

The Board of Trustees convened for a special meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the District's Office, 205 School Street, Newton, Mississippi.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette, President
Mr. Arthur Nelson, Vice-President
Mrs. Levera Chapman, Secretary
Mrs. Shannon Moore, Assistant Secretary
Mr. James Peters, Member

Others Present:

Dr. Glenda Nickson, Superintendent
Mr. Brian Mayo, Board Attorney

Agenda Item I. Call to Order:

Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Agenda:

On motion by L. Chapman and seconded by A. Nelson, the Board approved Agenda Item II. Agenda.

The vote was Leverette, aye; Nelson, aye; Chapman, aye; Moore, aye; Peters, aye.

Agenda Item III. NMSD Accountability Data Updates: NMSD Board Accountability Presentations 2023-2024

Dr. Nickson and district principals for the Newton Elementary, Ms. Kim Chapman; Newton Pilate Middle, Ms. Betty Lewis; Newton High School, Ms. Sonya Chapman; and Career Center, Dr. Kevin Carter made presentations to the Board of Trustees on each School's accountability data/ratings and the District Accountability ratings.

***Newton Elementary School** ("*Watch Us Grow*") received a "C" rating, up from a "D" last year and two points from a "B".

***Newton Pilate School** ("*It's Our Only Option – It's Personal*") received a "C" rating, down from a "B" rating last year. NH Pilate Middle School ranked 7th in the state for the lowest absenteeism rate.

***Newton High School** ("*Raising the Bar of Excellence*") received a "B" rating and maintained the same rating as last year. The Graduation rate for Newton High School was 97.3%, ranked #5 in the State and listed among the top 10 Districts with the Highest Graduation rates and the lowest Dropout rates.

***Newton Career & Technology Center** ("*Student Centered-Career Driven Education*") has its highest enrollment of 139 CTE Schools in four years.

***The Newton Municipal School District** ("*ONE SCHOOL~ONE Team Making a World of Difference*") earned an overall "B" rating for the 2023-2024 School Year. The district grew 24 points from a 612/B to a 635/B with 32 points from an "A", and the Graduation Rate increased from 78.9% to 97.3%.

Agenda Item IV. 2024 MDE Accountability Results:

- A. Statewide District Results (MDE District Results)
- B. Statewide High School Results (MDE High School Results)

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C. Statewide Elementary and Middle School Results (MDE Elementary and Middle School Results)

Dr. Nickson expounded on the Statewide results for some of the other districts, high schools, middle Schools and elementary Schools in the State in comparison to Newton Municipal School District schools.

Agenda Item V. 2023-2024 MDE Chronic Absenteeism Report: Chronic Absenteeism Report 2023-2024

Dr. Nickson reported on the Chronic Absenteeism Report for 2023-2024. The N. H. Pilate School was recognized as being 7th in the State for Lowest Chronic Absenteeism rates by Districts & Schools with 6.50%. The Newton Municipal School District was recognized as #3 in the State for the Lowest Chronic Absenteeism Rates by Districts & Schools with 12.19%.

Agenda Item VI. Student Academic Awards – October 9, 2024:

Dr. Nickson stated that the Student Academic Awards program will be held on October 9, 2024.

Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Transfer of Fixed Assets:

On motion by J. Peters and seconded by L. Chapman, the Board approved Agenda Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Transfer of Fixed Assets (list attached).

The vote was Leverette, aye; Nelson, aye; Chapman, aye; Moore, aye; Peters, aye.

Agenda Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Disposal of Fixed Assets:

On motion by L. Chapman, and seconded by J. Peters, the Board approved Agenda Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Disposal of Fixed Assets (list attached).

The vote was Leverette, aye; Nelson, aye; Chapman, aye; Moore, aye; Peters, aye.

Agenda Item IX. Chamber of Commerce Map Advertisement.

Dr. Nickson provided a copy of the Chamber of Commerce 2020 Newton/Newton County Map Advertisement for the Board's review. The map consists of Newton County, Newton City, Union, and Decatur. The Chamber was soliciting ads for the map. Further information will be presented to the Board for approval at the October regular meeting.

There being no further business, on motion by J. Peters, and seconded by S. Moore, the meeting was adjourned.

The vote was Leverette, aye; Nelson, aye; Chapman, aye; Moore, aye; Peters, aye.


Jhaddaka Leverette, President


Levera Chapman, Attest Secretary