

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 – July 12, 2021 (6:30 PM)

Simbli (eBOARDsolutions)

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services provided a demonstration of Simbli, which is a comprehensive board management software solution for effective board governance.

Simbli offers four core integrated modules (Meetings, Planning, Policies, and Evaluations) designed to help boards maximize productivity. The Newton Community School District currently subscribes to two modules, Meetings and Policies. The **Meeting Module** helps our board to streamline meeting agenda preparation and provides easy and secure access to meeting materials.

Meeting Module Features

- √ View meetings listings (back to January 2021)
- ✓ View agenda items
- √ View supporting documents (indicated by paperclip icon)
- ✓ View minutes

The **Policy Module** allows our board to develop, communicate, and collaborate on policies and procedures in real time. eBOARDsolutions is a partner with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB).

Policy Module Features

- ✓ Search online Board Policy Manual
- ✓ View individual board policies, regulations, and exhibits
- ✓ Search policies by revised dates
- ✓ View state codes and other cross reference information

Board Members, school staff, and the public can access Simbli 24/7 via an iPad app and web browser at the following link: eBOARDsolutions Learn more about our Board of Directors, search historical meeting information and even other Simbli sites!

Behavior Model Update

Superintendent Tom Messinger gave an update on three different behavior models the Newton Community School District is considering for its elementary classrooms. The Boys Town Model was selected, and will become a pilot program at Emerson Hough Elementary School. A two-day staff training is planned for August 5-6, 2021.



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Upcoming Events

Next Regular Board Meeting: July 26, 2021 – 5:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center/via Zoom)

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/95465321332 Passcode: 920663

Board Work Session: July 26, 2021 – 5:45 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center/via Zoom)

TOPIC: Goal Setting Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/95524670871 Passcode: 031365

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First Day of School for K – 12th: August 23, 2021 First Day of School for PreK: August 31, 2021