

Board Notes — July 24, 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, July 24, 2023, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Luke Edwards, Brenna Haines, Mallory Morton, Melissa Schreiber

Members Absent: Andy Ortiz, Dayna Steinmetz, 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 7:01 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

– Adopt the agenda as amended.

2. Comments from the Public

Ian Long addressed the board regarding the BOE operational manual.

3. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

– Approve the July 10, 2023 minutes as presented.

– Approve the bills as presented.

– Approve the July 24, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Rachel	Robert (Drew)	Computer Technician	ETC	7/21/2023		x
Anderson	Susanne	Teacher	NHS	7/12/2023		x
Moody	Jane	Permanent Sub Tchr	SC	7/11/2023		x
Dalton	Joshua	Substitute Teacher	Dist.-Wide	7/17/2023		x
Clifton	Heather	Reg. Ed. Aide	NR	7/18/2023		x
Boese	Elijah	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	7/18/2023		x
Culp	Nancy	Substitute Teacher	Dist.-Wide	7/21/2023		x
Schaeffer	Christopher	Maintenance Director	Service Ctr	11/1/2023		x
Gile	Wendy	Sped Admin Assistant	DO	8/4/2023		x
White	Denise	Reg. Ed. Aide	NR	7/21/2023		x
Charrier-Willis	Renee	Media Specialist	TBD	8/1/2023	x	
Guhr	Amy	Admin Assistant	SB	7/24/2023	x	
Gonzalez Ponce	Veronica	Custodian	SF	7/12/2023	x	
Brooks	Larry	Part Time Custodian	Service Ctr	7/24/2023	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Miller	Oliver	Software App Specialist	ETC	8/17/2023	Computer Technician @ ETC	
Rodriguez	Shiann	Sp. Ed. Para	Walton	8/1/2023	Sp. Ed. Para @ NR	
Jordan	Jacquelyn	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/7/2023	Sped IDD Teacher @ NR	
Enfield	Leeza	1st Grade Teacher	NR	8/8/2023	1st Grade Teacher @ SB	

Durham	Taylor	Asst. Track Coach	NHS	8/1/2023	Asst. Football Coach @ NHS
Conrad-Lindeman	Mercy	Custodian	CMS	8/14/2023	ISS Monitor @ CMS
Gronau	Jennifer	Sp. Ed. Para	Walton	8/1/2023	Reg. Ed. Aide @ NR
Allen	Sarah	Reg. Ed. Aide	Walton	8/1/2023	Reg. Ed. Aide @ NR
Sweeden	Donna	Reg. Ed. Aide	Walton	8/1/2023	Reg. Ed. Aide @ NR
Entz	Jackie (Allison)	Permanent Substitute	NHS	8/1/2023	ELA Teacher @ NHS
Weidenbener	Jill	Permanent Substitute	Walton	8/1/2023	Permanent Substitute @ SC

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

- Approve the property casualty insurance renewal as presented.
- Approve the invoice from McDonald Hopkins in the amount of \$1,909.00
- Approve CTE Cooperating Agreements with McPherson, Moundridge and Sedgwick school districts.
- Approve a correction to Resolution 2024-07-6 for 2023-24 BOE meeting dates.
- Approve the SentinelOne quote as presented.
- Approve the GoGuardian renewal as presented.
- Approve the ESP invoice to expend the KDHE Grant.

4. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the 2023-24 Newton High School Staff Handbook as presented.
- Approve the recommended revisions to policies AG, GAAF, GAOA, GARID, JH, KK, KN, new policies IFCC and JGFGA and new form JGFGA as presented.

Update on the SRO MOU

Discussion on the SRO MOU was tabled until the August 14 board meeting because several board members were absent.

5. New Business

- Approve the change in BOE policy EE as presented to reflect the changes to qualify for the national school breakfast and lunch programs.
- Approve the appointment of Andy Ortiz, Dayna Steinmetz and Matt Treaster to a special committee with the purpose being to develop a BOE operational manual.

2022-23 Data Review

Sheila Wendling presented 2022-23 data information to the board. This data can be found in the July 24 agenda in BoardDocs.

2023 Needs Assessment Review

Superintendent Van Ranken gave a summary of the work that administrators have done with the district's Building Needs Assessment.

- Approve the district participating in the Safe and Secure Schools program and match the grant amount awarded.

6. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

There were no comments.

Background information on agenda items may be found in BoardDocs at:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd373/Board.nsf/Public>