

Board Notes — February 19, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Newton Unified School District 373 convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Brenna Haines, Ian Long, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber, Dayna Steinmetz, Erica Stevens

Others Present: Superintendent Fred Van Ranken and Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Joni Jantz

1. Opening of Meeting

- Melissa Schreiber called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Melissa Schreiber led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Executive Session

Action: A. Executive Session - Personnel

- Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing issues concerning an employee pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 6:33 p.m.
- Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing issues concerning an employee pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 6:53 p.m.
- Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing issues concerning an employee pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 7:05 p.m. Fred Van Ranken was invited to the executive session. Fred Van Ranken left the executive session at 7:00 p.m.
- Approve that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing issues concerning an employee pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 7:20 p.m.

The board returned to open meeting at 7:23 p.m. and the following action was taken.

- Approve the extension of Superintendent Fred Van Ranken's contract with USD 373 through June 30, 2026, per negotiated terms with contract approval to follow.

3. Closing of Meeting

Move to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.