

Newton Municipal School District



Newton Municipal School District — Regular Board Meeting

February 09, 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 (phoned-in)
Mr. Ryan Oakley Member(phoned-in)

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.

II. Public Input

There was no public input.

III. School Board Member Recognition Week

School Board Member Recognition Week, February 16–20, 2026, was formally recognized. Superintendent Cola Shelby recognized all Board Members, and each was presented with a certificate. Attorney Brian Mayo read a proclamation issued by Governor Tate Reeves.

IV. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. January 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mr. Frazier, the Board unanimously approved the January 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Ryan Oakley participated by phone and stated that he would recuse himself from Items IV through X due to not being present at the January 15, 2026 meeting.

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

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mr. Frazier, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as presented, which included the following:

A. Memorandum of Understanding

- Tougaloo College

B. Overnight/Out of State Travel

- NHS Student Council Overnight Trip – Jackson, Mississippi
- Child and Food Nutrition: NxtGen for K-12 Decision-Makers – Orlando, Florida

C. Fundraisers

- NHS Student Council Valentine's Fundraisers
- NH Pilate 6th–8th Grade School Dance
- NHS Baseball Booster Sponsorship for Donation
- NHS Baseball Team Bar-B-Que/Fish Plate Pre-Sale

D. 2026–2027 District Calendar

E. Acceptance of Donation

- Acceptance of Patrol Car donation for \$1.00 from Meridian Public School District

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Recommendation to Approve Financials (Goal II)

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Leverette, the Board unanimously approved the Financials as presented.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

VII. Recommendation to Approve FY2027 Salary Scales

Discussion was held regarding whether the proposed FY2027 Salary Scales reflected the teacher pay raise currently under consideration by the Mississippi Legislature. Attorney Brian Mayo inquired, and Chief Financial Officer Angela Hicks stated that the proposed scales do not include the pending legislation and that, should the bill pass, the salary scales would be returned to the Board for adjustment.

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Leverette, the Board unanimously approved the FY2027 Salary Scales.

Vote:

Moore – aye; Leverette – aye; Frazier – aye; Bounds – 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 unanimously approved the Recommendation to Approve Personnel.

A. Certified & Classified Personnel

- 21st Century Afterschool Program
- 2025–2026 Personnel
- 2026–2027 Returning Certified Personnel

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Recommendation to Approve Removal and Transfer of Fixed Assets

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

A. Transfer of Assets

B. Disposal of Fixed Assets

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Recommendation to Approve Policies Review

G: Personnel & Revision G – Personnel GBRI (Goals I, II, III & IV)

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

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Recommendation to Approve Newton Elite Basketball Association Use of NH Pilate Gym

Motion: On a motion duly made by Ms. Leverette and seconded by Mr. Frazier, the Board unanimously approved the use of the NH Pilate Gym by the Newton Elite Basketball Association, contingent upon receipt of required insurance documentation.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Superintendent's Overview

Motion: On a motion duly made by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Leverette, the Board unanimously accepted Superintendent Mrs. Cola Shelby's overview.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Superintendent's Evaluation – 2025–2026

The Superintendent's Evaluation was tabled. The Board determined that an Executive Session was necessary and further determined that a Special Called Meeting would be scheduled to ensure the presence of all Board members. **No action was taken.**

XIV. Attorney Update

Attorney Brian Mayo provided an update to the Board.

XV. Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2026.

XVI. 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

3-16-2026

Date

Jhaddaka Leverette

Attested by Board Secretary: Ms. Jhaddaka Leverette

3-16-2026

Date

Newton Municipal School District



BOARD
APPROVED

DATE 3.16.2026

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