

Board Notes — September 25, 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 25, 2023, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Luke Edwards, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber

Members Absent: Brenna Haines, 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 7:02 p.m.

Mallory Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Comments from the Public

Ian Long addressed the board regarding community involvement.

At 7:04 p.m. President Morton called for a 5-minute recess.

Luke Edwards left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Dayna Steinmetz arrived at 7:06 p.m.

3. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the September 11, 13 & 21, 2023 minutes as presented.

— Approve the September 25, 2023 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Russell	Mary	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	9/15/2023		x
Sarchet	Holly	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	9/12/2023		x
Treaster	Matthew	Asst Wrestling Coach	NHS	11/13/2023	x	
Jackson	Robyn	School Psychologist	SF	9/25/2023	x	
Hernandez	Rita	Custodian	SF	9/25/2023	x	
Torres	Jacob	Mechanic	Service Ctr	9/25/2023	x	
Edwards	Erica	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	9/12/2023	x	
Waterson	Wendy	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	9/20/2023	x	
Martin	Kody	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	9/20/2023	x	
Boller	Jacob	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	9/19/2023	x	
Fontes	Jessica	Admin Assistant	DO	9/19/2023	x	
Shorb	Kari	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	9/18/2023	x	
McCray	Kashius	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	9/18/2023	x	
Johnson	Laurie	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	9/18/2023	x	
Burke	Chanele	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	9/18/2023	x	
Nevil	Raylene	Substitute Bus Driver	Service Ctr	9/18/2023	x	
Rankin	Heather	Food Service	NHS	9/14/2023	x	

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer
Winfield	Joseph	Perm. Sub./Coach	NHS	9/18/2023	Coach only
Dibbens	Jamie	Teacher	CMS	9/1/2023	Add Asst. MS Girls Basketball Coach
Allen	Grace	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	9/21/2023	From Reg Ed Aide to SpEd Para@SB
Boston-Wedel	Mary	Substitute	District-Wide	9/8/2023	Add Sp. Ed. Para @ HCSEC

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

- Approve the bills as presented.
- Approve the McDonald Hopkins invoice for August 2023.
- Approve the 2023-24 SRO invoice.
- Approve auditing services as presented.
- Approve the 2023-24 MOU with Flint Hills Technical College as presented.
- Approve the Chisholm roof project as part of an early capital outlay project for 2024-25.
- Approve the Building Site Council members for 2023-24.

Luke Edwards returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

4. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve appointing Board President Mallory Morton as the alternate voting delegate for the KASB Delegate Assembly.
- Approve the Railer Way Code of Conduct as presented.

USD 373 Board Operations Guide

Board members discussed the Board Operations Guide and potential revisions. Updates will be made and the guide will be shared with board members for review.

Matt Treaster arrived at 7:18 p.m.

5. New Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
John & Mary Jane Waltner	Chisholm Middle School	Piano	\$500.00
Jim Hoelscher-Bunting Magnetics	Newton High Welding Program	Stainless steel & carbon steel	\$800.00

Gift Requests Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Walmart	Newton High School Welding Program	Gift Card	Up to \$50.00

- Approve early graduation requests from Opportunity Academy.

Enrollment Study Report

Superintendent Van Ranken presented the enrollment study from RSP & Associates completed in August 2023 and a study that was also done in April 2017 by RSP.

6. Building Reports

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

7. Closing of Meeting

Board Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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