

The Board of Trustees convened for a regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Newton High School Auditorium, 203 W. First Street, Newton, Mississippi

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Dr. Glenda Nickson, Superintendent
Ms. Angela Hicks, Business Manager
Mr. Brian Mayo, Board Attorney
Mrs. Cola Shelby, Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Brittany Ickom, Board Clerk

Agenda Item I. Call to Order:

Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Recommendation to Approve:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes – November 11, 2024 and November 20, 2024

On motion by Chapman, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item II. Recommendation to Approve A. Agenda and B. Minutes from November 11, 2024 and November 20, 2024.

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

Agenda Item III. Recognitions (Goals I & II)

- A. Student Recognitions
 - a. MAPP Perfect Scores 2023-2024
 - b. ACT 20 + and 25+ Club
 - c. SafeServ Certifications
 - d. ESports
- B. Tiger Nation Foundation
- C. Keys to the District Award
- D. Parent of the Year- Principals
- E. Support Staff of the Year- Principals
- F. New Teacher of the Year- Principals
- G. Teacher of the Year- Principals
- H. District Parent of the Year

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- I. District Support Staff of the Year
- J. District New Teacher of the Year
- K. District Teacher of the Year
- L. District Principals/Directors Appreciation Awards
- M. District Administrator of the Year
- N. Appreciation of School Board Members

Recognitions were presented by Dr. Nickson and NMSD staff to students, teachers, support staff, administrators and board members.

Agenda Item V. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

- A. Fundraisers
- B. NMSD Library Policy and Procedures Handbook
- C. Newton Elementary School Cafeteria Tables Donation
- D. Magnolia Shredding Service Agreement
- E. Out of Town overnight Travel- NHS Scholars-Jackson, MS for the Global Teach Project
January 17-19, 2025
- F. Out of Town overnight Travel-N HPMS Scholars-Biloxi, MS for Beta Convention
February 26-28, 2025
- G. Out of Town overnight Travel-NHS Scholars-Biloxi, MS for State Sr. Beta Convention
February 24-26, 2025

On motion by Peters, and seconded by Nelson, the Board approved Agenda Item V. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda Items A-G.

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

Agenda Item VI. Recommendation to Approve 16th Section:

- A. Judd Easom Termination of Lease

On motion by Chapman, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved to Table Agenda Item VI-A- Termination of Lease until next Board Meeting

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

- B. Bid for Agricultural Lease, Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 10 East

Bids for Agricultural Lease, Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 10 East, were opened on December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. One bid was received from Zach Edwards in the amount of \$1,960.00.

On motion by Nelson, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item VI-B - approving the sole and best bid of Zach Edwards for an agricultural lease on 24.5 acres of land in Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 10 East.

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

C. Advertised BID Opening

As stated above, the agricultural lease bid opening occurred on December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with Zach Edwards being the sole bidder in an amount of \$1,960.00.

On motion by Chapman, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item VI-C approving the agricultural lease of 24.5 acres to Zach Edwards in Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 10 East.

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

Agenda Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Weight Room Equipment Purchase Safety Requirement:

On motion by Peters, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item VII for the purchase of Weight Room Equipment from Wright Equipment being the lowest and best Bid.

Bids were:	Wright Equipment	\$20,428.30
	Rogue	\$29,825.61

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

Agenda Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Football Helmet Purchase Safety Requirement:

On motion by Peters, and seconded by Chapman, the Board approved Agenda Item VIII for the purchase of Football Helmet Equipment from Riddell being the lowest and best Bid.

Bids were:	Riddell	\$31,445.00
	BSN Sports	\$34,311.51

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

Agenda Item IX. Recommendation to Approve Beverage Company Agreement:

On motion by Chapman, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item IX- Beverage Company Agreement with Meridian Coca-Cola.

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

Agenda Item X. Recommendation to Approve Financials:

Dr. Nickson and Mrs. Levera Chapman recused themselves.

Mrs. Cola Shelby, Asst. Superintendent, recommended the board approve Agenda Item X-A. Claims Docket A & B

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On motion by Peters, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item X-A. Claims Docket A & B.

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

Dr. Nickson and Mrs. Levera Chapman returned to the meeting.

B. Financial Report- Angela Hicks

1. Cash Balance Statement
2. Budget Status Statement
3. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
4. Cash Flow Statement
5. Statement of Fund Balance

On motion by Chapman, and seconded by Moore, the Board Approved Agenda Item X- B. 1 through 5.

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

Agenda Item XI. Recommendation to Approve Personnel:

Dr. Nickson and Mrs. Levera Chapman recused themselves.

Mrs. Cola Shelby, Asst. Superintendent, recommended to the board to approve Agenda Item XI-A & B

On motion by Peters, and seconded by Nelson, the Board Approved Agenda Item XI-A & B:

A. Certified and Classified Personnel

Certified Personnel -

- A. Jasmine Page replaces Natasha Porter as the Director of Special Services, with a salary of \$72,000, beginning 7/1/2025.
- B. Sonya Chapman has taken the position of Director of Student Support Services with a salary of \$74,181.00 and Alternative Program Coordinator with a Supplement of \$5,000, beginning 7/1/2025.
- C. Kevin Carter replaces Tiwari McLain as the Pre-K Grant Coordinator, with a supplement of 5,000.00 beginning 12/01/2024.
- D. Regina Smith Pre-K Grant Clark, with a supplement of 3,500.00 beginning 12/01/2024.

B. Resignation

Accepted the resignation of Brandy Fontaine, Cafeteria Worker, effective December 18, 2024.

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

Dr. Nickson and Mrs. Levera Chapman returned to the meeting.

Agenda Item XII. . Recommendation to Approve Policy Reviews, Revisions, Adoptions:

- A. Policy B- School Board Operations and J. Students-School Admission Review
- B. Policy B- School Board Operations, JBC- School Admission Revisions
- C. Policy BCBE- Distribution of School Board Materials Adoption
- D. Child Nutrition Health and Wellness Policies

On motion by Chapman, seconded by Moore, the Board approved the Policy Reviews, Revisions, Adoptions. (See Attached)

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

Agenda Item XII. Superintendent's Overview:

- A. NMSD Annual Recruitment Fair January 25, 2025
- B. CTE and NHS B Hall Ceiling Project
- C. SVPP Grant

- D. MS State Department of Health AED Grant Due December 11, 2024
- E. Transportation New Bus Arrived
- F. Career Coach SMPDD HS Paid Internship Program
- G. East Central Community College Pharmacy Technician Program
- H. Christmas Holiday Dates December 23, 2024- January 8, 2025

Dr. Glenda Nickson, Superintendent, expounded on the Overview.

On motion by Chapman, seconded by Moore, the Board approved the Superintendent's Overview.

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

Agenda Item XIV. Attorney Brian Mayo Update:

Board Attorney Brian Mayo expounded on his updates.

Agenda Item XV. Next Board Meeting - January 13, 2025

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. in the NMSD Central Office Board Room.

Agenda Item XVI. Adjournment:

There being no further business, on motion by Peters, seconded by Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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



President



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