

Board Notes — August 8, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Newton Unified School District 373 convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E. 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Brenna Haines, Luke Edwards, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber, and Matt Treaster

Members Absent: Dayna Steinmetz

Others Present: Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Assistant Superintendent Sheila Wendling, Director of Business Dr. David Decker, Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Joni Jantz, and Director of Communications Carly Stavola

1. Opening of Meeting

Mallory Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Comments from the Public

Steven Tieszen, Joe Solomon, Stan Brodhagen, Mario Garcia addressed the board regarding the structural repairs of Lindley Hall. Tami Lakey spoke about the after school program at The Porch and how it serves students.

3. Presentations/Reports

Dr. David Decker gave a brief overview of the 2022-23 budget and the building needs assessment.

4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the July 25, 2022 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the August 8, 2022 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Rippe	Jim	Robotics Asst. Coach	NHS	8/1/2022		x
Cook	Evin	Substitute/Reg. Ed. Aide	District-Wide/SC	7/28/2022		x
Valdivia Morales	Mary	ELL Aide	SC	7/29/2022		x
Moses	Rachel	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	8/8/2022	x	
Stone	Tige	Interim Asst. Principal	NHS	8/9/2022	x	
Conner	Karla	Long Term Sub Teacher	SB/St. Mary's	8/10/2022	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Dekin	Lorie	Sp. Ed. Para/ Bus Aide	SB	7/26/2022	Sp. Ed. Para only @ SB	
Boston-Wedel	Chris	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	7/26/2022	Sub Tchr @ District-Wide	
Flores	Staci	Reg. Ed. Aide	SS	7/27/2022	From PT to FT Aide @ SS	
Thomas	Lori	Food Service	SS	7/29/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ Cooper	
Cheatham	Deloris	Food Service	SS	7/29/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @SB	

Carter	Patti	Sub. Bus Aide/Driver	Transportation	7/29/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ Walton
Buller	Stacy	Reg. Ed. Aide	CMS	7/29/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ SB
Campos	Joana	Head Start Aide	Cooper	7/29/2022	Administrative Asst@Cooper
Bansemer	Rebecca	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	7/29/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ Cooper
Carr	Abigail	Sp. Ed. Para	OA	8/1/2022	Long Term Sub. @ CMS
Duncan	Lona	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/17/2022	Permanent LTS @ SF
Pulkrebek	Shantell	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	8/11/2022	Add lunch & bus supervisor
Herrera	Lluvia	Student Support Coach	CMS	8/11/2022	Add lunch supervisor
McCord	Kiley	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/11/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ Sunset
Krueger	Brenda	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	8/11/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ Cooper
Morrison	Paul	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/4/2022	Sub Tchr @ District-Wide
Allen	Grace	Reg. Ed. Aide/ELL Aide	SB	8/11/2022	Reg. Ed. Aide Only

Resignation/Termination/Transfer/Change of Assignment shall be deemed accepted upon approval of this report by the Board of Education.

— Approve the disposal of instructional materials and/or old and unused textbooks in the district during the 2022-23 school year.

5. Old Business

Approve Resolution No. 08-08-22 Authorizing a Bond Election

The board engaged in conversation regarding the necessary repair work at Lindley Hall and Santa Fe in regards to costs associated with the projects.

— Approve Resolution No. 08-08-22:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A BOND ELECTION IN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 373, HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS (NEWTON) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STATE AID; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE BOND ELECTION.

— Approve the recommended revisions to Board Policies BBE, BDA, BG, CEC, CM, DB, DC, DFAB, DFAC, DJFAB, EBA, ED, EDAA and delete policy CMA as presented.

— Approve the 2022-23 Substitute Handbook.

2022-23 Santa Fe and Chisholm Staff Handbook Review

The 2022-23 Santa Fe 5/6 Center Staff Handbook and the 2022-23 Chisholm Middle School Staff Handbook were provided for review. Administration will ask for approval of both documents at the August 22 board meeting.

6. New Business

The board voted to:

— Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
HV CO Farm Bureau	Walton Rural Life Center	Donation to purchase hay for animals	\$500.00
Anonymous	Northridge Elem. IDD Program	Donation for student programming/supplies	\$5,000.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
OFG Financial Services, Inc.	USD 373	Donation towards August 11 all staff meal	\$200.00
Aaron & Michelle Voth	Walton Rural Life Center	Donation of hay for animals	\$320.00

- Approve the recommended revision to board policy GAHB - Political Activities.
- Approve the 2022-23 budget and revenue neutral rate for publication as presented.

Newton High School and Coca-Cola Beverage Agreement

Newton High School presented a new agreement with Coca-Cola to meet the needs of beverages and concessions at the high school. This item will return on the August 22 agenda for approval.

KASB Recommended Policy Revisions

Several of the June 2022 KASB recommended policy revisions were presented to the board for review and will return on the August 22 agenda for approval.

Select Dates for BOE training Work Session

- Approve adding September 19, 2022 as a work session date beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Dates for City of Newton Work Session

The Newton City Commission has requested a joint work session with the USD 373 Board of Education. Dates were reviewed and Superintendent Van Ranken will check with them about meeting on September 20 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

7. PK-Elem and Department Reports

Building reports were provided for Cooper Early Education Center and all elementary buildings. Department reports were provided for Instructional Services, Technology Services, Human Resources, and Facilities/Maintenance Services.

8. Closing of Meeting**Board Comments**

Thanks was given to those who attended the board meeting tonight, to those who shared during public comment, and to board members for their time serving on the board and engaging in discussion. A welcome was given to new staff.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Background information on agenda items may be found in BoardDocs at:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd373/Board.nsf/Public>