



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ramona Malone asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Melissa Sheffel, 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.

RESOLUTION TO NAME THE PRESS BOX AT THE STADIUM "PAUL BAKER, JR. PRESS BOX"

After reading the resolution, members of the board weighed in on the necessity to name the press box at next week's possible home game. Mr. Sutherland felt the board should be prioritizing things before doing this. He agrees that Mr. Baker deserves this honor but felt like given additional time, a more organized event could be planned to include his name being displayed on the press box, inviting family members and giving them time to arrange their schedules to attend, make a formal announcement so that colleagues who worked with Mr. Baker over the years and students whose lives he impacted could attend. The event would have the potential to attract a lot of special guests if properly planned. He felt doing it now was too last minute and rushed.

He also talked about fundraising efforts to complete phases 2 and 3 of the stadium project. The board discussed the need for this months ago. NCC recently raised \$13 million for their new field and we have not had a serious conversation about how to start a fundraising campaign. He feels that since this will be the first home game in two years the event should be student centered.

Ms. Malone said she it was not her intention to have Mr. Baker's name on the press box by the next game due to time constraints but felt that making this announcement would add another level of excitement and highlight to the playoff game. This could be the start of building the excitement for next year and we could honor Mr. Baker with an organized event at that time.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY CURL the resolution to name the new press box after Paul Baker, was approved with corrections to his name and adding language regarding being a game announcer.

1501 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PLAYOFF GAME

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board approved purchasing 50 refreshment vouchers in the amount of \$10 each to be given to the first 50 students who enter the gates at the playoff game scheduled on November 3, 2023. Game tickets will also be awarded to seniors to attend the game at no cost.

1502 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the meeting adjourned. Time: 6:33 PM

1502 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary