

Board Notes — November 14, 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, November 14, 2022, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E. 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Brenna Haines, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber, Dayna Steinmetz, and Matt Treaster

Members Absent: Luke Edwards

Others Present: Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Assistant Superintendent Sheila Wendling, Director of Business/Human Resources Jane Nichols, Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Joni Jantz, and Director of Communications Carly Stavola

1. Opening of Meeting

Mallory Morton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

Fall Student Recognition

The district recognized outstanding student achievements from the fall sports season.

2. Comments from the Public

Father Andrew Bergkamp, Barbara Bunting and Joshua Bargdill shared their appreciation for the partnership that St. Mary school has with USD 373. Patsy Penner and Laura Garvin spoke to the board regarding the name of Lindley Hall.

3. Presentations/Reports

The district recognized Carla McConnell as the 2023 Kansas Horizon Award district nominee and Amanda Warkentine as the 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year district nominee.

4. Executive Session

Convene in Executive Session - Personnel

Convene in Executive Session - Student Matters

Approve Remote Learning Student

Move to approve remote learning in excess of 40 hours per state statute for the student presented.

5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the October 10, 2022 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the November 14, 2022 Personnel Report as presented.

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Location | Effective Date | Hire | Resignation/ Termination |
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| Vogan | Cory | Food Service Manager | CMS | 10/12/2022 | | x |
| Frary | Aliana | Sp. Ed. Para | CMS | 10/17/2022 | | x |
| Coleman | Marcus | Rule 10 Coach | NHS | 3/1/2022 | | x |

| Ledesma | Glenda | Bus Driver | Transportation | 11/2/2022 | | x |
|-------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Krueger | Brenda | Sp. Ed. Para | Cooper | 11/4/2022 | | x |
| Miller | Whitney | Sp. Ed. Para | NHS | 11/4/2022 | | x |
| Goering | Jerome | Custodian | NHS | 10/28/2022 | | x |
| Ledesma | Maryjane | Bus Driver | Transportation | 9/9/2022 | | x |
| Fon | Polycarp | Bus Driver | Transportation | 8/14/2022 | | x |
| Creekmore | Brianna | Bus Driver | Transportation | 8/14/2022 | | x |
| Bazzelle | Jennifer | IR Sped Teacher | CMS | 11/4/2022 | | x |
| Arguello | April | Bus Driver | Transportation | 11/8/2022 | | x |
| Garnatz | Susan | Substitute Teacher | District-Wide | 11/8/2022 | | x |
| Henning | Traci | Teacher | Walton | 6/1/2023 | | x |
| Fisher | Kenneth | Bus Driver | Transportation | 11/11/2022 | x | |
| Hamm | Deb | Substitute Teacher | SB | 11/10/2022 | x | |
| Shank | Connor | Rule 10 Coach | NHS | 11/14/2022 | x | |
| Alejos | Pauline | Food Service | CMS | 11/3/2022 | x | |
| Silveous | Sherry | Substitute Teacher | District-Wide | 10/27/2022 | x | |
| Sauerwein | Donald | Substitute Teacher | District-Wide | 10/26/2022 | x | |
| Bisoni-Lais | Christi | Substitute Teacher | District-Wide | 10/17/2022 | x | |
| Meridith | Laura | Sp. Ed. Para | HCSEC | 10/31/2022 | x | |
| Goalden | Ashley | Sp. Ed. Para | HCSEC | 11/8/2022 | x | |
| Teel | Ashli | Sp. Ed. Para | SB | 10/27/2022 | x | |
| McKellip | Christine | Remote P/T Teacher | CMS | 10/24/2022 | x | |
| Smith | Jade | Speech Sp. Ed. Para | SS/Walton | 10/24/2022 | x | |
| Moyer | Kirby | Food Service | CMS | 10/25/2022 | x | |
| Vanderweg | Nancy | Administrative Assistant | SS | 10/27/2022 | x | |
| Smucker | Ruth | Substitute Teacher | District-Wide | 10/24/2022 | x | |
| Valverde | Ramona | Food Service | Walton | 10/19/2022 | x | |
| Kelly | Jennifer | Reg Ed Aide | Cooper | 10/18/2022 | x | |
| Allen | Andrew | Custodian | SB | 10/12/2022 | x | |
| Last Name | First Name | Position | Location | Effective Date | Change of Assignment/Transfer | |
| Camarena | Chase | Teacher | NHS | 11/1/2022 | Add Concession Stand Mgr | |
| Riley | Madeleine | Teacher | NHS | 11/1/2022 | Add Concession Stand Mgr | |
| Coppinger | Kaliana | Reg Ed Aide | SC | 11/15/2022 | Add 5hrs/day Mon-Wed | |
| Andrews | Leota | Long Term Substitute | NHS | 11/7/2022 | Substitute Tchr @ District Wide | |
| Dickson | Kari | Sp. Ed. Para | Cooper | 11/11/2022 | Add Bus Aide | |
| Garton | Shannon | Food Service | OA | 11/11/2022 | Add Van Driver 1.5hrs/day | |
| Schanbacher | Mary | Sp. Ed. Para | SB | 11/11/2022 | Add Van Driver 1.5hrs/day | |
| Rikoff | Jessica | Sp. Ed. Para | Walton | 11/9/2022 | Substitute Tchr @ District Wide | |
| Klassen | Meleah | Sp. Ed. Para | CMS | 10/11/2022 | Add Railer Power Hr & Connect | |
| Brown | Ashtyn | Teacher | SF | 10/17/2022 | Add AM Supervision | |
| Boese | Jessica | Teacher | SF | 10/17/2022 | Resign AM Supervision only | |
| Navarro | Paulina | Head Start Aide | Cooper | 10/14/2022 | Add Translating | |
| Werner | Solle-Ann | Sp. Ed. Para | SC | 10/19/2022 | Add Bus Aide-1hr/day | |
| Boston | Keely | Head Start Aide | Cooper | 10/18/2022 | Add Bus Aide | |
| Zook | LuAnn | Teacher | CMS | 10/1/2022 | Add Athletic Worker | |
| Rickard | Brian | Teacher | NHS | 10/1/2022 | Add Athletic Worker | |
| Unruh | Andrea | Sp. Ed. Para | HCSEC | 08/17/2022 | From 6.75hrs/day to 5hrs/day | |

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| Tate | Kimberly | Teacher | CMS | 10/24/2022 | Add Railer Power Hr & Connect |
| Dibbens | Jamie | Teacher | CMS | 10/24/2022 | Add Railer Power Hr & Connect |
| Foreman | Aimee | Sp. Ed. Para | SB | 10/18/2022 | From 5days/wk to 4days/wk |
| Whitlock | Abigail | Sp. Ed. Para | SB | 10/19/2022 | From 5days/wk to 4days/wk |

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

- Approve the 2022-23 Supplemental Contracts
- Approve the 2022-23 Agreement with Prairie View, Inc. to provide educational and related services for students who reside in the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.
- Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Prairie View, Inc. for Day School Services as presented.
- Approve clarification to policy JDDC-Bullying as presented.
- Approve the sale and/or disposal of furniture/equipment as presented.
- Approve the annual renewal of CISCO SmartNet maintenance and support and the ISE renewal for current district network hardware.

6. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve novels to be used in grades 5-12 ELA classes.

7. New Business

- Approve RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-22 AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 373, HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS (NEWTON).
- Approve the addition of a special education/general education administrative assistant position.
- Move to approve the gift requests as presented.

| Donation From | To Building/Dept | Description | Value/Amt |
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| Shalom Mennonite Ch. | Chisholm Middle School | Cover negative student meal accounts | \$500.00 |
| Wickiser Revocable Trust | USD 373 | Assist with meal accounts for families in need | \$2,000.00 |
| Walton State Bank | Walton Rural Life Center | WRLC Festival and meal costs | \$700.00 |
| Barkman Honey | Walton Rural Life Center | Charter Funds | \$700.00 |
| Rusty Eck Ford | Newton High School CTE | Auto shop engine stands and automotive tools | \$1,021.00 |
| Walton Rural Life Festival | Walton Rural Life Center | For classroom and student needs | \$2,900.00 |
| David Jackson | Chisholm Middle School | For supplies and instruments needed for CMS orchestra program | \$1,000.00 |
| David Jackson | Santa Fe 5/6 Center | For supplies for Mrs. Artaz & Mr. Berner classrooms | \$1,000.00 |
| Millennium Machine & Tool | Newton High Machining Program | For tools, equipment and material | \$5,000.00 |
| Millennium Machine & Tool | Newton High Machining Program | Donation of tools for CNC machines | \$1,631.00 |
| Harvey County United Way | Newton High School | For 11/16/22 Experiential Learning Day Reality U expenses | \$500.00 |
| Citizens State Bank | Newton High School | For 11/16/22 Experiential Learning Day Reality U expenses | \$500.00 |

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

| Donation From | To Building/Dept | Description | Value/Amt |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Newton Kiwanis Club | USD 373 | Assist with student needs | \$330.00 |
| Sunset Elementary PTO | Sunset Elementary | Good behavior prizes | \$100.00 |

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| Thomas & Tonya Cowan | Walton Rural Life Center | Charter Funds | \$300.00 |
| Walton Community | Walton Rural Life Center | WRLC Festival donations | \$385.00 |
| Kiwanis Club | USD 373 | Stuff the Bus school supplies | \$300.00 |
| Walmart Community Foundation | Chisholm Middle School | Gift Card to purchase games/supplies for community lunchroom fund | \$75.00 |
| Kevin Moor (Lefty's Garage) | NHS Machining Program | For material, tools, equipment | \$200.00 |
| Kenneth Fry | Newton High RaileRobotics | Travel and supply expenses | \$100.00 |

- Approve early graduation requests from Opportunity Academy.
- Approve 11:30 a.m. early release on May 4, 2023 for fourth grade orientation.
- Approve the MOU between EmberHope and Newton USD 373 for 2022-2023 school year.
- Approve the MHIT and Prairie View MOU's as presented.
- Approve the new school district website platform of Finals site.
- Approve the Head Start ESSER plan as presented.

New Course Proposals for Newton High School for 2023-24

Newton High School 2023-24 new course proposals were presented to the board. Administration will be asking for approval at the December board meeting.

District Direction-Progress and plans for goal areas

Superintendent Van Ranken gave an update on the progress regarding the three goal areas established by the BOE last spring, specifically in the area of core instruction involving ELA and work done thus far.

Newton High School Out-of-State Contests

Newton High School provided information on any anticipated out-of-state contests for 2022-23.

Professional Learning Evaluations for September 6, 2022

Evaluations from the September 6, 2022 Professional Learning day were shared with the Board of Education.

8. Building Reports

Building reports were provided for all buildings and Instructional Services, Business/Human Resources and Maintenance/Facility Services.

9. Executive Session

Convene in Executive Session - Personnel

10. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

Comments included: Andy Ortiz attended a district technology committee meeting, Dayna Steinmetz and Mallory Morton attended the KASB Convention, thank you to the community for passing the bond and to Fred, Mallory and Carly for their work on the bond.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Background information on agenda items may be found in BoardDocs at:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd373/Board.nsf/Public>