



The Board of Trustees convened for a Regular Scheduled meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton Municipal School District Central Office, 205 School St., Newton, MS 39345.

Board Members Present

Mrs. Shannon Moore, President-Absent
Ms. Jhaddaka Levertte
Mr. Ryan Oakley, Vice-President
Mrs. Machell Frazier, Asst. Secretary
Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds, Secretary

Others Present

Mrs. Cola Shelby, Superintendent
Mr. Brian Mayo, Attorney
Dr. Natasha Porter, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Niceta Hester, Board Clerk
Mrs. Karen Harris, Board clerk

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ryan Oakley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of:

- A. Agenda
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes- July 10, 2025
- C. Special Called Meeting Minutes - July 24, 2025

On motion by Frazier, and seconded by Levertte, the Board approved Agenda Item

II. Approval of: A. Agenda B. Minutes July 10, 2025, and C. July 24, 2025, Special Called Meeting.

The vote was; Oakley, aye; Levertte, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

III. Public Input

None.

IV. Recognition of MSBA Board Development Presentation of Certificates:

Superintendent Cola Shelby presented each Board member with their certificate.

V. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

- A. Fundraisers
- B. Recommendation to Approve Request For Use Of Facility: Newton Youth Football
- C. Requesting To Accept Donations from Donor Choose
- D. Recommendation to Approve Carl D. Perkins 2025-2026 Basic Grant Assurances
- E. HOSA Student/Advisor to attend Washington Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C.
- F. School Health Councils Meetings for 2025-2026 School Year
- G. CTE Director to attend RTM 2025 Fall K-12 CTE Congress in Phoenix, AZ
- H. Ticket Pricing Update: NHS Athletic Events and Junior High Events:
- I. MOU Afternoon Adventure
- J. NMSD Dropout Prevention Plan
- K. Shortfall Employment Resolution
- L. Cole Photography
- M. Bruckner's Photography Graduation Photos

Item V. (H) Ticket Pricing Update: NHS Athletic Events and Junior High Events was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

On motion by Leverette and seconded by Frazier, the Board approved Agenda Item V. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda: (A-M).

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

After discussion, on motion by Frazier, and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item V. H. Ticket Pricing Update: NHS Athletic Events and Junior High Events.

The vote was Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

VI. Petition to Transfer:

This Item was tabled for later discussion.

VII. Recommendation to Approve Copier Bid - Toshiba Copiers

On motion by Leverette, seconded by Bounds, the Board approved Agenda Item VII. Recommendation to approve Copier Bid from Toshiba as the lowest and best bid.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

Bids were:

Toshiba Monthly Rental Fee 48 Months: \$1495.00 per month.

Southern Duplicating Fee 48 Months: \$1648.97 per month.

VIII. Recommendation to Approve Janitorial Bid - Jerry's Spit Shine

On motion by Frazier and seconded by Leverett. The Board approved Agenda Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve. Janitorial bid - Jerry's Spit Shine.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

Bids were:

Buff UP Cleaning Services, LLC: \$186,300/ Year

Jerry's Spit Shine Janitorial Services: \$125,000/Year

IX. Approval To Open Bid Section 16 Township 5 North Range 11 East

Bids were opened by Attorney Mayo. Only one bid was received.

On motion by Frazier and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item IX.

Section 16, T5N R11E Bid \$6.00 per acre. Total \$1368.00 as the sole and best bid from Walter Chapman.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

X. Approval of Cancellation of Sixteenth Section Lease 16-6N-10 E Brian Keith Kuhn

On motion by Frazier and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item X. Approval of Cancellation of Sixteen Section Lease in 16-6N-10E on Brian Keith Kuhn.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XI. Approval of Cancellation of Sixteen Lease Section 16 T6N- R10E- Judd Easom

On motion by Frazier and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item XI. Approval of Cancellation of Sixteen Section Lease in 16 T6N - R10E on Judd Easom

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XII. Recommendation to Approve Financials:

A. Claims Docket

1. Summary Claims Docket

2. Detailed Claims Docket

B. Financial Reports - Angela Hicks

1. Cash Balance Statement

2. Budget Status Statement

3. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

4. Cash Flow Statement

5. Statement of Fund Balance

6. Bank Reconciliation

C. FY26 Combined and Combining Budgets

D. Ad Valorem Resolution

On motion by Frazier and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item XII. A-C.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

After discussion, on motion by Bounds and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item XII D.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye..

XIII. Recommendation to Approve Personnel:

A. Personnel Recommendations - Certified & Classified

B. CTE Natural Haircare & Braiding Instructor:

C. Project IMPACT Staff and Supplements

D. Request for Approval of Paraprofessionals/Volunteers for Athletic Programs

E. SPED Request for Part-Time

F. Child Nutrition Recommendation for Employment

G. Operations Request to Approve Recommendation for Employment

On motion by Bounds and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item XIII.
Recommendation to Approve Personnel:

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XIV. Recommendation to Approve Policy Review and Revisions

Policy Review Section F-Faculty Expansion and Policy GABA Revision to Personnel Dress
and Appearance.

On motion by Leverette and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved Agenda Item XIV.
Recommendation to Approve Policy Review and Revisions

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XV. Recommendation to Approve Schools and District Crisis Plan

On motion by Leverette and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved Agenda Item XV.
Recommendation to Approve Schools and District Crisis Plan

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XVI. Recommendation to Approve Transfer of 16th Section Funds for New Ceilings

Discussion tabled.

XVII. Superintendent's Overview:

A. Enrollment Update

B. NMSD Arrival and Dismissal Times

C. MSBA Upcoming Events

D. Maintenance and Transportation Updates

E. Child Nutrition Update

F. Meet The Tigers

G. Sandy Hook H. Raptor Technology System

H. Raptor Technology System

I. State of MS Auditor Letter

On motion by Frazier and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Agenda Item XVII.
Superintendent's Overview:

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XVIII. Attorney Mayo Update

A. Approval of New American Funding Lease LLC

1. On motion by Leverette, seconded by Frazier, the Board approved Item XVIII. New American Funding Lease, LLC.

On Motion by Leverette, seconded by Bounds, the Board voted to enter into a closed session to determine the need for an executive session.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

2. On motion by Bounds, seconded by Leverette, the Board came out of closed session.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

3. On motion by Frazier, seconded by Leverette, the Board entered into executive session (to include Superintendent Cola Shelby, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Natasha Porter, Niceta Hester, Board Clerk, Karen Harris Board Clerk, and Board Attorney, Brian Mayo) to discuss a student issue and personnel, job performance.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

On a motion by Bounds, seconded by Leverette, the Board came out of executive session.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

No Action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion by Leverette, seconded by Frazier, the Board approved tabling Agenda Items VI and XVI to a later meeting.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

XIX. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

September 8, 2025

XX. Adjournment

On motion by Leverette, seconded by Frazier, the Board approved adjourning the meeting.

The vote was: Oakley, aye; Leverette, aye; Frazier, aye; and Bounds, aye.

Mrs. Shannon Moore

Signature of Board President: Mrs. Shannon Moore

9-8-2025

Date

Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds

Attested by Board Secretary: Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds

9-8-2025

Date

BOARD
APPROVED

DATE 9.9.2025
SIGNED Nicita Harte