

Board Notes — September 26, 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, September 26, 2022, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E. 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Luke Edwards, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber, and Dayna Steinmetz

Members Absent: Brenna Haines 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 amended.

2. Comments from the Public

There were no comments.

3. Presentations/Reports

Superintendent Van Ranken announced that Brian Skinner was named the 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year at the KTOY Banquet Saturday evening. Brian gave an update on what activities he will be participating in over the course of this school year.

Walton Rural Life Center

Principal Kate Bremerman and several teachers and students reported on their Ag Camp held May 31-June 3. There were 137 students that participated in the camp. Angie Black shared about a new program this year called After the Bell After School Ag Club which is funded by a mini grant the school received.

4. Executive Session

Convene in Executive Session - Personnel

5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the September 12 & 19, 2022 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the September 26, 2022 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Canfield	Yessica	Food Service	NHS FS	9/20/2022		x
Bowmaker	Madison	Custodian	CMS	9/14/2022		x
Foster	Jarrold	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	9/22/2022		x
Andrade	Rosana	ELL Aide	CMS	9/22/2022		x
Limon	Rachel	SLP	SB	9/23/2022	x	
Moody	Jane	Permanent Long Term Sub.	SC	9/26/2022	x	

Klassen	Meleah	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	8/16/2022	x	
Lewis	Melissa	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	9/22/2022	x	
Donald	Schmidt	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	9/21/2022	x	
Paulus	Joshua	Industrial Arts Teacher	NHS	9/23/2022	x	
Arellano	Andrea	Sub. Food Service	Food Service	9/15/2022	x	
Navarro	Paulina	Head Start Aide	Cooper	9/19/2022	x	
Miller	Rhena	Head Start Aide	Cooper	9/14/2022	x	
Grace	Lisa	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	9/14/2022	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Arellano	Mike	Bus Aide	Transportation	9/19/2022	Bus Aide 1hr/day, Van Driver 3hrs/day	
Schrag	Michelle	Teacher	CMS	9/7/2022	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Jones	Christina	Counselor	CMS	9/7/2022	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Mendez	Christopher	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	9/7/2022	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Reimer	Courtney	Reg. Ed. Aide	Walton	9/12/2022	Add Bus Aide	
Herrera	Lluvia	Counselor	CMS	9/7/2022	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Andrade	Rosana	Ell Aide	CMS	9/21/2022	Add Translating	
Kornfeld	Kristen	Administrative Assistant	CMS	10/10/2022	Human Resources Assist. @ McKinley	
Blau	Kristen	Teacher	SB	8/1/2022	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 updated 2022-23 Substitute Handbook.
- Approve the 2022-23 MOU with Flint Hills Technical College as presented.
- Approve the Hutchinson Community College Concurrent Enrollment Partnership MOU.
- Approve the participating agreement with Hutchinson Community College for 2022-23.
- Approve the MOU with ESSDACK for the secondary virtual student program for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approve the revision to the Classified Director Salary Index for 2022-23.
- Approve the Building Site Council members for 2022-23.

6. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve that, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1148, the mandatory contract provisions contained in Department of Administration form DA-146a be waived as they might pertain to any and all documents that may be required to be executed by Unified School District No. 373, Harvey County, Kansas, in connection with the issuance of City of Newton, Kansas Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds, Series 2022.
- Approve the 2022-23 Staff Handbooks for Opportunity Academy and Newton High School as presented.
- Approve the KASB recommended revisions to board policies as presented.

October 10 Board Mtg Information

The October 10, 2022 Board of Education meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center. After the 373 business meeting is over, the board will continue with a work session with the City of Newton.

7. New Business

ELA Novel Review

Following the new process for reviewing novels for ELA grades 5-12, the committee has completed the review of 6 novels which were presented to the board tonight. Administration will be asking for approval at the next board meeting.

— Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Thrasher Foundation Repair	Newton High School CTE	Donation of tools	\$2,000.00
MasterBrand Cabinets	Newton High School CTE	Donation of wood materials	\$1,200.00
AGCO	Newton High School	Donation for Student of the Week prog.	\$500.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Nicholas Navrat	Walton Rural Life Center	Funding for "After the Bell Ag Club"	\$100.00
Back Alley Pizza	Chisholm Middle School	Gift card for CMS Family Night	\$40.00
Walmart	Chisholm Middle School	Gift card for CMS Family Night	\$50.00
Gurty's Burgers	Chisholm Middle School	Gift card for CMS Family Night	\$60.00
Applebees	Chisholm Middle School	Gift card for CMS Family Night	\$70.00
City of Halstead	Cooper Early Ed Ctr-PAT Program	Paid pool admission for PAT families	\$48.00

7. Building Reports

Building reports were provided for Santa Fe 5/6 Center, Chisholm Middle, Newton High and Opportunity Academy.

8. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

Comments included: thank you to Walton staff and students for presenting and congratulations to Brian Skinner for being named 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

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

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