

Newton Municipal School District



Newton Municipal School District — Regular Board Meeting

December 11, 2025 | 5:30 PM

Location: Newton Municipal School District Central Office

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"It is always a Great Day to be a Tiger"

Board Members Present

Mrs. Shannon Moore, President

Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds, Secretary (phoned in at 5:28p.m.)

Mr. Ryan Oakley, Vice President (phoned in at 5:23p.m.)

Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette-Member

Mrs. Machell Frazier, Asst. Secretary

Others Present

Mrs. Cola Shelby, Superintendent

Mr. Brian Mayo, Board Attorney

Dr. Natasha Porter, Asst. Superintendent

Mrs. Niceta Hester, Board Clerk

Minutes

I. Call to Order:

The December 11, 2025, Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. sharp by President Shannon Moore.

II. Approval of:

A. Agenda

B. November Minutes

On a motion duly made by Leverette and seconded by Frazier, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve Item II. A. Agenda, B. Board Minutes from November 6, 2025, and Special called November 11, 2025.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; and Oakley-aye.

III. Public Input:

None

Boardmember Bounds called into the meeting and appeared telephonically.

IV. Presentation of Benchmark I Data

Benchmark I Data was presented from each school: NES Presenter Principal Mrs. Kim Chapman. NH Pilate Presenter Lead Teacher Mr. Anthony Robinson and NHS Presenter Principal Cassandra Hardaway .

V. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda (Goals I, II, III, IV)

- A. SPED: Rosemont Consulting Services
- B. SASBO (Southeastern Association of School Business Officials) 2026 Conference Travel
- C. Newton Career Center Out of Town/ Overnight Trips
- D. Newton High School Out of Town/Overnight: State Beta Convention Biloxi, MS
- E. NMSD Library Policies & Procedures Handbook
- F. NH Pilate Beta Convention Out of Town/Overnight Biloxi, MS

On a motion duly made by Frazier, and seconded by Leverette, the Board approved Item V. Consent Agenda, Items A through F.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Bounds – aye; and Frazier – aye with Oakley abstaining.

VI. Recommendation to Approve Financials (Goal II)

- A. Claims Docket - A & B
 - 1. Summary Claims Docket
 - 2. Detailed Claims Docket B. Financial Reports - Chief Financial Officer Angela Hicks
 - 1. Cash Balance Statement
 - 2. Budget Status Statement
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<https://nmsd.msbapolicy.org/>
 - 2. Budget Status Statement
 - 3. Statement of Revenue & Expenditures
 - 4. Cash Flow Statement
 - 5. Statement of Fund Balances
- C. Bank Reconciliation

Board member Oakley recused himself from Item VI. Recommendation to Approve Financial and Item VII. Personnel. No reason given.

Board member Leverette recused herself from the meeting due to a conflict with employment.

On motion duly made by Frazier and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve Claim 151441 and Claim 151442.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Bounds – aye; and Frazier – aye.

Board member Levertte re-entered the Board meeting.

On a motion duly made by Frazier and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda on Item VI. Recommendation to Approve Financials.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Levertte - aye; Bounds – aye; and Frazier – aye.

VII. Recommendation to Approve Personnel: (Goal I)

- A. Certified & Classified Personnel
- B. Letter Of Resignation

On a motion duly made by Levertte and seconded by Frazier, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve Item VII. Recommendation to Approve Personnel.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Levertte – aye; Bounds – aye; and Frazier – aye.

Boardmember Oakley reentered the Board Meeting.

VIII. Recommendation to Approve Policy Reviews, Revisions, Adoptions (Goals I, II, III, & IV)

- A. School Board Operations

On item VIII. Superintendent Shelby stated that no new updates from MSBA were given for these policies. December policies to review: B School Board Operations and no changes were advised by the policy review team.

On a motion duly made by Frazier and seconded by Levertte, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Policy Reviews, Revision and Adoption.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Levertte – aye; Bounds – aye; Frazier – aye; and Oakley-aye.

IX. Superintendent Mrs. Cola Shelby Overview

- A. NMSD Job Fair
- B. Third Grade Reading Academic Assessment Program
- C. 2025 Mississippi Statewide ACT Results State Administration 2024-2025 School Year
- D. 2025 New Cut Scores

On a motion duly made by Leverette and seconded by Frazier, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve Item IX. Superintendent Cola Shelby Overview.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Bounds – aye; Frazier – aye; and Oakley-aye.

X. Attorney Brian Mayo Update:

Attorney Mayo wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XI. Next Board Meeting - January 15, 2026

XII. Adjourn

On a motion duly made by Leverette and seconded by Frazier, the Board approved the recommendation by Superintendent Shelby to approve Item XII. Adjourn.

The vote was: Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Bounds – aye; Frazier – aye; and Oakley-aye.



Signature of Board President: Mrs. Shannon Moore



Date



Attested by Board Secretary: Mrs. Jo Beth Bounds



Date

BOARD APPROVED

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