

Board Notes — July 22, 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, July 22, 2024, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1st, Newton, KS.

Members Present: Ian Long, Mallory Morton, Melissa Schreiber, Ericia Stevens

Members Absent: Andy Ortiz and Dayna Steinmetz

Others Present: Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Assistant Superintendent Joe Sample, 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. Comments from the Public

Gary Holler, on behalf of The Porch/The Table, announced that the Wednesday, July 24 Back to School community event will be moved to the First United Methodist Church at 801 N Main due to HVAC issues.

3. Executive Session

Executive Session - Personnel

— Move 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. Fred Van Ranken and Jane Nichols are invited to join the executive session.

4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the July 8, 2024 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the July 22, 2024 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Pankratz	Madison	Social Worker	NHS	8/1/2024		x
Spencer	Ashley	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	5/22/2024		x
Grace	Lisa	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	5/22/2024		x
Brooks	Alyssa	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	5/22/2024		x
Somers	Emallie	Substitute Bus Aide	Transportation	5/16/2024		x
Foster	Tamika	Food Service	NR	5/23/2024		x
Putter	Alexis	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Putter	Remington	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Giffin	John	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Tschetter	Aaron	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x

Santoya	Christopher	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Weber	Kasey	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Seis	Michael	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Brunk	Debi	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Hall	Darlene	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
McMains	Julia	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Brubacher	Olivia	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/10/2024		x
Dirks	Juli	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	7/17/2024		x
Yoder	Tessa	Sped Social Worker	NHS	8/1/2024	x	
Schwindt	Melissa	6th Gr. Literacy Tchr	SF	8/1/2024	x	
Williams	Hope	Long Term Sub Sped SL Tchr	NHS	8/1/2024	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Bungard	Shannon	Building Sub Teacher	CMS	8/14/2024	Building Substitute @ NHS	
Dick	Sara	Building Sub Teacher	NHS	8/1/2024	Substitute Tchr @ District-Wide	
Valdivia-Morales	Stephanie	Sp. Ed. Para	SS	7/25/2024	Administrative Assistant @ SC	
Bradley	Sara	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/1/2024	From 33.75 hrs/wk to 17.58 hrs/wk	

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

- Approve the June 2024 Treasurer's Report.
- Approve the LINQ renewal as presented.
- Approve the invoice to replace the fire panel at South Breeze.
- Approve the invoice from Kansas Electric for the high school electronics classroom.

5. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the 2024-25 Transportation Handbook as presented.

2024-25 Handbooks for Review

2024-25 handbooks for Cooper Parent, Cooper Staff, Substitutes and Classified were presented to the board for review and will be on the August 12 board agenda for approval.

- Approve final year end transfers as presented.

6. New Business

KASB Recommended Policy Revisions

The June 2024 KASB recommended policy revisions were presented to the board which include 9 policy revisions, 1 new policy and 1 deleted policy. Administration will be seeking approval of these policies at the August 12 board meeting.

Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy Update

Superintendent Van Ranken reviewed recommended revisions to Policy JBCC- Enrollment of Nonresident Students. There will be more discussion on this policy in upcoming board meetings.

7. Reports

BOE Committee Reports

Ian Long and Superintendent Van Ranken attended a recent Themian Park committee meeting which included discussion on how the district can support the need for more parking with possible use of space near the ETC building.

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

Welcome back to all the administrators.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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