

## Board Notes — May 27, 2025

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 Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 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, Ercia Stevens

**Members Absent:** Dayna Steinmetz

**Others Present:** Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, 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. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the May 12, 2025 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the May 27, 2025 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
Roth	Ashton	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	6/27/2025		x
Larez	Brenda	Food Service	NHS	6/30/2025		x
Siebert	Jill	Vocal Music Teacher	CMS	5/23/2025		x
Sebree	Laura	Food Service	NHS	5/23/2025		x
Patton	Harriet "Diana"	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	5/21/2025		x
Walker	Tiffany	Sp. Ed. Para	Cooper	5/22/2025		x
Koehn	Amber	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	5/22/2025		x
Adkins	Ashley	Library Media Teacher	SB	5/23/2025		x
McCallister	Cori	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	5/22/2025		x
Christner	Heather	Autism Coordinator	HCSEC	5/23/2025		x
Baysinger	Melissa	IR Sp. Ed. Teacher	CMS	5/23/2025		x
Graber	Erin	P/T Social Worker	SS	5/23/2025		x
Gaeddert	Elaine	Food Service Director	NHS	7/31/2025		x
Kohman	Kelli	PreK Teacher	Cooper	8/1/2025	x	
Darieng	Jennifer	Admin Assistant	OA	5/27/2025	x	
Abramowich	Nicholaus	2nd Shift Custodian	NHS	5/23/2025	x	
Patterson	Maisie	ESY Sp. Ed. Para	SS	6/2/2025	x	
Abrile De Paiva	Maira	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	5/8/2025	x	
Baeza	Leticia	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	5/22/2025	x	
Southern	Tammy	2nd Shift Custodian	NHS	5/13/2025	x	

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer
Pfannenstiel	Ashlea	6th Grade Sci/SS Tchr	SF	8/1/2025	5th Grade Sci/SS @ SF
Riley	Madeleine	French Teacher	NHS	5/23/2025	Resign Concessions Manager Only
Pulkrabek	Shantell	IR Sp. Ed. Teacher	NHS	8/1/2025	IR Sp. Ed. Teacher @ SF
Patterson	Maisie	ESY Sp. Ed. Para	SS	8/1/2025	4th Grade Teacher @ SC
Koehn	Katelin	RegEd Aide/Asst Cheer Coach	SC/NHS	5/22/2025	Resign Reg Ed. Aide Only @ SC
Brittain	Kassidy	Rule 10 Coach	NHS	8/1/2025	P/T Early Interventionist@ Cooper
Unruh	Mark	LTS IR Sp. Ed.	CMS	8/1/2025	Sub Teacher @ District-Wide
Stuhlsatz	Scott	IR Sp. Ed. Teacher	OA	7/21/2025	Assistant Principal @ NHS
Gooch	Jeremy	Sp Ed Transition Tchr/Coach	NHS	5/23/2025	Resign MS Asst Football Coach Only
Anderson	Amber	Admin. Assistant	SS	8/13/2025	Permanent Building Sub. @ SB
Criswell	Jennifer	2nd Grade Teacher/Coach	SB	5/23/2025	Resign HS Asst Volleyball Coach Only

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

— Approve the renewal of Imagine Learning for the 2025-2026 school year.

### 3. Business for Approval

The board voted to:

- Approve the Newton High School Science Resource Adoption as presented.
- Approve the Renaissance (FastBridge) 5-year Renewal as presented.
- Approve early graduation request for Opportunity Academy as presented.
- Approve the gift request as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Central Kansas Community Foundation	Newton High School RaileRobotics	Team registration fee	\$6,000.00

### 4. New Business

#### 2025-26 Handbooks for Review

The following 2025-26 draft handbooks were provided to the board for review: South Breeze Elementary Staff Handbook, Santa Fe 5/6 Center Student and Santa Fe 5/6 Center Staff Handbooks. Administration will be recommending approval at the June 9 board meeting.

#### Work Session-Visit buildings

Board members toured Chisholm Middle and Newton High to look at different areas that were noted in the Facilities Assessment.

#### Visit Debrief

After a brief discussion, consensus was for board members to bring their notes to the June 9 board meeting for continued discussion.

The group traveled back to McKinley Administrative Center.

### 5. Building Reports

Building reports for Santa Fe 5/6 Center, Chisholm Middle, Newton High School, USD 373 Athletics, and Opportunity Academy were provided to the board for information.

### 6. Closing of Meeting - Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

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