

Board Notes — January 23, 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 23, 2023, 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 7:00 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Comments from the Public

Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs shared a student success story from a past NHS graduate.

3. Presentations/Reports

January is Board Member Recognition month. The NHS Culinary Arts class provided a meal for board members. Superintendent Van Ranken presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The district recognized NHS students that were selected for All-State Music.

4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the January 9, 2023 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the January 23, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Busenitz	Carrie	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	1/11/2023		x
Skrdla	Traci	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	1/10/2023		x
Dekin	Lori	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	1/9/2023		x
Kelly	Jennifer	Reg. Ed. Aide	Cooper	1/11/2023		x
Martinez	Kaylee	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	2/2/2023		x
Smith	Jade	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	1/27/2023		x
Lagree	Andrea	Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	1/17/2023		x
Valverde	Ramona	Food Service	Walton	11/18/2022		x
Miller	Rhena	Head Start Aide	Cooper	1/31/2023		x
Newfield	Matthew	Grounds Keeper	Service Center	2/3/2023		x
Beebe	Lynn	Benefits Coordinator	DO	3/10/2023		x

McKellip	Christine	Remote P/T Teacher	CMS	1/31/2023		x
DeRome	Kayla	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	1/23/2023	x	
Putter	Alexis	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	4/10/2023	x	
Klassen	Kylie	Rule 10 Coach	NHS	2/27/2023	x	
Unruh	Diane	Reg. Ed. Aide	NR	1/11/2023	x	
Pauls	Tanner	Rule 10 Coach	NHS	1/7/2023	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Baker	Laura	Teacher	CMS	1/9/2023	Add Railer Power Hr & Connections	
Nickel	Eunice	Teacher	NHS	1/5/2023	From F/T Teach to P/T Teach	
Unruh	Andrea	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	1/4/2023	Sub. Sp. Ed. Para @ HCSEC	
Traxson	Jennifer	Custodian	NR	1/17/2023	From 2 nd to 1st shift custodian @ NR	
Potluri	Colin	Teacher	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Dickgrafe	Shardae	Teacher	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Gerk	Jacklyn	Teacher	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Rende	Miki	Long Term Sub	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Murphy	Madison	Teacher	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Buller	Daniel	Teacher	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Geyer	Tamera	Teacher	NHS	1/1/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Juhnke	Roger	Substitute Tchr	District-Wide	1/1/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Powell	Kimberly	Teacher	NHS	1/1/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Schauf	Molly	Teacher	NHS	1/1/2023	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 December 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented.
- Accept the proposal from Intrust Bank to invest bond proceeds.

5. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the revised 2022-23 Newton High School Student Handbook as presented.
- Approve the 2023-24 Newton High School Course Guide as presented.

6. New Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Central KS Community Foundation	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$1,000.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Milton Claassen	Newton High School	AED fundraiser donation	\$100.00
Union State Bank	Cooper Early Education Center	United Way matching funds for team training	\$200.00

— Approve the purchase of a new school bus using funds from 2023-2024 Capital Outlay.

Enrollment Trend

Superintendent Van Ranken shared information regarding enrollment trends in the district, youth age trends in Harvey County, building capacity information and dollar cost per student. He is recommending the board hold a work session to have further discussion as this relates to meeting the needs of our students in the upcoming years. January 30 or February 1 were selected as possible dates for a work session.

7. Building Reports

Building reports for SF, CMS, NHS and OA were provided to board members.

8. Executive Session

Convened in Executive Session for Personnel.

9. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

Comments included: appreciation for the meal provided by the NHS culinary arts students.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

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