



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ramona Malone asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Sylvia Covington, Aaron Sutherland, and Tim Curl.

Ms. Malone asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to pause for a Moment of Reflection.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Newport Independent School District will partner with families and the community to nurture, educate, and instill core values in all students to ensure they reach their fullest potential.

### **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Jen Celino, from ADM (Archer-Daniels-Midlands Company) will be working with the intermediate school thru a career exploration grant. The grant will support a makerspace project, a robotics/drone photography club, a career day, and a coding club.

ADM is a global leader in human and animal nutrition with a local affiliation in Erlanger. Their goal is to partner with local businesses and schools to support their purpose which is to unlock the power of nature to enrich the quality of life. They take natural products and turn them into staple foods, sustainable, renewable industrial products and an expansive pantry of food and beverage ingredients and solutions. Ms. Celino said they are very excited to partner with Newport Intermediate School.

This month's student and teacher of the month are:

NPS – Amanda Zimmerman, Teacher, and Demetri Neville, Student

NIS – Ivy O'Connell, Media Specialist – the student asked to be recognized next month since they were unable to attend.

NHS – Karla Johnson, Teacher, and Vivian Stevens, Student

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the minutes were approved as presented.

1495 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the financial report was accepted and will be filed for audit and the bills were approved for payment.

1496 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Ms. Hoover also provided the following for the board's review.

- Credit card statement
- Administrator expense detail report
- Monthly financial report

## **STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Superintendent's update:

1. Mr. Watts asked Ms. Michael to talk about the Fall Family Festival scheduled on October 26 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM.
2. KSA Data release will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> and is embargoed until 10:00 PM October 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. First quarter ends this Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will go home next week.
4. Mr. Watts asked Mr. Grayson to talk about NHSs plans to help alleviate vaping issues at the high school:
  - Use of a vaping product on school grounds is a 3-day suspension:
  - If THC is found in the vaping cartridge – 5-day suspension and 45 days in New Pathways
  - Mandatory cessation program thru the school counselor. If student does not attend, they will be suspended from attending school activities.

The high school started using eHall Pass this year to better monitor students when they leave the classroom. Students are allowed to use a pass a maximum 6 times per week. The key benefits are to curb vaping and vandalism in the halls, bathrooms, and corridors with the ability to block certain students from meeting. There is also location control.

Mr. Sutherland asked who will be providing the cessation counseling and when will it be held. Mr. Grayson said Mr. Orcena will be providing the instruction after school; he is currently working on the development of the program. Materials will be shared with the board when complete.

Ms. Stewart also shared information regarding action plans already underway for each school.

5. Newport Intermediate won the highest teacher attendance award for August/September. They will receive the trophy to display and \$500 to be used for teachers. The recipient for perfect attendance will be announced on Friday. That individual will receive \$500 also.

Ms. Malone asked if the schools are doing anything for student perfect attendance? Each school has a plan for incentives and rewards.

Ms. Payne presented the report for the curriculum department. There were no questions.

Ms. Stewart presented the report from the DPPs office. There were no questions regarding her report.

Ms. Stewart is requesting action on the adoption of a standing order for distribution of naloxone kits to school and school personnel and adoption of overdose and naloxone administration protocol for school and school districts. The health department has agreed to provide the kits free of charge as long as the district agrees to follow the medical

standing order with procedures. The boxes would be installed near the AEDs and would include a CPR rescue mask, gloves, and a kit of nasal naloxone. The health department would provide training to all staff.

The board had several questions regarding this request:

- Are all employees required to be CPR certified to administer naloxone?
- Do we have a certified CPR trainer on staff?
- What is the district's liability?
- Are the kits for anyone who might need resuscitated or strictly for students and staff?
- Since each school has a designated medical team, should this team be responsible for administering naloxone?

Ms. Stewart offered to table the agenda items and ask the health department to come to the next meeting to discuss this with the board and help answer questions. Mr. Curl asked that he be included in any type of training provided to staff since this is an area he is very familiar with.

Mr. Maines presented his report. The Livewell Newport group in partnership with Newport Independent staff conducted a Safe Routes to School audit on Tuesday. We had 3 teams strategically placed at key intersections for the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. The morning arrival did not demonstrate any real concerns but the afternoon dismissal did result in some concerns. Many students were not crossing the street at crosswalks or using the traffic lights, some were watching their phones while crossing the street, others were walking between vehicles, etc. The Safe Routes to School program is an approach that promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, safety education, and incentives to encourage safety. The district will work with the city in this endeavor to ensure students are educated on proper safety protocol and that we have the safest routes mapped out for students.

Ms. Malone asked if the district is informed by the police department if a student is involved in an accident. Ms. Michael said the city will usually call the SRO and then the SRO informs building administration. Mr. Maines is hoping to have a day of safety training next summer with all district administrators.

The bleacher project at the stadium is continuing to go well. Fencing will be installed under the bleachers to prevent people from being able to go under there. We are still hopeful to have a playoff game on the home field.

Ms. Swanson presented her report to the board. There were no questions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Before approving new business items, Mr. Sutherland asked where the matching funds for the CTE renovations was coming from. Ms. Hoover said our portion would be paid from the building fund. He also asked about the KETS offer of assistance. Mr. Adams explained that KDE provides yearly funding based on ADA. Districts must match or escrow the funds for up to three years and develop a plan for the expenditures, report on the use of the funds, and participate in the Technology Readiness Survey on an annual basis to qualify for this assistance. By adhering to these guidelines, the district basically receives free money. Mr. Sutherland's last question was regarding the surplus of technology equipment. Mr. Adams said the process starts with having the equipment graded for value. Once a value has been determined, bids will be accepted per state guidelines. The proceeds of the sell of this property will help offset the first-year lease payment on the new computers purchased for students. The last time surplus technology equipment was sold, the district received approx. \$200,000.

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the board approved adding an agenda item to excuse Ms. Sheffel from tonight's meeting.

1497 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL, agenda items #2, #, 7 and #8 will be tabled.

1498 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

1. Personnel report;
2. ~~NIS intermural basketball proposal;~~
3. Revised BG-1 NHS CTE Renovations;
4. KET 1<sup>st</sup> Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$14,227
5. Surplus various furniture and exercise equipment at NPS
6. Surplus technology equipment
7. ~~Adoption of standing order for distribution of naloxone kits to schools and school personnel~~
8. ~~Adoption of overdose and naloxone administration protocol for schools and school districts~~
9. Excuse Ms. Sheffel from tonight's meeting.

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the remaining consent agenda items were approved.

1499 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

### **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Per board policy 08.3, the board shall annually appoint a district calendar committee to review, develop, and recommend calendar options. The committee will be convening soon and is requesting the board appoint their representative.

Mr. Sutherland agreed to be the board representative on the calendar committee for this year.

Upcoming meetings:

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting

Reminders:

Education Foundation Committee Meeting – October 25, 2023, 6:30 PM

Freedom Fund Gala – November 10, 2023

Ms. Rubright, the board student rep, informed the board that the high school gave a \$50 gift card to a student in each grade for perfect attendance last month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY CURL the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:39 PM

1500 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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Chairman

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Secretary