

The Board of Trustees convened for a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Newton Municipal School District Central Office, 205 School St. Newton, Ms 39345.

Members Present:

Mrs. Shannon Moore
Mr. Raymond Boutwell
Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds
Mrs. Machelie Frazier
Mr. Ryan Oakley

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
Mrs. Karen Harris, Board Clerk

Agenda Item I. Call to Order:

Mr. Boutwell and Mrs. Bounds were sworn in before the board meeting.

Mr. Raymond Boutwell was administered the Oath Of Office by Penny Ford on January 8, 2025.

Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds was administered the Oath of Office by Marjorie Whitten on January 10, 2025.

Mr. Raymond Boutwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. as one of two sworn board members.

Chair Pro Temp

Mrs. Bounds nominated Raymond Boutwell to serve as Chair ProTemp until officers are elected, Mrs. Frazier nominated Shannon Moore.

The vote for Raymond Boutwell was Oakley, aye; Bounds, aye; Boutwell, aye; Moore, Nay; Frazier, nay. Raymond Boutwell, receiving a majority vote, was elected Chairman Pro Temp.

Agenda Item II. Oath of New Board Members:

Mrs. Machelie Frazier, Mr. Ryan Oakley, and Mrs. Shannon Moore were administered their Oaths of Office by Attorney Brian Mayo.

Agenda Item III. Election of School Board Officers:

Mr. Boutwell opened the floor for nominations for Board President with no need for a second for a nomination.

After discussion, Boutwell made a motion pursuant to Policy BDH to suspend that portion of Policy BBA requiring the President of the Board to have been seated for at least 12 months. Said Motion was seconded by Bounds.

Mr. Boutwell stated all in favor of suspending board policy BDH (Suspension of Board Policies)

temporarily, please vote aye.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Oakley, aye; Boutwell, aye; Moore, Nay; Frazier, Nay.

Mr. Oakley nominated Mr. Boutwell for Board President.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Oakley- aye; Boutwell, aye; Moore, Nay; Frazier, Nay.

Mrs. Bounds nominated Mrs. Shannon Moore for Board Vice-President

The vote was Bounds, aye; Oakley, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, nay.

Mrs. Bounds and Mr. Boutwell nominated Mr. Oakley for Secretary

Mrs. Moore nominated Mrs. Frazier for Secretary

The vote for Mrs. Frazier was Bounds, aye; Oakley, aye; Moore, aye; Boutwell, aye

Mr. Oakley asked Mrs. Frazier if she wanted to be Secretary and she stated she did not.

Mr. Boutwell stated he misspoke and was voting aye for Mr. Oakley.

Mr. Boutwell stated Mr. Oakley's nomination for Secretary was to be voted on first as Mr. Oakley was nominated before Mrs. Frazier.

The vote for Mr. Oakley was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye.

Mr. Oakley was elected Secretary.

Mr. Boutwell opened nominations for assistant secretary

Mr. Boutwell nominated Mrs. Bounds for assistant secretary

Mrs. Moore nominated Mrs. Frazier for assistant secretary

The vote for Bounds was Bounds, aye; Moore, nay; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

The vote for Frazier was Bounds, nay; Moore, aye; Boutwell, nay; Oakley, nay.

Officers elected were:

Raymond Boutwell- President; Shannon Moore- Vice-President; Ryan Oakley- Secretary; Jo Beth Bounds- Assistant Secretary

Agenda Item IV. Recommendation to Approve:

A. Agenda

Mr. Boutwell made a motion to add the following motions to the agenda:

Motion to appoint a special committee, to rescind the appointed assistant superintendent to superintendent and appointment of a superintendent

Motion to rescind November 11, 2024 minutes in part, and November 20, 2024 minutes in part.

Motion to terminate the services of Attorney Mayo.

The motion to add to the agenda died for lack of a second.

On motion by Bounds, and seconded by Oakley, the Board approved Agenda Item IV. Recommendation to Approve A. Agenda

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

B. Minutes – December 11, 2024

After discussion a motion by Moore, and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved Agenda Item II. Recommendation to Approve B. Minutes from December 11, 2024

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item V. Public Input

None

Agenda Item VI. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

- A. FY25 Supplemental 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant \$250,000
- B. DonorChoose- Health Science \$309.21 and Fast-Pitch Softball Equipment \$304.92
- C. Disposal of Fixed Assets

On motion by Frazier, and seconded by Moore, the Board approved Agenda Item VI. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda Items A-C.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Tabled Judd Easom 16th Section Residential Lease Agreement:

After discussion a motion by Oakley, seconded by Moore, the Board Approved Agenda Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Tabled Judd Easom 16th Section Residential Lease Agreement.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Topographic Survey for Walking Trail

After discussion a motion by Oakley, and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved Agenda Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Topographic Survey for Walking Trail, services from H.D Lang and Assoc. being the lowest and best Bid.

Bids were:	H.D Lang and Assoc.	\$2,000.00
	T.E Mcdonald, Inc	\$7,500.00

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item IX. Recommendation to Approve Financials:

A. Claims Docket A

After discussion a motion by Frazier, and seconded by Bounds , the Board approved Agenda Item IX-A. Claims Docket A.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

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

C. Bank Reconciliation

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

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item X. Recommendation to Approve Personnel:

- A. FY25 Project IMPACT Staff and Supplements
- B. Resignations/Retirement
 - a. Mr. Jeff Hardy Resignation
 - b. Mr. Luke Gibbon Resignation

After discussion a motion by Bounds, and seconded by Frazier, the Board Approved Agenda Item X-A & B.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item XII. . Recommendation to Approve Policy Revisions and Review

- A. Section C Policies- Review

After discussion a motion by Oakley, seconded by Frazier, the Board approved the Policy Reviews

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item XII. Superintendent's Overview:

- A. School Winter Weather Emergency Checklist
- B. 2025-2026 Letter of Intent
- C. MSBA Annual Conference February 24-26, 2025
- D. NMSD School Board Annual Calendar
- E. School Board Meeting Attendance Annual Report for 2024

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

After discussion a motion by Oakley, seconded by Frazier, the Board approved the Superintendent's Overview.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye.

Agenda Item XIII. Attorney Brian Mayo Update:

Mr. Mayo requested a closed session to determine the need for an executive session.

After discussion a motion by Bounds, seconded by Oakley, the Board entered into closed session to determine the need for executive session.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye

During the closed session, the need for an executive session was expressed to the Board.

After discussion a motion by Bounds, seconded by Oakley, the Board came out of closed session.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye

After discussion a motion by Bounds, seconded by Moore, the Board entered into executive session, with all Board members, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, Board Attorney, and Board Clerks (Ickom, Harris) present to discuss ongoing litigation involving the school district.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye

On motion by Frazier, seconded by Oakley, the Board came out of executive session.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye

No Action was taken during the Executive Session.

Agenda Item XIV. Adjournment:

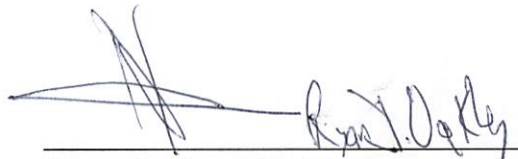
There being no further business, on motion by Moore, seconded by Frazier, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The vote was Bounds, aye; Moore, aye; Frazier, aye; Boutwell, aye; Oakley, aye

Work Session Thursday, January 23, 2025 @5:00 p.m. at NMSD Central Office

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. in the NMSD Central Office Board Room.


Raymond Boutwell-President


Ryan Oakley-Attest Secretary

BOARD APPROVED
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Brittany Ickom