

Board Notes — September 21, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Newton Unified School District 373 convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at McKinley Administrative Center in Room 101, 308 E 1st, Newton, KS.

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

Others Present: Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Attorney John Robb, NHS Principal Blake Smith, and Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Joni Jantz

1. Opening of Meeting

Mallory Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Morton shared that this special meeting was requested by Schreiber and Ortiz and as board president, Morton agreed to go ahead with the meeting. All seven board members present signed the Waiver of Notice.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Executive Session

Action: A. Executive Session - Attorney-Client

— Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing issues with our attorney pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 7:46 p.m. Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Attorney John Robb and NHS Principal Blake Smith were invited to the executive session.

— Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing issues with our attorney pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 8:08 p.m. Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Attorney John Robb and NHS Principal Blake Smith were invited to the executive session.

Action: B. Executive Session - Student Matters

— Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing individual student issues pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 8:25 p.m. Superintendent Fred Van Ranken and NHS Principal Blake Smith were invited to the executive session.

— Amend the motion above to include Attorney John Robb and return to open meeting at 8:25 p.m.

— Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing individual student issues pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 8:45 p.m. Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, NHS Principal Blake Smith and Attorney John Robb were invited to the executive session.

3. Closing of Meeting

Move to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.