

Newton Elementary
School Organizational Team Minutes
January 26, 2026

3:15-4:15

The Newton ES School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:15 on 01/26/26. The meeting was held in the library and virtually at <https://meet.google.com/bzw-hhch-tmr>.

Members present:

Meaghan McGowan
Lindsey Douglas
Tea Hampton
Shenette Jackson
Megan Franke
Samantha Olson
Kasey O'Horo
Pulama Berg

Non Voting:

Amy Rice
Ashley Johnson
Mindy Wagstaff
Sam Strelow
Shawna Yelton

Members absent:

None

The minutes from the meeting dated 12/09/25 were presented and motioned for approval by Sam Olson presented the motion and Lindsey Douglas seconded to approve

Agenda Items

General Discussion

- There are about 200 students that are zoned for Newton that are at other schools. There will be a mailer that will be sent out to the students in the area. By trying to get the students back to Newton may help our budget, but not until October.
- A way to get back the students is to post information for the parents in the zone to come back to Newton ES. Megan Franke is willing to help get information out to parents in the zoned area to help get the numbers up.
- The district stated we are currently at 103% capacity, with the current enrollment.
- Budget Summary we have 474 General Education students; 558 students this is included with Special Education
- We will be losing the 3rd Special Education teacher due to the students we will be losing to middle school. This position is not coming out of the general education budget.

- Projected enrollment 2026-2027 is higher than current enrollment. Projected funding \$3.7M, \$43,000 for ELL which is \$5,000 less.
- Carry Forward \$126,000 will be less this year than last year. On paper the position of the specialist (Music) should not be funded. We need to make the decision on how to fund the extra specialist. By law the students are to get a music grade, but not necessarily a music teacher to give the grade or teach music.
 - Para pro for music are badged and would be able to stay with the students.
- Cutting an office position at about \$51,000.00, and not having another SOSA at \$30,000, and the PE Aide at \$41,000 is about \$121,000.00 to add to the end of the budget. The idea is to not think of the person in the position, but what is best for our students.
 - Getting the parents involved in school to help cover the position.
 - The specialist with the open prep to help with the office duties.
 - Teachers will need to help and do more to cover the shortage of staff and resources.

Meeting called at 4:21 pm by Meghan McGowan and seconded by Pulama Berg

Information

- **Next Meeting:**
 - **February 3, 2026**

Topics that need to be covered or looked at:

- Budget ideas on how to work our current budget.
- The Code of Conduct