

Board Notes — February 13, 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, February 13, 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 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.

2. Comments from the Public

Hope Graber addressed the board regarding maintaining all grade level sections at Northridge Elementary. Ian Long, Julie Long, Jadyn Eckert, Tom Cowan, Dawn Cuellar, Connie Weber, Seth Houston, John Esau, Aaron Voth and Elisha Blount addressed the board regarding the future of Walton Rural Life Center. Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs gave a report on the success of a Newton High School graduate.

3. Presentations/Reports

Vince Haines (Gravity Works) and Alan Youngers (McCownGordon) gave an update on the Santa Fe gymnasium renovation. More information and details of the design package should be available and presented at the February 27 board meeting.

4. Executive Session

Convened in Executive Session for Personnel.

5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the January 23 and February 1, 2023 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the February 13, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Miller-Dealy	Debra	Teacher	SS	6/1/2023		x
Arellano	Mike	Bus Aide/Van Driver	Transportation	1/27/2023		x
Crisler	Michele	OT	Cooper	5/26/2023		x
Bieker	LaKaya	Psychologist	HCSEC	5/31/2023		x
Guillory	Stephanie	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	2/7/2023		x
Foreman	Aimee	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	2/7/2023		x
Mabrey	Janene	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	2/7/2023		x
Dobbins	Erik	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	5/26/2023		x
Kioski	Shon	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x

Brack	Susan	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
White	Linda	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Rickard	Alex	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Wingo	Susan	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Nathan	Jonathan	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Cox	Jennifer	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Engel	Charles	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Dick	Nathan	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Jantzen	Henry	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Cross	Jennie	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Arnold	Teresa	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Magnall	Cameron	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Porras	Karelys	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Schlender	Erica	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/6/2023		x
Spencer	Sherie	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	5/18/2023		x
Scheef	Whitney	Social Worker	SF	8/1/2023	x	
Banning	Mariah	Athletic Worker	NHS	2/10/2023	x	
Stegman	Caroline	Rule 10 Coach	NHS	2/27/2023	x	
Mans	Lena	Head Start Aide	Cooper	2/13/2023	x	
Crisp	Hannah	Speech Sp. Ed. Para	Cooper, SS, SF	2/13/2023	x	
Giersch	Devyn	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	2/9/2023	x	
Belgard	Dylan	Food Service	CMS	2/6/2023	x	
Ochoa	Tanya	Head Start Aide	Cooper	2/3/2023	x	
Spencer	Ashley	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	2/1/2023	x	
Douglas	Lyric	Reg. Ed. Aide	Walton	1/30/2023	x	
Dalton	Joshua	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	1/26/2023	x	
Coppinger	Laika	Custodian	CMS	1/27/2023	x	
Giffin	John	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	1/24/2023	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Yoder	Debra	Custodian	SF	1/30/2023	2nd Shift Custodian @ NR	
Horton	Amber	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/13/2023	Permanent Sub. @ Cooper	
Wedel	Anna	Teacher	CMS/SF	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Glenn	Mary	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	1/23/2023	Add Bus Aide-2hr/day	
Yoder	Jim	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	1/18/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Rhodes	Shelby	Reg. Ed. Aide	Walton	1/25/2023	Sp. Ed. Para @ Walton	
Graber	Monty	Teacher	CMS	2/1/2023	Add Railer Power Hr & Connections	
Wald	Elaina	Sp.Ed. Teacher	SS	5/26/2023	Substitute Tchr @ District-Wide	
Berner	Corbin	Teacher	SF	1/1/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Koonce	Melinda	Food Service	CMS	8/17/2022	From 2.5 hrs/day to 4.5 hrs/day	
Beeson	Norma	Food Service	NHS	12/1/2022	From 31.25 hr/wk to 33.5 hs/wk	
Savage	Tena	Food Service	SF	1/2/2023	6.75 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day @ NHS	

Saltzman	Bonnie	Food Service	CMS/NR	1/18/2023	From 5.75hr/day to 4hr/day@ CMS
Merrill	Lisa	Food Service	NHS	12/1/2022	From 31.25 hrs/wk to 32.75 hrs/wk
Powell	Kimberly	Teacher	NHS	11/1/2022	Add Diving Coach
Deckert	Lydia	Teacher	NHS	2/1/2022	Add Asst. Girls Swim Coach
Hiebert	Page	Teacher	CMS	3/1/2023	Add Asst. MS Track Coach

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

- Approve the MOU with ESSDACK for the secondary virtual student program for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approve the Microsoft Annual Renewal as presented.
- Approve the KSHSAA cooperative sponsorship with Hesston High School for girls swimming and diving as presented.

6. Old Business

Discussion, Information: A. Planning for Next Year

Board members discussed what their goal is in planning for next year, declining enrollment, the need for increased staff wages and the number of sections per grade offered at Walton Rural Life Center and Northridge Elementary.

The board voted to:

- Move to direct staff to move forward with making Walton Rural Life Center a one section school and Northridge Elementary one section for grades K-2 for 2023-24.

7. New Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
NMC Health	Newton High School	Donation for AED Fundraiser	\$2,000.00
Millennium Machine	Newton High School	CTE Scholar Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Kansas Electric	Newton High School	CTE Scholar Scholarship	\$1,500.00
AGCO	Newton High School Machining Program	Lathe chucks and bar stock	\$8,500.00
Anonymous	Newton High School	Baseball helmets	\$752.00
Nat'l FFA Foundation	Newton High School FFA	Grant to assist with FFA expenses	\$1,000.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
City of Newton	Newton High School Machining Program	Donation for student activities	\$75.00
Melinda Budde	Newton High School Machining Program	Materials, expendable tools	\$200.00

Out of State Trip Information

Chisholm Middle School provided information on an anticipated out-of-state student trip for 2022-23.

Review Policy EDAA School Buses & Vehicles

The revision to Policy EDAA-School Buses and Vehicles reflects current practice in our district. Administration will be seeking approval of this revised policy at the next board meeting.

KASB Recommended Policy Revisions

The KASB recommended policy revisions for December 2022 include 6 revisions, one new policy and one deleted policy. These are for review at this time and administration will be recommending action at the next board meeting.

8. Building and Department Reports

Building reports for Cooper, Northridge, Slate Creek, South Breeze, Sunset, HR/Payroll/Business, Technology Services and Maintenance/Facilities were provided to board members.

9. Closing of Meeting

Information: A. Board Comments

Comments included: appreciation for the discussions and sharing tonight around planning for the future and acknowledged that these are hard decisions to make that will affect staff and families. Members consented to adding an agenda item on discussing policy BCBD-Development of Agenda.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

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