

Board Notes — June 12, 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, June 12, 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 7:02 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Budget Hearing

President Morton opened the Budget Hearing for comments. After no comments, the Budget Hearing was closed.

3. Comments from the Public

Public Comment

Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs gave a NHS graduate success story. Sara Getchell addressed the board regarding the MOU with NRC for Clubhouse services.

4. Presentations/Reports

Lions Club Braille Flag Presentation

Newton Lions Club members and a representative from the Kansas Braille Technology Institute presented eight official braille US flags to be displayed in every school building.

Spring Sports/Activity Recognitions

Newton High School students who placed at state competitions for spring sports and music were recognized.

5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the May 22, 2023 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the June 12, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Moss	Jennifer	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	5/19/2023		x
Valle	Janessa	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	5/24/2023		x
Unruh	Cory	CTE Teacher	NHS	5/25/2023		x
Salmans	Collin	Business Teacher	NHS	5/25/2023		x
Epp	Naomi	Reg. Ed. Aide	SS	5/24/2023		x
Kelsey	Jennifer	Media Clerk & Substitute	SB	5/24/2023		x
Tucker	Mariana	Teacher	Cooper	5/25/2023		x

Decker	Dianne	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	5/24/2023		x
Montano	Jill	Reg. Ed. Aide	NR	5/24/2023		x
McCartney	Alexandra	Teacher	CMS	5/25/2023		x
Webb	Derek	Teacher	SB	5/25/2023		x
Roland	Alicia	Custodian	NHS	6/13/2023	x	
Rabanal Moman	Beatriz	Spanish Teacher	NHS	8/1/2023	x	
Terrell	Sherri	Principal	SB	7/18/2023	x	
Warhurst	Amy	5th Grade ELA	SF	8/1/2023	x	
Tucker	Kylie	IR Sped Teacher	NR	8/1/2023	x	
Fox	Chris	Assistant Football Coach	NHS	6/6/2023	x	
Anderson	Lindsay	3rd Grade Teacher	SB	8/1/2023	x	
Roberts	Matthew	Groundskeeper	Service Ctr	6/5/2023	x	
Stice	Jaylyn	Head Start Teacher	Cooper	8/1/2023	x	
Watson	Sarah	Kindergarten Teacher	SC	8/1/2023	x	
Steinert	Shasta	Sped. Social Worker	NHS	8/1/2023	x	
Capers	Jocelyn	IR Sped Teacher	NR	8/1/2023	x	
Bledsoe	William	OA Tchr/Head Girls BB Coach/Girls Summer Wgths	OA/NHS	6/5/2023	x	
Rodriguez	Pamela	Baking Department Mgr	NHS	6/12/2023	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Sebree	Laura	Baking Department Mgr	NHS	5/25/2023	Baking Department Helper	
Buckman	Katelyn	Teacher	SF	5/25/2023	Deaf/Hard of Hearing Tchr@Dist-Wide	
Jones	Christina	Social Worker	CMS	8/1/2023	From 10 Additional Days to 15	
Herrera	Lluvia	Student Support Coach	CMS	8/1/2023	From 10 Additional Days to 15	
Kirtley	Shannon	Reading Specialist	SF	8/1/2023	1st Grade Teacher @ SB	
Brown	Ashtyn	Teacher	SF	8/1/2023	2nd Grade Teacher @ SB	
Criswell	Jennifer	Teacher	SB	8/1/2023	From 1st Grade to 2nd Grade @ SB	
Coppinger	Laika	Custodian	CMS	6/1/2023	Custodian @ SB	
Hultman	Adrienne	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	5/30/2023	Administrative Assistant @ MAC	
Conner	Karla	Long Term Sub. Teacher	SB/St Mary	8/1/2023	Art Teacher @ SB/St. Mary's	
Sneed	Marcia	Reg. Ed. Aide	CMS	7/17/2023	Administrative Assistant @ OA	
Graber	Erin	Social Worker	Walton	8/1/2023	From FT @ Walton to PT @ SS	
Loewen	Tobie	Reading Specialist	Walton	8/1/2023	Interventionist @ SF	
Brown	Ashtyn	Teacher/Coach	SB	8/1/2023	Add Asst. Girls BB Coach @ CMS	
Geyer	Tamera	Teacher/Coach	NHS	8/1/2023	Add Asst. Cross Country Coach @ NHS	
Claassen	Russell	Substitute/Coach	Dist-Wide	8/1/2023	From Asst to Head Boys/Girls Tennis @CMS	

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

- Approve the May 2023 Treasurer's Report.
- Approve the flooring bid as part of the 2023-24 Capital Outlay Plan.
- Approve the Special Education Title VI-B Assurances and Certification as presented.
- Approve the sale and/or disposal of furniture/equipment as presented.

- Approve the contract for the high school football event at Riverfront Stadium October 20, 2023.
- Approve the invoice from Solis Security for work done during the network security incident.

6. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Adopt the amended 2022-23 Budget as presented.
- Approve the 2023-24 handbooks for Opportunity Academy student and staff, Santa Fe 5/6 Center student and staff, and Chisholm Middle students as presented.
- Approve the list of ELA novels as presented.
- Approve the MOU with Newton Recreation Center for providing before and after school care to students.

Review of Handbooks

The 2023-24 Chisholm Staff, Cooper Family, Newton High School Student and Elementary Family Handbooks were presented to the board for review with recommended approval at the June 26 board meeting.

ELA Novels for Review

The ELA novel review committee has completed a review of eleven more novels to be used in the ELA classrooms. Information on each novel was presented to the board and administration will be seeking approval at the June 26 board meeting.

7. New Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Lions Club	USD 373	Eight Braille American flags	\$560.00
O'Reilly Auto Enterprises	Newton High Automotive Technology	2008 Ford Ranger for student learning	\$6,000.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Kroger	RaileRobotics	Travel expenses	\$156.72
Bunting Magnetics	Newton High Welding	Assorted sheet steel	\$480.00

- Approve the waiver for non-federal share in the amount of \$176,054.02 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

SB 113 Update

Superintendent Van Ranken provided an update on SB113 as it relates to the district and answered questions from board members.

End of Year Building Site Council Reports

End of year Site Council reports for every building were presented to the board.

8. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments — Time was provided for each board member to comment.

Adjournment — Move to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

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