

Board Notes — February 27, 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 27, 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 (by phone), 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

President Morton asked that the February 22, 2023 minutes be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business for further discussion.

— Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

2. Presentations/Reports

South Breeze Elementary staff, Jana Bohling, Amanda Warkentine, Taylor Tarrant, and Jennifer Criswell, gave a Redesign update for their building.

3. Comments from the Public

Travis Fetters, Stacy Fetters, Morgan Simmering, Dena Braun, Ron Braun, Ashley Adkins, Jen Lehman, Summer Stallings, Kyle Blocher, Elisabeth Graber, and Lynn Vigil addressed the board regarding changes to number of sections offered at Walton Rural Life Center and Northridge Elementary as well as concerns of fiscal responsibility.

Daniel Galley, Victor Garcia, Eric Puttroff, Darin Schmidt, Steven Tieszen, Julia Long, Rebecca Triana, Christina Bell, Andrew Buchanan, Kris/Jodi Wondra, Janet Soukup, Pam Rivera, Benjamin Meier, Teresa Muncy, Julie Hendricks, and Shayla Larson addressed the board regarding the recent change in the district's Code of Conduct.

4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the February 13, 2023 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the February 27, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Bach	Joseph	Alternative School	NHS	5/26/2023		x
Dobbins	Erik	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	2/15/2023		x
Kealy	Aslynn	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	2/14/2023		x
Allen	Andrew	Custodian	SB	2/21/2023		x
McNeill	Adam	Custodian	NHS	2/13/2023		x

Bohling	Jana	Principal	SB	7/1/2023		x
Goodhart	Ryan	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	1/26/2023		x
Bogunovich	Brett	Maintenance	Service Center	2/22/2023		x
Nicholson	Bryce	Sp. Ed. Para	Walton	2/16/2023		x
Herbison	April	Food Service	SB	2/22/2023		x
Foster	Jarrod	Long Term Sub-Adapt PE	NHS	8/1/2023	x	
Sweely	Tucker	Rule 10 Coach	NHS	2/27/2023	x	
Cheney	Aryn	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/24/2023	x	
Robinson	Laurie	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	2/21/2023	x	
Henson	John	Rule 10 Coach	CMS	2/27/2023	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Rende	Miki	Long Term Substitute	CMS	2/17/2023	Add Railer Power Hr & Connections	
Talley	Jordan	Reg. Ed. Aide	Cooper	2/27/2023	Add Asst Softball Coach @ NHS	
Giersch	Devyn	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	2/27/2023	Add Bus Aide	
Schmigel	Laura	IR Sp. Ed. Teacher	SF	8/1/2023	ED Sp. Ed. Teacher @ SF	

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

— Approve the January 2023 Treasurer's Report.

5. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the revision to Board Policy EDAA-School Buses and Vehicles as presented.
- Approve the agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management.

Approve KASB Recommended Policy Revisions

This item was tabled for further review and discussion and will be on the March 13, 2023 board agenda.

6. New Business

- Approve the bid package for the work at the Santa Fe Campus for a total of \$1,953,400 to include the scope of as presented.
- Approve the early graduation requests from Opportunity Academy.
- Approve the JAG programs at Newton High School and Chisholm Middle School for 2023-24 as presented.
- Approve the addition of Advanced Computer Apps at Chisholm Middle School for the 2023-24 school year.

Review Policy IF Textbooks, Instructional Materials & Media Center

KASB recommended revisions to policy IF-Textbooks, Instructional Materials & Media Center were presented to the board. Administration will be seeking approval at the next board meeting.

Newton High School Out-of-State Trip

An upcoming out of state trip for the Ag Academy group was presented to the board for information purposes only.

Review of Board Policy BCBD-Agenda

Board member Melissa Schreiber requested this discussion on policy BCBD-Agenda as it relates to the compilation of the agenda. Past practice has been that the superintendent schedules a meeting with the board president to review the agenda items prior to the meeting agenda being finalized. It was suggested that there be at least one other board member present for this meeting. Board consensus was to move forward with the vice president being invited to the agenda planning meeting. The board will evaluate the need to make an adjustment to that process if it is not effective.

Approve the February 22, 2023 Minutes

Board members discussed having the Waiver of Notice be part of the February 22, 2023 minutes that are approved. This Waiver reflects the board members that waive the written notice required under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-1138 as to the time, place, and purpose of a special meeting of the Board of Education of USD 373 held on February 22, 2023.

— Approve the February 22, 2023 minutes with the addition of the Waiver of Notice.

7. Building Reports

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

8. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

Time was provided for each board member to make comment.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

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