

Newton Municipal School District



Newton Municipal School District — Regular Board Meeting



March 16, 2026 |



5:30 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 - via telephone

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 Regular Meeting of the Newton Municipal School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mrs. Shannon Moore, Board President.

- A. Dr. Carter presented the recognitions of scholars in Student Law & Public Safety and Ed Rising.
- B. Superintendent Shelby recognized NES Elementary and NH Pilate for PREP's Awards

II. Public Input

There was no Public Input.

III. Approval of February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

- A. February 09, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. February 18, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Frazier, the Board approved Item III. Approval of February 2026 Board Minutes. 2026.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye and Oakley-aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Items Included:

- A. Fundraisers
- B. Newton Career & Technology – Recommendation to Approve NEW FY27 Business, Marketing and Management Program: Presentation was made by CTE Director Dr. Kevin Carter.
- C. Child Nutrition – Health and Wellness Mandated Council Meetings
- D. Child Nutrition – Recommendation for Summer Feeding Program Sites

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Frazier, the Board approved Item IV. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye and Oakley-aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Ryan Oakley announced that he was recusing himself from items V. Recommendation to Approve Financials, VI. Fixed Assets and Item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Personnel.

V. Recommendation to Approve Financials (Goal II)

A. Claims Docket 1

- Summary Claims Docket
- Detailed Claims Docket

B. Financial Reports – Angela Hicks

- Cash Balance Statement
- Budget Status Statement
- Statement of Revenue & Expenditures
- Cash Flow Statement
- Statement of Fund Balances

C. Bank Reconciliation

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C. Bank Reconciliation

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mrs. Frazier, the Board approved the Financials as presented with the exception of Claims Docket Item 151786.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Leverette recused herself from the meeting.

On motion duly made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved Claims Docket Item 151786.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Leverette returned to the meeting.

VI. Fixed Assets

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Leverette, the Board approved Item VI. Recommendation to Approve Fixed Assets.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Recommendation for Petition to Transfer

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Bounds, the Board approved the transfer requests as presented.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette-aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye, Oakley-aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Recommendation to Approve Personnel (Goal I)

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Leverette, the Board approved item VIII. Recommendation to Approve Personnel.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Recommendation to Approve Policy J – Students Review/Revision for JCA – Student Conduct

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Leverette, the Board approved Item IX. Recommendation to Approve Policies Review.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye and Oakley-aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Superintendent Mrs. Cola Payton-Shelby Overview

- A. NH Pilate High School Alumni
- B. Personnel Needs for 2026-2027
- C. MSBA Legislative Report as of March 6, 2026
- D. State Invested Pre K Program
- E. MS Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant
- F. Board Retreat Date: The Board discussed and collectively agreed on a date and location for the board retreat at Zack Garvin's on April 25, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
- G. Board Walk-Through Date: The Board discussed and collectively agreed on the Walk-through to take place on March 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to begin at NH Pilate.

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mr. Frazier, the Board unanimously approved item X. Superintendent's Overview.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye, and Oakley-aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Attorney Brian Mayo Update

Attorney Mayo presented an update on the Mississippi Legislature.

XII. Adjournment

Motion: There being no further business, on a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mr. Frazier, the Board unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – aye, and Oakley-aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Shannon Moore

Signature of Board President: Mrs. Shannon Moore

04-16-2026

Date

Jhaddaka Leverette

Attested by Board Secretary: Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette

04-16-2026

Date

Newton Municipal School District



BOARD
APPROVED

DATE 04-16-2026

SIGNED Niceta Hester