

Board Notes — June 10, 2024

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, June 10, 2024, in the board room at McKinley Administrative Center, 308 E 1st, Newton, KS.

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

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

Melissa Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Melissa Schreiber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Presentations/Reports

Recognitions

Newton High and Chisholm Middle students were recognized for outstanding achievement in spring sports and academics. Lacie Fair was recognized for being the district's Kansas Teacher of the Year nominee for Year 2024.

3. Comments from the Public

Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs gave a report on the success of a Newton High School graduate.

4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the May 13, 14 and 29, 2024 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the June 10, 2024 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Copeland	Dominque	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	5/9/2024		x
Quintero	Mario	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	5/10/2024		x
Geyer	Desirae	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	5/22/2024		x
Deckert	Lydia	English Teacher	NHS	5/24/2024		x
Honeyman	Katharine	Ag Teacher	NHS	6/30/2024		x
Toebe	Michael	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	5/22/2024		x
Winfield	Joseph	Asst. FB, Track, Wrestling Coach	NHS	3/9/2024		x
Stone	Tige	Assistant Principal	NHS	6/30/2024		x
Steinert	Shasta	Sped Social Workers	NHS	6/10/2024		x
Golubski	Reid	Summer Food Service	NHS	6/10/2024	x	
Kirkpatrick	Korrine	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	6/3/2024	x	
Schneider	Jay	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	6/3/2024	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Schmidt	LaNita	Sp. Ed. Para	Cooper	8/1/2024	Reg. Ed. Aide @ Cooper	

George	Mark	Soc. St. Teacher/Coach	NHS	5/22/2024	Resign Head Baseball Coach Only
Fox	Chris	Asst HS Football Coach	NHS	8/1/2024	Move to Head Football MS (8th)
Schneider	Justin	Teacher/Coach	CMS	8/1/2024	Move to Head NHS Girls Bsktball
Boston	Keely	Aide/Coach	Cooper	8/1/2024	Move from Asst Girls Gymnastics to Head Girls Gymnastics Coach
Gilbert	Evan	Teacher/Coach	CMS	8/1/2024	Move from Asst Boys Baseball to Head Boys Baseball Coach
Warhurst	Amy	Tchr/Ath Wkr/Asst Boys Golf Coach	SF	8/1/2024	Add Assistant Girls Golf
Altum	Autumn	Teacher/ Asst Girls Golf Coach	SB	6/10/2024	Resign Asst Girls Golf Coach Only
Knepper	Brittane	Teacher	NHS	8/1/2024	Add Head Girls Softball Coach
Thomas	Nancy	Teacher /Asst Girls Swim Coach	NHS	6/6/2024	Resign Asst Girls Swim Coach Only
Brown	Ashtyn	Tchr/Asst Girls Bsktball/Asst Soccer	SB	6/10/2024	Resign coaching positions only

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

- Approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Report.
- Approve the MOU with Prairie View as presented.
- Approve the renewal of the Canvas LMS Cloud Subscription for the 2024-25 school year.
- Approve the renewal of Imagine Learning for the 2024-25 school year.

5. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the Elementary Parent, Opportunity Academy Student, Opportunity Academy Staff, Santa Fe 5/6 Center Student and Santa Fe 5/6 Staff Handbooks for 2024-25 with possible updates to staffing and board policies as needed.

BOE Member Appointment

The board engaged in discussion regarding the process for filling the board vacancy. Seven candidates have submitted an application. After discussion of the process to proceed, each board member gave their top choices and narrowed the selection to four: Dr. Robert Diepenbrock, Sara Getchell, Dr. Heidi Hoskinson and Samantha Lawrence. The board decided to invite these candidates to the June 24 board meeting and ask further questions that will be compiled from a suggested list.

A motion was made to start the meeting earlier to allow time for this question and answer portion of the meeting.

- Approve changing the start time of the June 24, 2024 Board of Education meeting to 5:30 p.m.

2024-25 Handbooks for Review

The 2024-25 Newton High School Student, and Chisholm Middle School Student and Staff handbooks were presented to the board for review. Administration will be seeking approval at the June 24 board meeting.

6. New Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Newton Community Foundation	Cooper Early Ed Center	Donation for Head Start weekend food kits	\$1,000.00
White Eagle Credit Union	Harvey County Special Education	Project Search programming	\$2,000.00
Bradbury Co.	Newton High CTE	Electrical panels for CTE Electrical Program	\$3,400.00

Gifts Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Roofing Services Unlimited	Newton High School Machining	Donation for travel expenses to Nat'l Conf.	\$325.00
Tran Technology LLC	Newton High School Machining	Donation for travel expenses to Nat'l Conf.	\$200.00
Harlow Aerostructures	Newton High School Machining	Donation for travel expenses to Nat'l Conf.	\$200.00
Harlow Aerostructures	Newton High School Machining	Cutting tools	\$320.00
Community National Bank	Cooper Early Ed Center	Donation for weekend backpack food kits	\$250.00

— Approve the transfer of Head Start funds from the Personnel and Fringe accounts to Equipment accounts to carry over funds to cover the new bus once it has been delivered.

2023-24 Data Review

Sheila Wendling presented information to the board regarding assessment and screener scores.

Newcomer Program

Sheila Wendling gave an update of the curriculum that will be used for the Newcomer Program.

Santa Fe First Day Proposal for the 2024-2025 School Year

Santa Fe 5/6 Center principal, Brandon Simmelink, proposed that the first day of school, August 14, be exclusively for 5th grade and new to Santa Fe students.

— Approve the Santa Fe 5/6 Center first day of school proposal as presented.

End of Year Building Site Council Reports

Year-end Site Council reports were provided for each building for information.

7. Reports

BOE Committee Reports

Mallory Morton gave an update on the Head Start program and Ian Long, PBC appointment, gave an update on the Themian Park project.

Department Reports

A Maintenance/Facilities Report was provided.

8. Closing of Meeting

BOE Review of Self-Evaluation

BOE self-evaluation feedback was provided to board members. Reminder to board members to complete their form and leave it with Mr. Van Ranken.

Board Comments

Board members congratulated the Chisholm and Newton High students that were recognized for athletic and academic achievements. Thanks was given to those applicants interested in the board vacancy.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

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

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