



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on August 23, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ramona Malone called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller, & Matt Scott.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton, other district administrators, teachers, staff and guests.

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dewey's Pizza, one of Newport Intermediate School's Adopt-a-Class sponsors, awarded a check to Ashlee Bedinghaus' class in the amount of \$1,100. The money was donated from the proceeds of their Kickball Tournament.

This month's alumni video featured Courtney Lynch; NHS graduate - Class of 2008. After high school, Courtney attended the University of KY and went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 2016. Courtney is currently a public defender in New Jersey.

#### **MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 9, 2017 WORK SESSION**

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the minutes were approved as presented.

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#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

On MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the financial report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

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Before approving the bills, Mr. Turner noted that several board members had called previous to the meeting to inquire about some of the bills and other financial matters. All questions were answered satisfactorily.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the bills were approved for payment.

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Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Administrator expense report
- Revised BG 16-224
- BG 16-224 change order #1
- Financial audit FY2017
- Pension spiking
- 2018 tax rates

### **STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Opening day – best opening in 29 years – district initiative on Ron Clark
- Home visits
- Reading program
- Post opening day meeting held at 4:00 today
- Ron Clark visit on October 16
- Apple lease
- Bussing issues
- FOBS
- FRYSC's Back to School Bash – may plan different event next year due to low attendance

Amy Gilkison presented her report to the board. She introduced Todd Bertsch & Megan Jones, teachers from NHS and Sarah Weber, NHS Curriculum Coach. These individuals participated in training this summer on MyPerspective reading program. The original plan was to pilot a reading program for grades 9-12 at the high school this year and bring a request to purchase before the board next year. However, after attending the training this summer they returned asking to incorporate the program at the high school this year. If this program is approved, the district will have aligned reading K-12.

Amy also spoke about TorchPrep; this is a high energy boot camp that teaches students strategies for improving their score on the ACT. A higher score could result in more college acceptance letters and scholarship money for our students. Based on information gleaned from past testing, only students who meet certain criteria will qualify to attend this test preparation class. The training will be paid thru the school improvement grant.

Kevin McCormick highlighted his report:

- Enrollment
- IC Parent Portal
- Changes in the make-up of the calendar committee beginning with the 2018/19 school year

Tim Grayson presented his report to the board on transportation, facilities, and Newport Regional School. There were no questions.

Lisa Swanson provided the board with her written report. There were no questions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report
2. Adopt 2017/18 Section 504 Procedures and rescind old procedures
3. Stipend of \$3,500 to be paid to food service director for additional work involving Southgate Independent's food service department (paid by Southgate)
4. Revised BG 16-224
5. Adopt the compensating rate of 102.3 cents, plus .004 cent for exonerations plus 5.9 cents for the second nickel (adopted in January 2017) for a total rate of 108.6 cents per \$100 value of real and personal property for FY 2018. Adopt the rate of 99.3 cents per \$100 value of motor vehicles for FY 2018.
6. District funding assurances – FY 2018
7. New four year APPLE lease in the amount of \$449,250 and quote
8. MyPerspective cost proposal - \$61,256
9. TorchPrep (ACT test prep) – \$15,000
10. Application for full-time emergency certification for Dana Huls; math intervention NHS.
11. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of KSBA policy 03.222, Holidays and Vacation

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT consent agenda items 1-11 were approved as presented.

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## COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

## BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:27 PM

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Chairman

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Secretary