

## Newton Community School Board of Education

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

August 14, 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:** Cristy Croson, Scott Garvis, Brenda Hodnett, Tracie Lisk, William Lisk, Bret Miller, Cody Muhs, Deborah Rose, Laura Selover, Rachelle Tipton, Steve Weeks, Randy Van (KCOB), and David Dolmage (Newton Daily News).

**Absent:** Donna Cook

**Communications** – Callaghan shared a letter from the US Board on Geographic Names announcing approval of a name change from Sewer Creek to Cardinal Creek, with new signage installed. Callaghan acknowledged several recent donations including: basketball hoop backboard from Paul Soli to be installed outdoors at WEST Academy; clothes, jewelry, and shoes to Berg Middle School from Megan Guldborg of Cato Fashions; \$1,500 for elementary recess supplies and \$3,500 designated presented by Shad Marvelli and Emily Hornbuckle with Rock Communications. Additional donations mentioned were Rock Communications donation to Cards House of Apparel, and HyVee's donation to Booster Club.

#### **Consent Agenda – ACTION #10239**

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

**Human Resources Update** – Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources, presented the Human Resources Update

#### **Certified Personnel – ACTION #10240**

**Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:**

**Andrea Callaghan** – (contract) – English Language Arts Teacher (BMS)

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

#### **Classified Personnel – ACTION #10241**

**Effective Beginning of the 2017 – 2018 School Year:**

**Sonya Metz** – (agreement) – Transportation (Route #81)

**Alicia Boothe** – (resignation) – Food Service Cook – effective August 11, 2017

**Emily Chhouy** – (resignation) – Educational Associate (TJ) – effective August 1, 2017

**Dan Cibula** – (resignation) – Boys JV Basketball Coach (NHS) – effective July 24, 2017

**Michele Heisdorffer** – (resignation) – Secretary (NHS) – effective August 31, 2017

**Jane Keith** – (resignation) – Educational Associate (BMS) – effective July 16, 2017

**Kristina McNew** – (resignation) – Softball Coach (NHS) – effective July 31, 2017

**Nancy Schwickerath** – (resignation) – Educational Associate (WW) – effective August 10, 2017

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

#### **New Personnel Bios**

Callaghan referenced biographies for new certified staff (2017 – 2018) contained in the board members' packet.

#### **Open Forum**

William and Tracie Lisk were present to speak regarding Open Enrollment.

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

**Food Service Update** – Croson spoke about (1) **Summer Food Program** at Emerson Hough, Thomas Jefferson, Berg Middle School, and Newton High School and increased participation from last year. A total of 7,851 students participated this summer, up from 6,130. (2) **Emerson Hough Designation** as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, providing student breakfasts and lunches. (3) **2017 – 2018 USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** with Emerson Hough receiving an allocation of \$12,810 in grant funds.

**Technology Update** – Isaac spoke about (1) **Interactive Projectors Installation** progress (2) **1:1 Initiative** with student Chromebooks and iPads (3) **Middle School Update** (following abatement) and need to rebuild 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> computer lab (4) Resolution of technology for **Professional Development/Board Room**.

**Maintenance Update** – Callaghan spoke about (1) **Abatement Update** and phasing at Berg Middle School (2) **Summer Projects** including cabinetry, Athletic Booster Club Store, H.A. Lynn Stadium seating (3) **NHS Parking Lot** progress (4) **Softball Field** progress (5) **Berg Middle School** construction project.

**Rotary Presentation** – Callaghan shared highlights from his presentation to Rotary on August 8, 2017 including links to live view of BMS construction, 8-year enrollment trend, expenditures vs. revenues, certified staffing numbers, and 10-year historical tax rate.

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

**Request for Field Trip Approval: NHS Cross Country travel to University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN – September 22 – 23, 2017 – ACTION #10242**

Scott Garvis was present with Rachelle Tipton and Steve Weeks to request permission for the NHS Cross Country team to travel out of state for a competition. The Booster Club is donating funds to cover trip costs. Leonard moved, Elbert seconded to approve the request for the NHS Cross Country team to travel to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN – September 22 – 23, 2017. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

#### **Discuss Iowa Code Requirement 280.12 (2) and the IASB School Improvement Needs Assessment**

Callaghan inquired if the board supported funding the IASB School Improvement Needs Assessment and whether this should be scheduled. The fee for schools over 500 student enrollment is \$1,200.00. The board was in favor of proceeding with the needs assessment.

**Set Board Meeting Dates – 2017 2018 – ACTION #10243**

Friedman moved, Elbert seconded to set board meeting dates for August 28, September 11, and September 25, 2017. When the new board is formed, remaining dates will be set at the September 25, 2017 organizational meeting. Ayes: Benson, Cantu, Elbert, Friedman, Leonard, Padget Absent: Cook

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

**Approval of Bills – ACTION #10244**

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

**School Board Elections Update**

Isaac shared that we have a full slate for the September 12, 2017 school board election with candidates: Robyn Friedman, Cody Muhs, Travis Padget, and Graham Sullivan. The public was encouraged to participate in the upcoming election, which will include an item for DMACC.

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

**Future Meeting Dates**

Next Regular Board Meeting: August 28, 2017 (6:30 PM) – EJH Beard Administration Center

Future Work Session or Meeting Dates: No future work session was scheduled. Future regular meeting dates: September 11 and September 25, 2017.

72<sup>nd</sup> Annual IASB Convention & Trade Show: Registration is open for the upcoming event to be held November 15 – 17, 2017. Dawson will send a calendar invite.

Board members were reminded of the new teacher breakfast (August 15), Chamber of Commerce new teacher luncheon (August 16), and Breakfast and Convocation (August 21).

**Adjourn – ACTION #10245**

Elbert moved, Leonard seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Minutes Mailed

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

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President

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Secretary