

Newton Municipal School District



Newton Municipal School District—Special Called Board Meeting

 February 18, 2026 |  5:00 PM

Location: District Central Office

Learning, Inspiring, & Thriving...As One

“It is always a Great Day to be a Tiger”

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Mrs. Cola Shelby, Superintendent
Mr. Brian Mayo, Board Attorney
Mrs. Niceta Hester, Board Clerk

MISSION STATEMENT

***All students will graduate from Newton Municipal School District
college- and career-ready.***

I. Call to Order

The Special Called Meeting of the Newton Municipal School District Board of Trustees was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Board President, Mrs. Shannon Moore.

II. Approval of Agenda

On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Sixteenth Section Lease Residential Contract

On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Sixteenth Section Lease Residential Contract to L &N Properties, LLC as presented.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Recommendation to Approve Personnel

A. Certified & Classified Staff (FY2026–2027 Personnel Recommendations)

On a motion duly made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Bounds to approve the FY2026–2027 Personnel Recommendations for Certified and Classified Staff with the exception of employees 1456, 1669, and 1828, as presented.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Moore recused herself from the meeting.

On Motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds to approve FY2026-2027 Personnel Recommendations for Certified and Classified Staff # 1456 and 1669.

Vote:

Leverette - aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds - aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Moore returned to the meeting.

Ms. Leverette recused herself from the meeting.

On Motion duly made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Bounds to approve FY2026-2027 Personnel Recommendations for Certified and Classified Staff # 1828.

Vote:

Moore - aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds - aye.

Ms. Leverette returned to the meeting.

V. Superintendent's Evaluation 2025–2026

On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board entered into closed session to determine the need to go into executive session.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Closed Session.

After a discussion of the need for an Executive Session, on Motion by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board voted to come out of closed session.

Vote:

Moore - aye; Leverette - aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds - aye.

On Motion by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Job Performance to include the Board only.

Vote:

Moore - aye; Leverette - aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds - aye.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

On Motion by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

Vote:

Moore - aye; Leverette - aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds - aye.

The Board entered into Open Session.

On Motion by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board voted to enter back into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Job Performance to include the Board and Superintendent.

Vote:

Moore - aye; Leverette -aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds -aye.

On Motion by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

Vote:

Moore - aye; Leverette - aye; Frazier - aye; Bounds - aye.

Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Board announced that Executive action was taken as the Board evaluated the Superintendent's job performance via the MSBA Superintendent Evaluation form and awarded the Superintendent an overall grade of 83.56.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Bounds, there being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Shannon Moore

3-16-2026

Signature of Board President: Mrs. Shannon Moore

Date

Jhaddaka Leverette

3.16.26

Attested by Board Secretary: Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette

Date

Newton Municipal School District



BOARD
APPROVED

DATE

3.16.26

SIGNED

Digital Signature