

PUBLICNOTICES

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
JASPER COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR038237
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN LEE (CURTIS) BELL,
DECEASED
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carolyn Lee (Curtis) Bell, Deceased, who died on or about May 24, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on June 4, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Carolyn Lee (Curtis) Bell, deceased, bearing date of May 15, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that David Todd Bell was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated June 18, 2024
David Todd Bell, Executor
525 W. 52nd St. N.
Newton, IA 50208
Randal B. Caldwell
ICIS#: AT0001375
211 1st Ave. W.,
Newton, IA 50208
Attorney for Executor
Caldwell & Brierly, PLLC
Date of second publication: 28th day of June, 2024

June 21 & 28

**Newton Community
School District
Regular Board Meeting
06/10/2024 - 06:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
88268456384
EJH Beard
Administration Center -
Conference Room 105A/B
Newton, Iowa 50208**

MEETING MINUTES

Mission: "The Newton Community School District empowers every learner to achieve a lifetime of personal success."

Vision: "We are a collaborative and cohesive team that inspires and supports all learners in a culture of safety and acceptance."

Attendees

Voting Members

Ss. Robyn Friedman, Board President
Ms. Donna Cook, Board Member
Ms. Kristi Meyer, Board Member
Mr. Cody Muhs, Board Member
Mr. Travis Padgett, Board Member
Mr. Ray Whipple, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Tom Messinger, Superintendent
Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services
Christine Dawson, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Jackie Carson, Hilary Foster, Elizabeth Richardson, Laura Selover, Jack Sutteck, and Chris Braunschweig (Newton Daily News)
Others Present (via Zoom): Mike Butler, Laurie Kramer, Stephanie Moorman, and Tara Zehr

I. Call to Order - Robyn Friedman, Board President

Board President Robyn Friedman convened the board to order at 6:31 PM.

II. Roll Call - Christine Dawson, Recording Secretary

III. Communications - Tom Messinger, Superintendent

IV. Purpose Statements - Robyn Friedman, Board President

The Newton Community School District's Mission, Vision, Goals, Commitments, and Core Values were reviewed. *Board Members publicly shared their completed Focused Recognition cards, recognizing staff for demonstrating honesty, caring, positivity, fun, and support.*

A. Mission

B. Vision

C. Goals

D. Commitments

E. Core Values & Focused Recognitions

V. Consent Agenda - Robyn Friedman, Board President (Action Item)

It is recommended the board approve the consent agenda items (A - F) as listed below.
Motion made by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Motion seconded by: Mr. Cody Muhs
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

A. Agenda

B. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - May 20, 2024

C. Open Enrollments

D. Contracts

E. Stipends for Highly Qualified Educational Associates

F. Stipends for Wellness Program Participants

VI. Human Resources Update - Laura Selover, Director of Human Resources (Action Item)

A. Licensed Personnel

It was recommended the board approve the Human Resources Update - **Licensed Personnel Report.**
RJ Brown - (contract) - Fall Strength & Conditioning Coach (NHS) - effective August 11, 2024
Charles Lyon - (contract) - Physical Education Teacher (BMS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

Reagan Maple - (contract) - 9th Grade Assistant Football Coach (NHS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

April Neis - (contract) - Special Education Teacher (BMS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

Cathy Prime - (contract) - Special Education Teacher (BMS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

Elizabeth Richardson - (contract) - Computer Science

Teacher (BMS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

Skylar Young - (contract) - 9th Grade Volleyball Coach (NHS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

Amanda Brown - (rescinded) - Special Education Teacher (BMS) - effective May 23, 2024

Emily Chhouy - (resignation) - Family Consumer Science Teacher (BMS) - effective end of the 2023 - 2024 school year

Jennifer Clausen - (resignation) - Preschool Teacher (TJ) - effective end of the 2023 - 2024 school year

Matthew Reinfeldt - (resignation) - Physical Education Teacher (BMS) - effective end of the 2023 - 2024 school year

Derek Wrage - (resignation) - 7th Grade Assistant Football Coach (BMS) - effective end of the 2023 - 2024 school year

Derek Wrage - (resignation) - Special Education Teacher (NHS) - effective end of the 2023 - 2024 school year

Motion made by: Ms. Donna Cook
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ray Whipple
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

B. Classified Personnel

It was recommended the board approve the Human Resources Update - **Classified Personnel Report.**

Nevi Zerkle - (agreement) - Color Guard Sponsor (NHS) - effective 2024 - 2025 school year

Seth Banwell - (resignation) - Band Assistant Sponsor (50%) (NHS) - effective May 21, 2024

Ace Heyveld - (resignation) - Full Time Educational Associate (SBP) - effective May 31, 2024

Jennifer Sadler - (resignation) - Part Time Food Service (NHS) - effective May 31, 2024

Krista Terlouw - (resignation) - Full Time Behavior Interventionist (BMS) - effective June 4, 2024

Colleen Little - (transfer) - from Part Time Food Service (VWV) to Part Time Food Service (NHS) - effective August 23, 2024

Motion made by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Motion seconded by: Ms. Kristi Meyer
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

VII. Public Hearing - HA Lynn Stadium Light Replacement Project

No one was present to speak on this topic.

VIII. Open Forum - Robyn Friedman, Board President

IX. Superintendent's Report - Tom Messinger, Superintendent

A. Calendar Committee Update

Superintendent Tom Messinger provided an update on the Calendar Committee. The committee conducted a NCSd School Calendar Structure Survey in the Spring 2024, seeking input on a possible alternative calendar structure for future academic years. The options presented were:

traditional, four-day week, or year round/balanced. The district would like to explore what kind of school calendar will meet the needs of our students, families, staff, and community members.

Mr. Messinger explained that there was a nearly even divide in responses to the community survey regarding two specific school calendar options:

traditional calendar (45.14%) and **four-day school week calendar** (43.99%). For this reason, the calendar committee will begin researching more information regarding a four-day school week calendar, and will discuss in more depth the logistics and obstacles of this type of a school calendar in comparison to our current traditional calendar.

He shared that the committee will either make a consensus recommendation to the school board by January 2025 for a two-year calendar option (2025 - 2026) (2026 - 2027) or they will continue more research, and we will move forward with a one-year traditional calendar for the 2025 - 2026 school year and delay a two-year calendar proposal (2026 - 2027) (2027 - 2028) to coincide with the elementary transition process. A school board member will serve on this committee beginning next year.

Regardless of the calendar structure adopted, students will still attend school for the designated 1080 hours mandated by the Iowa Board of Education. The 2024 - 2025 traditional school calendars are already established and will not change.

B. Enrollment Update - May 2024

Superintendent Tom Messinger provided an enrollment update to the school board as of May 2024. We are currently down 45 students from the start of the 2023 - 2024 school year. Mr. Messinger noted that despite being down 45 students, it was not as significant as the year before (96 students).

C. Transition Process for Elementary Schools

A weekly update (Issues #16-18) on the Newton Community School District's Transition Process for our elementary schools was shared by Superintendent Tom Messinger. The document will be shared out each Monday to help with transparency and awareness of all the components being worked on at the district level to prepare for the transition from four elementary schools to three (2024 - 2025) and eventually to two elementary schools in the 2026 - 2027 school year. The NCSd Transition Process Weekly Update is accessible on the district website (www.newtoncsd.org) and there is a link within the document for any questions, with responses to be included in the following issue.

D. District Culture Committee Update

Superintendent Tom Messinger shared that the District Culture Council met June 6, 2024 for their final meeting of this school year and spent quality time discussing and analyzing the data from the **end of year survey** given to all staff in May 2024. The Culture Council utilizes the survey data to examine trends and where we stand on school culture overall. Mr. Messinger

explained that culture is the "what you do" and "how you do it." As a district, we want to be a collaborative culture, in a state of continual improvement. Ultimately, we want to continue with things that support this, and eliminate things that do not. The survey results from teachers & staff indicated we scored best as a district in *Collegial Support & Unity of Purpose*, with improvements needed on *Collaborative Leadership & Learning Partnership*. This end of year survey data will be more closely analyzed by the school board at an upcoming work session.

Mr. Messinger shared that three teams (**Instruction, Behavior, and Culture**) will be at work in the Newton Community School District beginning in the 2024 - 2025 school year. The District Culture Committee will be setting a culture goal, and expanding its reach to create **Building Culture Teams** (as an extension of the district council), ensuring that both district and building level culture are intentional focus areas.

X. Learning, Leadership, and District Business - Tom Messinger, Superintendent and Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

A. Consider Approval of Recommendations from the Community Needs Assessment - (Discussion/Action Item)

It was recommended that the Board approve the recommendations from the Community Needs Assessment, that the Newton Community School District's focus areas for the 2024 - 2025 school year are (1) **Communication**; and (2) **Behavior**.

Motion made by: Mr. Cody Muhs
Motion seconded by: Ms. Kristi Meyer
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

B. Consider Approval of HA Lynn Stadium Light Replacement Project (Discussion/Action Item)

The administration recommended the board approve the bid by Van Maanen Electric, Inc. for the HA Lynn Stadium Light Replacement Project for the amount of \$632,443.

Motion made by: Mr. Ray Whipple
Motion seconded by: Mr. Cody Muhs
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

C. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Base Wage Schedule for the Master Contract Between the Newton Community School District and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America UE Local 898 (Discussion/Action Item)

It was recommended the board approve the modifications to the UE contract as presented.

Motion made by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ray Whipple
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

D. Consider Approval of the District Storage Solution Project (Discussion/Action Item)

It was recommended that the board approve the agreements with Heartland Business Systems for the HPE Alletra storage solution in the amount of \$71,336.08 to be financed with SAVE funds.

Motion made by: Ms. Donna Cook
Motion seconded by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

E. Consider Wage Increase of 3.00% for Classified Employee Groups (Discussion/Action Item)

It was recommended that the board approve the 3.00% increase in classified groups to include Head Custodians, Secretaries, Computer Technician, Sign Language Interpreter, Athletic Trainers, Behavior Interventionists, Supervisors and Managers for the FY25 fiscal year.

Motion made by: Mr. Cody Muhs
Motion seconded by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

F. Consider Wage Increase of 18.31% for Classified Groups to Include Specialists (Discussion/Action Item)

It was recommended that the board approve the 18.31% salary increase in classified groups to include Specialists for the FY25 fiscal year.

Motion made by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ray Whipple
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - No
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

G. Consider Wage Increase of 3.00% for Administration (Discussion/Action Item)

It was recommended that the board approve the 3.00% increase in administrative salaries and salary adjustments for the FY24 fiscal year.

Motion made by: Mr. Cody Muhs
Motion seconded by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

H. Review of School Board Handbook (Discussion Item)

Board Member Cody Muhs led a discussion on the review of the School Board Handbook, and recent updates that were coordinated with Board

Secretary, Tim Bloom.

XI. Business Services Report - Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services

A. Approval of Bills (Action Item)

It was recommended the board approve the bill listing for payment.
Motion made by: Mr. Travis Padgett
Motion seconded by: Ms. Donna Cook
Voting:

Ms. Robyn Friedman - Yes
Ms. Donna Cook - Yes
Ms. Kristi Meyer - Yes
Mr. Cody Muhs - Yes
Mr. Travis Padgett - Yes
Mr. Ray Whipple - Yes

XII. New Business - Old Business - Tim Bloom, Board Secretary

A. Future Meeting Dates

It was requested that future Board Work Sessions be held on the following topics: (1) District Culture Council (end of year survey data); (2) Curriculum Update / Adoption Process and Standards Referenced Grading (SRG).

1. June 24, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting (6:30 PM) (EJH Beard Administration Center) & (via Zoom)

B. Upcoming Events

1. 2023 - 2024 Board of Education Calendar

Robyn Friedman updated the board regarding the Newton Community School District's invitation to participate with the City of Newton and Jasper County in community meetings on the first Tuesday/month, with the first meeting proposed for Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Ms. Friedman will let board members know the meeting time and location.

a. June 11, 2024 - IASB Summit on Student Success (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) (Ankeny, Iowa)

2. 2024 - 2025 School Year Calendars

C. Consider Future Agenda Items

Board President Robyn Friedman requested input from board members on Future Agenda Items, which included: Activities & Athletics Update, Board Member/Cabinet *sub-group work* with Jim & Doug, District Goals/CSIP (Year in Review), and Inclusive Playgrounds (Level III).

D. Board Highlights

Board President Robyn Friedman noted Board Highlights as: Calendar Committee Update, Enrollment Update (May 2024), Transition Process for Elementary Schools, District Culture Council Update, Community Needs Assessment - Focus Areas (2024 - 2025), and H.A. Lynn Stadium Light Replacement Project.

XIII. Adjourn - Robyn Friedman, Board President (Action Item)

The board meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Motion made by: Ms. Donna Cook
Motion seconded by: Mr. Cody Muhs
Voting:

Unanimously Approved June 28

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR JASPER COUNTY
CITY OF NEWTON, IOWA**

**Petitioner,
and Concerning**

427 NORTH 3RD LLC; ACC 159 LLC; JASPER COUNTY, IOWA; and

UNKNOWN PARTIES

Respondents.

EQUITY NO. EQCV123669

ORIGINAL NOTICE

DATE PETITION FILED:

May 3, 2024

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS: UNKNOWN PARTIES

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as a respondent in this action, which petition prays the Court to find that the property located at 427 N. 3rd Ave. E., Newton, Iowa and legally described as: Lot 1 of Outlot 25 in the Original Town of Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, as shown by Plat Book B at page 275 in the office of the Recorder of said County, has been abandoned within the meaning of Iowa Code Section 657A.10B and grant the City title to the property free and clear of all claims, liens, or encumbrances. Upon being awarded title, the City's initial intended use of the property or purpose for acquiring the property is blight removal and demolition with the future goal of selling the property once the demolition is complete. The name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is Richard J. Scieszinski of Caldwell & Brierly, PLLC. The attorney's phone number is (641) 792-4160.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before July 18, 2024, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Jasper County, at the Courthouse in Newton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (515) 286-3394. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942)

IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEE LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS

June 14, 21, & 28

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR JASPER COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
FRANKLIN EDWARD KINGERY, Deceased.**

**CASE NO. ESPR038243
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Franklin Edward Kingery, Deceased, who died on or about May 14, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on June 20, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Rodney Max Roskilly, deceased, bearing date of September 20, 2016, was admitted to probate in the abovenamed court and that Scott Max Roskilly was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated June 25, 2024.
Vicky Lavonne Kingery
708 East Nevada Street
Monroe, IA 50170
Executrix of estate
Barry S. Kaplan,
ICIS PIN No: AT0004090
Attorney for executor
Firm Name: Kaplan & Frese, LLP
Address: 111 E Church Street,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Date of second publication: 5th day of July, 2024

Kingery was appointed executrix of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated June 25, 2024.
Vicky Lavonne Kingery
708 East Nevada Street
Monroe, IA 50170
Executrix of estate
Barry S. Kaplan,
ICIS PIN No: AT0004090
Attorney for executor
Firm Name: Kaplan & Frese, LLP
Address: 111 E Church Street,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Date of second publication: 5th day of July, 2024

June 28, July 5

Partner Communications Cooperative is a telecommunications provider who provides basic and enhanced services within its service territory, including services supported by Federal Universal Service funds and eligible for Federal Lifeline assistance. Partner Communications serves subscribers in the Baxter (227), Gilman (498), Kellogg (526), Melbourne (482), Rhodes (493), and State Center (483) exchanges. Basic services are offered at the following rates and charges:

Monthly Service Charges
Single party, voice grade residential service, including local usage
Baxter, Gilman, & Kellogg \$23.50
Melbourne, Rhodes, & State Center.....\$26.82
Federal Subscriber Line Charge - Single Line.....\$6.50
Customers of basic residential service have access to long distance, directory assistance, and operator service providers of their choice, at rates established by those carriers.

Toll Blocking is available at no charge for low income customers that qualify.

Emergency 911 Services are provided and a surcharge is assessed at governmental rates.

Lifeline is a government supported program available to qualified, low-income consumers and offers a discount for eligible services. Eligible services include telephone and internet services, but you can only receive a discount on ONE option. Internet service must meet minimum speed requirements.

Consumers who meet eligibility criteria must complete documentation necessary for enrollment and provide proof of eligible participation. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline benefits can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. If you have any questions regarding the company's services or you want to apply for Lifeline assistance, go to the web-site at lifelinesupport.org; if you need assistance, please contact Partner Communications Cooperative at 101 E Church St, Gilman, IA or by calling 1-877-433-7701, or 641-498-7701.

June 28

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR JASPER COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
LINDA KAY MCKINNEY, Deceased**

**CASE NO. ESPR038244
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**