

Board Notes — February 22, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Newton Unified School District 373 convened in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 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, Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Joni Jantz, NHS Principal Blake Smith, and NHS Athletic Director Brian Becker.

The Waiver of Notice to waive the written notice required under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-1138 is attached and part of the minutes.

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Mallory Morton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Move to adopt the agenda as presented.

2. New Business

Action: A. Executive Session – Student Matters

— Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 6:25 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.

— Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 6:55 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session. Blake Smith and Brian Becker joined the executive session at 6:43 p.m.

— Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 7:00 p.m. Fred Van Ranken, Blake Smith and Brian Becker are invited to join the executive session.

Blake Smith and Brian Becker left the executive session at 6:59 p.m.

Brenna Haines left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

President Morton called for a 3 minute break.

— Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 7:23 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.

— Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 7:35 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.

- Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 7:45 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.
- Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 8:00 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.
- Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 8:10 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.
- Approve the board convene in executive session for Student Matters and return to the open meeting in this room at 8:30 p.m. Fred Van Ranken is invited to join the executive session.

Discussion: B. Discussion of Board Policy

- Move to amend the Code of Conduct that every situation is different and administration reserves the right to deviate from the Code of Conduct when deemed appropriate.

3. Closing of Meeting

Action: A. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

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