The South Newton Board of School Trustees met at the School Newton Administrative Office with the following members present: Amanda Berenda, Cathy Zeider, Candace Armstrong, Ryan Kindig, Anji Strasburger and Superintendent Casey Hall.

President Amanda Berenda called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Cathy Zeider made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Kindig seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Patron Comments:
There were no patron comments

The following items were approved as the consent agenda and are designated by an asterisk:

*Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting-February 25, 2019

President Amanda Berenda gave the board an opportunity to ask questions about the claims.

There were no questions from the board.

*Monthly Claims dated-February 28, 2019
*Monthly Claims dated-March 18, 2019

*Approve acceptance of donations:
   FFA Donations:
       Kevin Arseneau-$250
       William and Kay Babcock-$100
       Wade and Amanda Berenda-$100
       Co-Alliance-$500
       Dennis Cobb-$200
       Kelly Cochran-$100
       D&D Farms-$500
       Robert and Sharon Dewing-$450
       Hopkins Electric-$100
       Kentland Automotive Supply-$100
       Kentland Elevator-$100
       Kentland Veterinary Clinic-$100
       Kyle and Sue Lottinville-$100
       Letha Miller-$100
       Rogers Group-Newton County Stone-$100
       Walmart-Joyce Hall-$250
Walmart-Jimmy Trembly-$250
Jane Whaley-$250 to the Athletic Department Basketball Dinner
Jasper Newton Foundation-$250 to the “Champions Together” Initiative
Walmart-Kim Hall-$250 to the “Champions Together” Initiative

*Approve the retirement of Joan Hays as the Elementary Technology Teacher effective May 29, 2019.

*Approve the resignation from Cory Groover as the Elementary Science Bowl Coach.

Ryan Kindig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Anji Strasburger seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The following gave reports to the Board:
   Elementary School Principal-Amber DeYoung
   Middle School Principal-Tansey Mulligan
   High School Principal-Charles Huckstep
   Treasurer’s Report-Marci Hall
   Superintendent’s Report-Casey Hall

Ryan Kindig made a motion to approve the Preliminary Drawings for the 2019 Bond Projects and permission to advertise for bids. Cathy Zeider seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Anji Strasburger made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire the following Elementary Summer School Teachers:
   Janice Skinner
   Corinne Burton
   Mary Glassburn
   Angie Schriner
   Kim Cripe
   Cory Groover

Summer School Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) funded by Cooperative School Services:
   Christine Barce
   Mario DiRuzza

Summer Special Needs Learning Disabled Classes-(2) pending funding approval by Cooperative School Services:
   Janet Willhite
   Brenda Eilers-IA

Candace Armstrong seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Candace Armstrong made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire the following Middle School Summer School Teachers:
   Holly Cooper-Language Arts-$3,387
   Taylor Stacy-Math-$3,387
   Kelly Hawkinson-ESY-$3,499.45 funded by Cooperative School Services
   Nicole Krivickas-ESY Paraprofessional-$12.04 per hour funded by Cooperative School Services

Cathy Zeider seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.
Cathy Zeider made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Reina Gonzalez as Part Time Custodian for the South Newton Elementary School. She will be paid at the rate of $12.25 per hour. Anji Strasburger seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Cathy Zeider made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Kristina Durflinger as a Full Time Cook for the High School. She will be paid at the rate of $9.64 per hour. Ryan Kindig seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Candace Armstrong made a motion to approve the recommendation to establish an Elementary extra-curricular account titled “Christmas Giving Tree”. Anji Strasburger seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Candace Armstrong made a motion to approve the following Wednesday Evening Events for the 2019-2020 school year:

- 10/16/2019  FFA Degree Banquet
- 11/6/2019  Fall Drama Rehearsal
- 1/29/2020  National Junior Honor Society-Induction
- 2/5/2020  8th Grade Parent Night (Incoming Freshman)
- 3/18/2020  Spring Drama Rehearsal
- 4/1/2020  High School Academic Awards Program/National Honor Society
- 4/8/2020  High School Band and Choir Pre-Contest Concert
- 4/15/2020  FFA Banquet
- 4/22/2020  Sports Physicals
- 5/6/2020  Oscars Program
- 5/13/2020  Baccalaureate-Class of 2020

Cathy Zeider seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Candace Armstrong made a motion to approve the recommendation of Early Graduation for Lillianne Hartman in December 2019. Cathy Zeider seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Cathy Zeider made a motion to approve the recommendation of Early Graduation for Aden Mick in December 2019. Candace Armstrong seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Cathy Zeider made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Candace Armstrong seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approved: April 15, 2019

Amanda Berenda, President

Cathy Zeider, Vice-President