



NEWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Highlights

The School Board would like to highlight a few items of importance following each board meeting to share what is happening around the board table.

Regular Board Meeting – April 12, 2021 (6:30 PM)

Technology Upgrades

Shane Wheeler, Technology Supervisor was present to answer questions regarding three technology upgrade projects supporting our staff and students.

Newton High School – Cabling Project

The board approved a bid of \$94,330.00 with Van Maanen Technology, Inc. of Newton, Iowa to complete a cabling installation project at Newton High School during summer break. This is funded with SAVE funds and was part of the capital improvement plan. 80% or \$75,464.00 will be requested reimbursement with federal E-rate funding, with a net cost of \$18,866.00 to the district.

Newton High School – Network Equipment Project

The board approved a bid of \$228,651.26 with Heartland Business Systems to install network equipment at Newton High School. This is funded with SAVE funds and was part of the capital improvement plan. 80% or \$182,921.01 will be requested reimbursement with federal E-rate funding, with a net cost of \$45,730.25 to the district.

Elementary Schools – Network Equipment Project

The board approved a bid of \$46,920.42 with Heartland Business Systems to install network equipment for our elementary schools. This is funded with SAVE funds and was part of the capital improvement plan. 80% or \$37,536.34 will be requested reimbursement with federal E-rate funding, with a net cost of \$9,384.08 to the district.

Summer Maintenance Projects

Jack Sutteck, Maintenance Supervisor provided a preliminary outlook of summer maintenance projects.

Newton High School – Chiller Equipment

The board approved a bid of \$26,701.00 with Modern Piping, Inc. for the installation of chiller equipment at Newton High School. This bid came in under budget, and is part of the FY22 capital improvement plan to be funded with SAVE funds.

Elementary School - Parking Lots (AH & WW)

The board approved a bid of \$28,750.00 with Jerry Keenan Concrete of Newton, Iowa for the Aurora Heights kitchen parking lot improvement project. This bid came in under budget, and is part of the FY22 capital improvement plan to be funded with SAVE funds.

The board approved a bid of \$29,500.00 with Jerry Keenan Concrete of Newton, Iowa for the Woodrow Wilson kitchen parking lot improvement project. This bid came in under budget, and is part of the FY22 capital improvement plan to be funded with SAVE funds.

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Fiscal Year 2022 Certified Budget

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services gave a [presentation](#) (March 22, 2021) with data from Forecast 5 Analytics and IASB informing the board and public regarding the district's FY 2022 Certified Budget. A Certified Budget is a document showing the amount of **taxes** to be levied for each fund and/or program, and the aggregate revenues and **expenditures**. The report is certified by the board no later than April 15 each year for the upcoming fiscal year after holding a **public hearing** and **adoption**. Mr. Bloom noted that in order to avoid budget reductions, our enrollment projections must trend in a positive direction and we must be able to meet increased costs for salaries and benefits. Mr. Bloom cautioned that the district does not want to position itself to exceed its Unspent Authorized Budget (UAB).

Total Revenues & Other Sources for FY 2022 are anticipated at \$46,101,190. Total Expenditures & Other Uses including the categories (1) instruction, (2) total support services, (3) non-instructional programs, and (4) total other expenditures are \$45,107,690.

A Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2022 certified budget was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:45 PM. The board unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Certified Budget with a proposed property tax rate of \$15.79/per \$1,000 taxable valuation rate. The rate remains level as in past years.

IASB Fiscal Facts

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services, shared FY 2020 Fiscal Facts from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). If you would like to learn more about six important district financial facts, click on the [Fiscal Facts](#) report link! Topics include: General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, Enrollment Trend, Financial Solvency Ratio Trend, Unspent Authorized Budget (UAB) Percentage Trend, Cash/Unspent Balance Trends, Certified Staffing Levels, and Property Tax Rates.

Capital Improvement Plans

If you would like to review the district's Capital Improvement Plans that were presented at the March 8, 2021 board meeting, click on the links!

[PPEL – 5 Year Plan](#) (FY22 – FY26)

[SAVE – 10 Year Plan](#) (FY22 – FY31)

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Bloom at bloomt@newtoncsd.org.

Upcoming Events

Special Board Meeting:

Presentation of NCSD Initial Proposal

April 19, 2021 – 5:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center/via Zoom)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93803724041> **Passcode:** 077108

Next Regular Board Meeting:

April 26, 2021 – 6:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center/via Zoom)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94000819034> **Passcode:** 289853

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