

# **NEWTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Michelle Barrow, Superintendent of Schools

## **AGENDA**

The Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the NISD Board Room of the Administration Office located at 720 Rusk Steet, Newton, Texas 75966.

### **I. Routine**

1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation
2. Call to Order
3. Open Forum and Visitor Comments  
(In accordance with School Board Policy, those wishing to address the Board of Trustees are limited to a period of 5 minutes and must present the President of the Board with a Visitor Comment Card prior to the meeting. Delegations of more than 5 people shall appoint one spokesperson to present their views to the Board)
4. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve the Minutes of October 19th Board Meeting

### **II. Reports/Discussions**

1. Superintendent's Comments, Reports and Updates
2. Assistant Superintendent's Comments, Reports and Updates
3. Monthly Report From Principals & Special Ed Director on Past, Present and Future Activities
4. Delinquent Tax Report for October 2015
5. Christmas Reception- December 9th (10:30 am - 2:30 pm) at Eagles Landing

### **III. Action Items**

1. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Resolution to Rescind Offer to the Trout Creek Fire Dept on the Property Located Near Fire Station
2. Consider, and if Appropriate, Approve Newton Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan with Permission to be Updated as Needed.
3. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Order By The Board of Trustees of The Newton Independent School District Authorizing The Issuance of "Newton Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015"; Levying A Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax For the Payment of the Bonds; Prescribing the Form, Terms, Conditions, And Resolving Other Matters Incident And Related to the Issuance, Sale, And Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval And Distribution of An Official Statement Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing The Execution of A Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, An Escrow Deposit Letter, And A Purchase Contract; Complying With The Letter of Representations on File With The Depository Trust Company; Authorizing The Execution of Any Necessary Engagement Agreements With The District's Financial Advisors And/Or Bond Counsel; And Providing An Effective Date
4. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Setting Rate for Reimbursement of Local and State Days as Defined in DEC Local Policy.
5. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Educators Recruitment and Retention Pay for December

#### Distribution

6. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Changing December Board Meeting From Dec 21st to Dec 14th Due to Christmas Holiday's

7. Consider, and if Appropriate, Approve Changing January Board Meeting From Jan 18th to Jan 19th Due to Holiday

#### IV. Executive Session

This closed session will be held in accordance with Section 551.001-551.084 of the Texas Government Code. (The Open Meetings Act) Should final vote be required with regard to any action, final decisions or vote will be taken in public open meeting.

1. Resignations

2. Contracts

#### V. Adjournment of Executive Session

#### VI. Reconvene in Regular Session

#### VII. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

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## **BOARD BRIEFS**

The Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular meeting Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the NISD Board Room of the Administration Office located at 720 Rusk Street, Newton, Texas 75966.

Board Members present were Mertice Weeks, Misty Gipson, Edwina Lewis, Shane Couey, and Raquel Foster.

Administrators present were Michelle Barrow, Johnny Metz, Bonetha Christopher, Lance Devenger, Sarah Richardson, Jackie Keel, and Malinda Ortolon.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

\*\*\*Approved Resolution to Rescind Offer to Trout Creek Fire Dept on the Property Located Near Fire Station

\*\*\*Approved Newton Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan with Permission to Update as Needed

\*\*\*Approved to Adopt an Order by the Board of Trustees Authorizing the Issuance of “Newton Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015”

\*\*\*Approved Setting Rate for Reimbursement of Local and State Days as Defined in DEC Local Policy as Follows:  
\$40 Per Day for Professional and/or Contracted Employees and \$20 Per Day for Paraprofessional and/or At Will Employees

\*\*\*Approved Educators Recruitment & Retention Pay for December Distribution

\*\*\*Approved Changing December Board Meeting From Dec 21<sup>st</sup> to Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Due to Christmas Holiday’s

\*\*\*Approved Changing January Board Meeting from Jan 18<sup>th</sup> to Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Due to Holiday

### **PERSONNEL:**

#### **FYI Resignations:**

Russell Jacks	Bus Driver
Melanie McAnally	Custodian
Katlin Dougharty	Cafeteria Cook