

NEWTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mike Terry, Superintendent of Schools

AGENDA

The Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the NISD Board Room of the Administration Office located at 414 N. Main Street, 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 April 15th Board Meeting.
5. Presentation of Plaques for Campus of the Year Teachers, Retiring Personnel, and Out-Going Board Members
6. Break for Reception to Honor Those Receiving Plaques

II. Reports/Discussions

7. Superintendent's Comments, Reports, and Updates
8. Presentation on HS/MS Class Schedule for 2013-14 SY
9. Assistant Superintendents' Comments, Reports, and Updates
10. Monthly Report From Principals & Special Ed Director on Past, Present, and Future Activities
11. Delinquent Tax Report for April 2013
12. Student Enrollment, 5th Six Weeks
13. Grant Information
14. Monthly Budget Report

III. Action Items

15. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Canvassing Votes From the Board of Trustee Election Held May 11, 2013, Administer Oath of Office to Elected Candidates, and Re-Organize Board Officers
16. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Board Retreat Dates
17. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Accepting Bid Received on Portable Building
18. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Agreement for Legal Services with Richards Lindsay & Martin, L.L.P.
19. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve AmeriDoc for All Employees for the 2013-14 SY (est \$12,000)
20. Consider and, if Appropriate, Approve Allowing Business Manager to Amend General Operating Fund, Function to Function, and Make Necessary Adjustments for Summer Operations and Year End Closure

IV. Executive Session

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

§551.071 Private consultation with the Board's attorney on an a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

§551.071 An executive session will be held for the purpose of having private consultation with the Board's attorney for the purpose of discussing pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, where the duty of counsel to his client, pursuant to the Code of Professional Responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Act.

§551.074 Deliberate the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

Discussion of the terms and conditions of a *Separation Agreement* with an administrator and to accept the resignation of an administrator.

§551.129 A governmental body may use a telephone conference call, videoconference call, or communications over the Internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body or a private consultation with its attorney in a closed meeting of the governmental body.

Personnel:

- Resignations
- Contracts

V. Adjournment of Executive Session

VI. Reconvene in Regular Session

Consideration and board action, if any, to accept the terms and conditions of a *Separation Agreement* with an administrator and to accept the resignation of the administrator.

VII. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

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BOARD BRIEFS

The Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 in the NISD Board Room of the Administration Office located at 414 N. Main Street, Newton, Texas 75966.

Board Members present were Richard Dougharty, Mertice Weeks, Edwina Lewis, Donnie Meek, Misty Gipson, Keisha Williams, Mark Simmons, and Raquel Foster.

Administrators present were Mike Terry, Michelle Barrow, Johnny Metz, Judy Holleman, Jackie Keel, and Malinda Ortolon.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***Approved Canvassing Votes From the Board of Trustee Election Held May 11, 2013, Administering Oath Of Office to Elected Candidates, and Re-Organizing Board Officers
 - ❖ President-Donnie Meek
 - ❖ Vice President- Mertice Weeks
 - ❖ Secretary- Edwina Lewis
- ***Approved Board Retreat Dates (July 29th, 30th, and Aug 1st) 5-8 PM at Whispering Creek
- ***Approved Bid Received on Portable Building
- ***Approved Agreement for Legal Services with Richards Lindsay & Martin, L.L.P.
- ***Approved AmeriDoc for All Employees for the 2013-14 SY (est \$12,000)
- ***Approved Allowing Business Manager to Amend General Operating Fund, Function to Function, and Make Necessary Adjustments for Summer Operations and Year End Closure
- ***Approved the Terms and Conditions of the *Separation Agreement* Between Mrs. Penny Colton and the Newton Independent School District
- ***Approved to Accept the Resignation of Mrs. Penny Colton
- ***Approved to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Sign the Separation Documents

PERSONNEL

***Approved Resignations:

Jerry Watson	HS Maintenance	effective 5/31/2013
Jodi Canevari	HS Social Studies	effective 6/07/2013
Penny Colton	ES Principal	effective 6/21/2013
Darkes Galloway	Sp Ed Aide	effective 6/06/2013
Lyndzay Longacre	HS Teacher/Coach	effective 6/21/2013
Penny Colton	ES Principal	effective 6/21/2013

***Approved Contracts:

Randi Cyprien	MS Teacher	1 YR-Dual Probationary Contract
Jim Strickland	MS Teacher/Coach	1 YR- Dual Probationary Contract