

Board Notes — December 12, 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, December 12, 2022, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E. 1st, Newton, KS.

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

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 7:00 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

Fall Student Recognition

The district recognized outstanding student achievements for the NHS Railiner Dance Team.

2. Comments from the Public

Joanna Bjerum addressed the board regarding fundraising efforts by Slate Creek PTO for accessible playground equipment.

Peter Wild, Lenny Wild and Kyle Smyth addressed the board on transportation drivers and their responsibility of student discipline. Shayla Larson spoke about student safety on buses. Sue Ice expressed appreciation for the bond passing and with a “new” gym she suggested we start with a “new” name.

3. Presentations/Reports

Retired PE teacher, Jim Brown, was presented with the 2022 Wayne Osness Honor Award by representatives from KAHPERD (Kansas Assoc. for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance).

Diane Moser gave an overview of the CTE program at Newton High.

Vonda Brecheisen from Knudsen, Monroe & Co. gave an overview of the district's 2021-22 financial audit.

4. Executive Session

Convene in Executive Session - Personnel

5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the November 14, 2022 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the December 12, 2022 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Humphrey	Trinda	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	11/18/2022		X
Martinez	Daisy	Reg Ed Aide	Cooper	11/30/2022		X
Dominguez	Griselda	Reg Ed Aide	Cooper	12/2/2022		X
Schmidt	Larry	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	12/20/2022		X
Williams	Adam	Teacher	NHS	12/21/2022		X
Wolke	Miranda	S.L Sped Teacher	SB	5/26/2023		X
Alexander	Kelly	6th Grade Teacher	SF	5/26/2023		X
Flaming	Judy	Sped PE Teacher	NHS	6/1/2023		X
Harper	Jeanne	Social Worker	NHS	5/31/2023		X
Sanchez	Shayla	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	12/20/2022		X
Loeffler	Cheryl	Spanish Teacher	NHS	5/26/2023		X
Visor-Lawrence	Kori	Audiologist	HCSEC	12/22/2022		X
Cicccone	Jordan	Custodian	SC	12/6/2022		X
McDaniel	Rhonda	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	12/6/2022		X
Moyer	Kirby	Food Service	CMS	12/2/2022		X
Smith	Amanda	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	12/9/2022		X
Sisson	Nicholas	Teacher/Coach	SF	5/26/2023		X
Timoteo	Patricia	Head Start Teacher	Cooper	5/26/2023		X
Crawford	Emily	Teacher	NR	5/26/2023		X
Wild	Lenny	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/9/2022		X
Flint	Sonia	Special Ed Data Clerk	DO	12/12/2022	X	
Coppinger	Victoria	Custodian	CMS	11/16/2022	X	
Alexander	Sarah	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	11/18/2022	X	
Smalley	Jayne	Sp. Ed. Para	Walton	11/17/2022	X	
Russell	Mary	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	11/28/2022	X	
Kaiser	Sonja	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	11/18/2022	X	
Morales	Angelica	Custodian	NHS	11/28/2022	X	
Rubin	Anthony	Liaison	ETC	12/1/2022	X	
Moss	Jennifer	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	12/5/2022	X	
Saltzman	Bonnie	Food Service	NR/CMS	1/5/2023	X	
Entz	Brookelynn	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	12/7/2022	X	
Suppes	Glen	Interim Principal	Walton	1/4/2023	X	
Davis	Jennifer	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	12/5/2022	X	
Wedel	Chris	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	12/9/2022	X	
Stanyer	Marsha	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	12/12/2022	X	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Lewis	Melissa	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	10/28/2022	Sp. Ed. Para @ SB	
McCormack	Eric	Teacher/Coach	SF	11/1/2022	Add Athletic Worker	
Lowe	Megan	Occupational Therapist	HCSEC	1/4/2022	From 1 day/week to FT	
Montano	Alfred	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/7/2022	Custodian @ NHS	

Kopper	Ryan	Teacher	NHS	12/6/2022	Add Asst Sch. Bowl Coach@ NHS
Coppinger	Victoria	Custodian	CMS	12/8/2022	Custodian @ SC
Gunn	Elizabeth	Teacher/Coach	NHS	12/9/2022	Resign Asst Softball Coach Only
Bergquist	Michelle	Admin Assistant/Coach	NHS	12/1/2022	Resign Asst Cross Country Coach Only
McGinnis	Shana	Reg. Ed. Aide	OA	12/8/2022	Add After School Monitor
Alexander	Katelyn	Sub Tchr/Coach	NHS	12/1/2022	Add Athletic Worker
Dawdy	Daniel	Teacher /Coach	NHS	12/1/2022	Add Athletic Worker

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

- Approve the August, September, October and November 2022 Treasurer's Reports as presented.
- Approve the renewal quote of the student information system as presented.
- Approve the sale/disposal of surplus equipment.

6. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve new course proposals for NHS for the 2023-24 school year.
- Approve the core instructional KESA goal as presented.

Lindley Hall Educational Committee Report

As a result of board discussion and action in the fall of 2019, a committee was formed to discuss options for adding some sort of informational display at Lindley Hall. Brenna Haines gave a summary of the committee work and now that the future of the gymnasium is known due to the passing of the bond for renovation, more concrete plans can begin.

7. New Business

Approve 2021-22 Financial Audit

No action was taken at this time. This item will return for approval at the January board meeting.

The board voted to:

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Carl Antle	NHS Automotive Department	2011 Toyota Camry	\$5,000.00
Lance Budge	NHS Automotive Department	1986 F150	\$2,500.00
Glenn & Patricia Reeves	NHS Automotive Department	1994 Chevy 1500	\$3,100.00
Case New Holland	Maint-Transportation Department	Two IBC totes of pure antifreeze	\$8,800.00
Conrade Insurance	USD 373	Assist with purchasing Railer Family t-shirts for new employees	\$500.00
Central Community Foundation	Walton Rural Life Center	Assist with upgrades to animal areas	\$2,000.00
Robert Dreier Memorial	Newton High School FFA	Assist with competition meals	\$840.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
First Presbyterian Women	USD 373	Donation to assist with meal accounts	\$300.00

Motion by Melissa Schreiber, second by Andy Ortiz.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed (7-0)

— Approve the early graduation requests from Newton High School and Opportunity Academy.

ELA Novel Review

The novel review committee has completed reviews on a second round of novels that were presented to the board. After discussion on the process to prioritize the books, board members asked that they have reviews on grandfathered books before any new books. The review committee will meet again during the 3rd quarter and will focus on grandfathered books.

— Approve adding January 23 and February 27 to the regular board meeting schedule for the 2022-23 school year.

8. Building Reports

Building and department reports were provided to board members.

9. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

Comments included: Thank you to the Lindley Hall committee and their work, CTE program report, Jane Nichols and business office working on the audit, and to Carly Stavola for providing the “Three Good Things in 373” info cards. Best wishes to teachers for the remaining few days of school before Christmas break. There are many opportunities to volunteer at Cooper and you can contact them if interested.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

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