

Board Notes — January 9, 2023

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, January 9, 2023, 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, and Dayna Steinmetz

Members Absent: 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.

2. Comments from the Public

The Newton High and Chisholm Middle JAG programs recognized and thanked board members for their service and presented them with a mug.

Kay Self thanked board members for their service to the district and expressed appreciation for the district as a whole.

3. Presentations/Reports

Representatives from the Newton High School Mathematics Department shared with the BOE how they have shifted assignment and grading practices over the past couple of years and the positive results they are seeing with students.

4. Executive Session

Convene in Executive Session - Personnel

Matt Treaster joined the executive session at 7:41 p.m.

5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the December 12 & 14, 2022 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the January 9, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Wollenberg	Nate	Teacher	NHS	8/1/2023		x
Wild	Helen	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	12/20/2022		x
Roberts	Matthew	Custodian	NR	12/16/2022		x
Garcia	Maria	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	12/20/2022		x
Smith	Amanda	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	12/9/2022		x
Regier	Michelle	Social Worker	SF	5/26/2023		x
Thompson	Sheri	Nurse	Walton	5/26/2023		x
Breaker	Rachel	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	12/20/2022		x

Purvis	Gabriela	Nurse	SC/NR	5/26/2023		x
Switzer	Max	Rule 10 Coach	CMS	5/31/2022		x
Dawson	Kylee	Rule 10 Coach	CMS	5/31/2022		x
Schmidt	Larry	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	12/20/2022		x
McCormack	Eric	ED Sp Ed Long Term Sub	SF	5/26/2023		x
Whitlock	Abigail	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	12/20/2022		x
Smalley	Jayne	Sp. Ed. Para	Walton	12/20/2022		x
Hardeman	Greg	Substitute Bus Aide	Transportation	2/28/2022		x
Lett	Breanna	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	12/20/2022		x
Alejos	Pauline	Food Service	CMS	12/20/2022		x
Skrdla	Traci	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	1/6/2023	x	
Schrock	Kaitlyn	Speech Sp. Ed. Para	NHS/Walton	1/17/2023	x	
Ribble	Jaclyn	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	1/6/2023	x	
Lagree	Andrea	Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	1/5/2023	x	
Culp	Nancy	Substitute	District-Wide	1/5/2023	x	
Waldrop	Trevor	Rule 10 Coach	CMS	12/20/2022	x	
Weaver	Kendrick	Substitute	District-Wide	1/5/2023	x	
Church	Abbygail	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	1/3/2023	x	
Koehn	Katelin	Reg. Ed. Aide	SC	1/5/2023	x	
Talley	Jordan	Reg. Ed. Aide	Cooper	12/19/2022	x	
South	Annette	Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	12/12/2022	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Fisher	Kenneth	Bus Driver	Transportation	11/15/2022	From 6hrs to 6.5 hrs/day	
Unruh	Sherry	Web Master	DO	11/21/2022	From 4hrs to 6hrs/day	
Bungard	Shannon	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	1/17/2023	Permanent Sub. @ CMS	
Rende	Miki	Permanent Substitute	CMS	12/15/2022	Long Term Sub.-IR Sped @ CMS	
Geyer	Tamera	Teacher	NHS	1/1/2023	Add Asst. Girls Wrestling & Asst. Track Coach @ CMS	
Stenzel	Jennifer	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	1/5/2023	2.5hrs ED para/4.25hrs IR para	
Smucker	Aimee	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	1/5/2023	1.75hrs ED para/5hrs IR para	
Goalden	Ashley	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	1/5/2023	From 1 day/wk to 5 days/wk	
Epp	Gershon	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	1/5/2023	From 3 days/wk to 5 days/wk	
Gayden	Isaiah	Reg. Ed. Aide	OA	1/5/2023	From 20 hrs/wk to 22 hrs/wk	
Schmiguel	Laura	Long Term Substitute	SF	1/4/2023	Teacher-Sped IR @ SF	
Dibbens	Jamie	Teacher/Coach	CMS	1/5/2023	Add extra period assignment	
Kondziola	Christa	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	1/10/2023	Add Aide @ NR 1 day/week	
Sebree	Laura	Food Service	NHS	12/5/2022	Add Bus Aide-2hr/day	
Knoll	Duane	Teacher	NHS	1/5/2023	Add extra period assignment	
Hall	Emerie	Teacher	NHS	1/5/2023	Add extra period assignment	
Schmidt	Frederick	Teacher	NHS	1/5/2023	Add extra period assignment	
Wedel	Adrianne	Teacher	NHS	1/5/2023	Add extra period assignment	

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

6. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the audit report of the district's financial records for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 as presented.
- Approve the novel, Redwall, for Chisholm Middle School.

7. New Business

Enterprise Fleet Management

Brandon Scott with Enterprise Fleet Management provided information on leasing fleet vehicles for the district as we have aging vehicles that are requiring more maintenance. This lease program does not include school buses. Administration will be seeking approval at the January 23 meeting to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management.

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Sand Creek Family Dental	South Breeze Elementary	Donation for structure learning program and resources	\$567.92
Michael & Stephanie Senn	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$500.00
Railer Services LLC	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$500.00
Knights of Columbus	Harvey County Spec Ed Cooperative	Circle of Friends	\$1,259.73
Christopher Preheim	Chisholm Middle	Science Olympiad registration fees and supplies	\$1,000.00
Hv. Co. Builders & Assoc.	Newton High CTE	Donation to purchase tools/equipment	\$1,000.00
Charles & Nancy Craig	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$500.00
Axtell Clinic	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$500.00
Harvey County Medical Society	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$3,000.00
Matthew & Jennifer Koontz	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$500.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Stucky Enterprises	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$100.00
Rohr Jewelry	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$100.00
Jessica Brozek	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$250.00
City of Walton	Walton Rural Life Ctr	Johnson memorial gift for classroom supplies	\$75.00
Philip & Laura Burnett	Walton Rural Life Ctr	Egy memorial gift for classroom supplies	\$100.00
Brent & Michelle Coffman	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$250.00

- Approve the early graduation requests from Opportunity Academy.

Newton High School Student Handbook Revision

Newton High School administration presented a revised 2022-23 student handbook to the board for review and will be asking approval at the January 23 board meeting. Revisions include a few name and position changes and the addition of a "discipline guidance chart" that staff have been using throughout the year and have now placed in the student handbook.

2023-24 NHS Course Guide Draft

The 2023-24 Newton High School Course Guide was presented to the board for information with revisions noted in red. Administration will be asking for approval of this course guide at the January 23 board meeting.

Professional Learning Evaluations for November 2022

Evaluations from November 1, 2022, Professional Learning day were shared with the Board of Education.

The board voted to:

- Appoint Mallory Morton as board president for January 2023 through January 2024.
- Appoint Melissa Schreiber as board vice-president for January 2023 through January 2024.
- Approve setting the regular Board of Education meeting dates for 2023-2024 school year at the organizational board meeting on July 10, 2023.

8. Building Reports

Building reports were provided to board members.

9. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

Comments included: appreciation for the NHS math department update and continued learning about the Special Education Cooperative and technology department meetings, reminder to follow the educational topics as the legislative session has begun.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

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