

## Board Notes — September 9, 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, September 9, 2024, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton, KS.

**Members Present:** Ian Long, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber, Erica Stevens

**Members Absent:** 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 7:02 p.m.

Melissa Schreiber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

### 2. Public Hearings

#### Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

President Schreiber opened the RNR Hearing. After public comments from Cynthia Wyss, the hearing was closed.

— Adopt by roll call vote Resolution No. 09092024 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

#### 2024-2025 Budget Hearing

President Schreiber opened the Budget Hearing. Following no comments, the hearing was closed.

### 3. Comments from the Public

Carol Sue Stayrook Hobbs shared about the community food programs that benefit our school district.

### 4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the August 26, 2024 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the September 9, 2024 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Richardson	Torriano	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	8/21/2024		x
Wilson	Brianna	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	9/13/2024		x
Stockdale	Adrian	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/30/2024		x
Solorio-Negrete	Viridiana	ELL Aide	SC	5/22/2024		x
Bland	Tasha	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	9/4/2024		x
Dawson	Aspyn	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	9/6/2024		x
Born	Bailey	Agriculture Long Term Sub	NHS	9/16/2024	x	

Paulson	Brooke	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	9/9/2024	x	
Sturm	Carly	Audiologist	Cooper	9/4/2024	x	
Babcock	Thomas	Asst Debate/Forensics Coach	NHS	9/5/2024	x	
Baeza	Andrew	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	9/12/2024	x	
Dawson	Aspyn	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	9/5/2024	x	
Wilson	Hannah	Sp. Ed. SMD Long Term Sub	NHS	9/9/2024	x	
Dowell	Kathy	Bus Aide	Service Ctr	9/3/2024	x	
Lee	Brenda	Bus Aide	Service Ctr	9/3/2024	x	
Goertzen	Laird	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/30/2024	x	
Holmes	Carol	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/30/2024	x	
Heck	Marleta	Reg. Ed. Aide	OA	8/29/2024	x	
Foudray	Courtney	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/29/2024	x	
Dutton	Danette	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/27/2024	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Stewart	Rayjon	Night Lead Custodian	NHS	9/9/2024	FS Warehouse Manager @ NHS	
Sydow	Craig	2nd Shift Custodian	NHS	9/9/2024	Night Lead Custodian @ NHS	
Province	Crystal	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	9/3/2024	Sp. Ed. Para @ SB	
Penner	Debra	ELL Aide	SS	9/9/2024	From 6.5 hrs/day to 6.75 hrs/day	
Hernandez	Rita	2nd Shift Custodian	SF	9/16/2024	2nd Shift Custodian @ NHS	
Kerbs	Emily	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	
Kerbs	Eunice	SPED Teacher	NHS	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	
Lakey	Austin	Reg. Ed. Aide	SF	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	
Miller	Oliver	Computer Technician	ETC	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	
Miller	Sarah	Nurse	NHS	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	
Newton	Lori	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	
Wood	Greg	Sp. Ed. Para	Project Search	9/3/2024	Add Athletic Worker	

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

— Approve the Sontiq invoice as part of the network security incident in March 2023.

## 5. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve College Spanish as a new course at Newton High School for 2024-25.
- Approve revisions to policy GAOE - Workers Compensation as presented.
- Approve the 2024-25 South Breeze Elementary Staff Handbook as presented.
- Approve the option for the RSP proposal approved on August 26, 2024 for the amount of \$18,040 as presented.

## Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy Revision

Superintendent Van Ranken presented suggested revisions to board policy JBCC— Enrollment of Nonresident Students. Administration will be seeking approval of this policy at the September 23, 2024 board meeting.

- Approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented. It should be noted in the minutes that as a part of this process the board was included in the needs assessment and state assessment review as follows: The needs assessments were provided and evaluated by the USD 373 board of education. The USD 373 board of education used the needs assessment as part of the process to approve the 2024-2025 USD 373 budget.
- Approve the LOB percentage resolution for 2024-25.

**6. New Business**

The board voted to:

- Approve gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Newton Chamber of Commerce	Newton High School CTE	Electrical panels for student training	\$3,400.00
Dr. Deb Hamm	South Breeze Elementary	70" TV and rolling TV cart	\$700.00

**7. Reports**

**BOE Committee Reports**

Mallory Morton gave an update on the Cooper Policy Council meeting she attended today. Andy Ortiz advised that a rendering of the Santa Fe Gym mural should be ready to view in about 6 weeks. Melissa Schreiber also attended the Cooper Policy Council and last week attended the ICC meeting along with Ian Long.

**Building Reports**

Building reports for Cooper, Northridge, Slate Creek, South Breeze, and Sunset were provided to the board for information.

**Department Reports**

Departments reports for Instructional Services, Business/HR/Payroll, Technology Service and Facilities/Maintenance were provided to the board for information.

**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 recognized and thanked staff for their response with emergency incidents within our school community. Superintendent Van Ranken acknowledged the emergency response work that Reagan Seidl does for the district. Congratulations goes to Dayna Steinmetz for being a certified Sleep Safe instructor and to Carly Stavola for being recognized by the Wichita Business Journal for Women Who Lead in Suburban Business. Thank you to Fred for providing weekly notes and to Joe for his report.

**Adjournment**

Move to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

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