Roof Replacement Project**

There were no written or verbal comments on this topic.

Close Public Hearing – **ACTION #11019**

At 6:46 PM Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously close the public hearing. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Superintendent's Report – Laura Selover, Interim Superintendent

Return to Learn Plan

Bret Miller, Director of Teaching & Learning shared that subcommittees continue working on the district's Return to Learn plan for the 2020 – 2021 school year. A Teaching & Learning update will be sent out to staff weekly, on Tuesdays with other planned communications. A decision regarding the district's Hybrid model of instruction and the details of how that would look for the Newton Community School District is being considered. Miller provided an update on each of the subcommittee's work – Academic Standards, Equity, Health & Safety, Infrastructure, and Social-Emotional-Behavioral Health.

Learning, Leadership, and District Business – Laura Selover, Interim Superintendent and Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Consider Approval of the Newton High School Partial Roof Replacement Project Bid Recommendation – White Hawk Roofing in the amount of \$296,000.00 to be financed with SAVE Funds – **ACTION #11020**

Rachelle Hines (frk architects + engineers) shared that four bids were received for the Newton High School Partial Roof Replacement project, with two bids under estimate. She shared a tabulation of bids, with the apparent low bid submitted by White Hawk Roofing in the amount of \$296,000.00. Padget moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the Newton High School Partial Roof Replacement Project Bid Recommendation with White Hawk Roofing in the amount of \$296,000.00. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of Food Service Bid for Milk for the 2020 – 2021 School Year – **ACTION #11021**

Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, presented a milk bid price comparison document for consideration, with the recommendation that the district continue service with Anderson Erickson for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Cook moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the Food Service Bid for Milk for the 2020 – 2021 school year with Anderson Erickson. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of Food Service Bid for Bread for the 2020 – 2021 School Year – **ACTION #11022**

Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor, presented a bread bid price comparison document for consideration, with the recommendation that the district enter into service with Pan-O-Gold for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Muhs moved, Sullivan seconded to Approve the Food Service Bid for Bread for the 2020 – 2021 school year with Pan-O-Gold. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of the Parent & Student Handbooks for the 2020 – 2021 School Year [Preschool] – **ACTION #11023**

Trisca Mick, Principal (TJ) presented the 2020 – 2021 Newton Community Preschool Handbook for approval, with changes highlighted. Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to Approve the 2020 – 2021 Newton Community Preschool Handbook. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of the Parent & Student Handbooks for the 2020 – 2021 School Year [Elementary] – **ACTION #11024**

On behalf of the elementary schools, Jolene Comer, Principal (EH) presented for approval the 2020 – 2021 NCSD Elementary Schools Parent & Student Handbook, with changes highlighted. Sullivan moved, Thayer seconded to Approve the 2020 – 2021 NCSD Elementary Schools Parent & Student Handbook. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of the Parent & Student Handbooks for the 2020 – 2021 School Year [Middle School] – ACTION #11025

Lisa Sharp, Principal (BMS) presented the 2020 – 2021 Berg Middle School 5th – 8th Grade Student – Family Handbook for approval, with changes highlighted. Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to Approve the 2020 – 2021 Berg Middle School 5th – 8th Grade Student – Family Handbook. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of the Parent & Student Handbooks for the 2020 – 2021 School Year [Newton High School] – ACTION #11026

Dave Kalkhoff, Assistant Principal (NHS) presented the 2020 – 2021 Newton Senior High School Student Handbook for approval. Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to Approve the 2020 – 2021 Newton Senior High School Student Handbook. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Approval of the Parent & Student Handbooks for the 2020 – 2021 School Year [WEST Academy] – ACTION #11027

Tara Zehr, Principal (WEST Academy) presented the 2020 – 2021 WEST Academy Student Handbook for approval. Sullivan moved, Padget seconded to Approve the 2020 – 2021 WEST Academy Student Handbook. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Purchase of Security Cameras for Berg Middle School from Walsh Doors & Security in the amount of \$117,305.00 to be financed with BMS Construction Funds – ACTION #11028

Shane Wheeler, Technology Supervisor, shared that two bids were received for the Berg Middle School security camera project. The bid recommendation was for Walsh Doors and Security for \$117,305.00 to be financed with BMS Construction Funds. Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to Approve the Purchase of Security Cameras for Berg Middle School from Walsh Doors & Security in the amount of \$117,305.00 to be financed with BMS Construction Funds. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Consider Purchase of One (1) Used 2017 Blue Bird Vision 77-Passenger Bus from Grinnell – Newburg Community School District in the amount of \$55,785.96 to be financed with SAVE Funds – ACTION #11029

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, presented a recommendation to purchase a used 2017 Blue Bird Vision 77-Passenger Bus from the Grinnell – Newburg Community School District in the amount of \$55,785.96 to be financed with SAVE Funds. Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to Approve the Purchase of One (1) Used 2017 Blue Bird Vision 77-Passenger Bus from Grinnell – Newburg Community School District in the amount of \$55,785.96 to be financed with SAVE Funds. Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Board Policy Review – Second Reading: Board Policy 800 Series (Building & Sites) (800 – 804.5) – ACTION #11030

Bloom reviewed the second reading of the 800 Series board policies. Sullivan moved, Cantu seconded to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 800 Series (Building & Sites) (800 – 804.5). Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Board Policy Review – Second Reading: Board Policy 900 Series (Community Relations) (900 – 906) – ACTION #11031

Bloom reviewed the second reading of the 900 Series board policies. Sullivan moved, Muhs seconded to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 900 Series (Community Relations) (900 – 906). Ayes: Cantu, Cook, Friedman, Muhs, Padget, Sullivan, Thayer Nays: None

Business Service Report – Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

Approval of Bills – ACTION #11032

Sullivan moved, Cook seconded to unanimously approve the bills. Ayes: All Nays: None

New Business – Old Business – Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

Future Meeting Dates: July 13, 2020 – 6:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting (EJH Beard Admin Center/ZOOM)

Upcoming Events: Return to Learn updates [TBD]; 75th IASB Annual Convention & Trade Show (November 2020); Board/Superintendent Communication Protocol (July 13th meeting).

Consider Open Forum Topics or Future Agenda Items

Address needs of Special Education students, not able to participate via Zoom (Cook).

Board Highlights

Board President Robyn Friedman expressed that the board highlights have been well received. This meetings highlights: Return to Learn Plan update; Newton High School Partial Roof Replacement; Parent & Student Handbooks (2020 – 2021); Berg Middle School Security Cameras.

Adjourn – ACTION #11033

Padget moved, Muhs seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Ayes: All Nays: None

Minutes Mailed _____ (President)
Approved by Action No. _____, 2020
_____ (Secretary)