

## Board Notes — September 11, 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, September 11, 2023, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton, KS.

**Members Present:** Luke Edwards, Brenna Haines, Mallory Morton, Melissa Schreiber, Dayna Steinmetz, Matt Treaster

**Members Absent:** Andy Ortiz

**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. Public Hearing

#### Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

President Morton opened the RNR Hearing. Following no comments, the hearing was closed.

### Approve RNR Resolution

— Adopt by roll call vote Resolution No. 091123 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

### 3. Presentations/Reports

NHS Principal Blake Smith, Detective Salmans, SRO Hulse, and Chief Roberson recognized high school student, Ethan House, for his life saving actions of a fellow high school student.

### 4. Comments from the Public

Scott Zimmerman addressed the board regarding student and teacher retention.

Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs shared a NHS graduate success story.

### 5. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the August 28, 2023 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the September 11, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Cowden	Trianna	Food Service	Walton	5/25/2023		x
Wetschensky	Keaton	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	5/25/2023		x
Brooks	Larry	Part-Time Custodian	Dist-Wide	8/25/2023		x
Herbst-Stubbs	Kailey	Sp. Ed. Para	Dist-Wide	9/6/2023	x	
Bradley	Sara	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	9/6/2023	x	

Sarchet	Holly	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	9/6/2023	x	
Archibald	Kamryn	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	9/5/2023	x	
Kerbs	Emily	Substitute Teacher	Dist-Wide	9/1/2023	x	
Rhoten	Caitlin	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	9/5/2023	x	
Fisher	Mariah	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	8/30/2023	x	
Lumbreras	Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher	Dist-Wide	8/30/2023	x	
Dick	Sara	Substitute Teacher	Dist-Wide	8/30/2023	x	
Washington	Floretia	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/30/2023	x	
Forbes	Crystal	Food Service	CMS	8/30/2023	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Belgard	Dylan	Food Service	CMS	8/28/2023	From 3 hrs/day to 2 hrs/day @ NHS	
Reimer	Courtney	Reg. Ed. Aide	NR	8/11/2023	Add Sub Bus Aide	
Martinez-Mata	Jesus	Ind Arts Long Term Sub	CMS	9/6/2023	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Walton	Brynnna	Teacher	CMS	9/6/2023	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Lawrence	Teresa	Sp. Ed. IR LTS	CMS	9/6/2023	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Fischer	Kandy	Food Service	CMS	9/6/2023	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Kerns	Ruth	Food Service	CMS	9/6/2023	Add Railer Power Hour & Connections	
Bornowsky	Jacob	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	8/14/2023	From 6.75 hrs/day to 3.5 hrs/day	
McDermid	Shelley	Reg. Ed. Aide	SS	8/25/2023	From 4.5 hrs/day to 5.5 hrs/day	
Dixon	Kobe	Teacher/Coach	CMS	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Gaertner	Linda	Reg. Ed. Aide	SC	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Rivera	Tia	Reg. Ed. Aide	Cooper	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Willis	Haleigh	Admin Assistant	SS	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Salas	Pauline	Admin Assistant	NHS	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Valdivia-Morales	Stephanie	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Koehn	Katelin	Reg. Ed. Aide	SC	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	
Giersch	Devyn	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	8/27/2023	Add Athletic Worker	

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

- Approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report.
- Approve the CFC invoice for data mining as part of the network security incident.
- Approve the board contribution to health insurance.
- Approve the quote from Logicalis for CISCO Switches as presented.

## 6. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve removing policy GBOA Reduction in Teaching Staff from the policy handbook.

## Update on Railer Way Code of Conduct

Administration has continued to work on modifications to the Railer Way Code of Conduct. A final draft was provided to the board with recommending action at the September 25 board meeting.

## 7. New Business

The board voted to:

— Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Excel Industries, Inc.	Newton High School Fine Arts Depart.	Donation	\$600.00
IMA Financial Grp, Inc.	Newton High School	Meal for football parents/team	\$1,072.80
Bethel College Menn Ch	USD 373	Assist w/ student meal acct bal	\$500.00

### Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
McPherson Cty Comm Found.	Chisholm Middle School	Purchase art supplies	\$200.00
Millennium Machine & Tool	Newton High School Machining Program	Materials for projects	\$365.00
Harbor Freight	Newton High School Machining Program	Gift Card to purchase tools	\$250.00

— Approve the Systems Security Specialist job description.

## BOE Operational Manual

A draft copy of the new Board Operational Manual was provided for review.

## 8. PK-Elem and Department Reports

Building reports were provided for Cooper Early Education Center and all the elementary buildings, Business Services/HR and Technology Services.

## 9. Closing of Meeting

### Board Comments

Board members gave reports from meetings with the Harvey County Infant Toddler Team and Head Start Policy Council. Congratulations was given to NHS student, Ethan House, for his living saving actions of a fellow student.

### Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

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