



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on October 25, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. PURPOSE: Expulsion Hearing

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.

EXPULSION HEARING

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board went into executive session to hear testimony regarding the student in question. Time: 6:05 PM

797 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY MALONE AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board returned to open session to publicly announce their decision.

798 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The following action was taken by the board:

The board found there was clear and convincing evidence that said student was in possession of a firearm on school property as specified under KRS 527.070. This is also a direct violation of the Newport Board of Education Policy 09.425.

The decision was made to expel said student, without services, from all schools and school activities for one calendar year which means student will not be able to enroll in a KY public school until October 25, 2018. Student is banned from entering any property of Newport Independent Schools during the period of expulsion. Failure to follow this ban is grounds for arrest by the Newport Police Dept. on the charge of criminal trespass.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board approved the action as stated above.

799 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Regular meeting agenda:

Roll Call – all present

Pledge of Allegiance

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION

Dwight Salsbury of Ross, Sinclair and Associates was present to explain the financing plan for the SFCC building projects. He explained the rationale regarding the resolution for the issuance of bonds by the finance corporation.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the slate of officers for the finance corporation were confirmed:

Ramona Malone, President

Tete Turner, Treasurer

Kim Klosterman, Secretary

800 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

If the following resolution is accepted by the finance corporation, the Board would be asked to approve the resolution under New Business during the regular meeting:

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Newport Independent School District Finance Corporation, relating to and providing for the issuance of \$1,540,000 principal amount (subject to a permitted adjustment of \$155,000) of special obligation bonds (school building revenue bonds) in accordance with Sections 58.180 and 162.120 through 162.290 AND 162.385 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to provide funds for school building purposes, providing and determining the duty of said corporation in connection with the operation of the school property, the creation of funds sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds as and when they mature, the creation of adequate maintenance and insurance funds, and authorizing the execution of a lease of such foregoing property to the Board of Education of the Newport Independent School District.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the finance corporation approved the resolution as stated above.

801 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY MALONE AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the special meeting of the District Finance Corporation adjourned. Time: 7:15 PM

802 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board resumed the regular meeting agenda

803 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND OCTOBER 11, 2017 WORK SESSION

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the minutes were approved as presented.

804 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

805 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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.

Ms. Malone asked about the charge for Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder for special education services. Ms. Swanson explained that Teresa Combs provides PD services for us relative to student specific issues. Since she is no longer employed with KSBA, her services are now provided thru this firm.

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

806 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Administrator expense report
- The purpose of the finance corporation and an explanation of the special called meeting
- KDE Owner-Architect contracts for BG projects
- Change order #1 – masonry repairs

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Site visits to Montgomery County and Clark County's food courts yesterday; Kevin McCormick and Lisa Rizzo will be taking Kelly's Kids to visit Boone County's food court tomorrow.
- Ron Clark presentation
- Test scores – reviewed with all leaders
- Update on hiring a school psychologist
- Tim Grayson is out this evening due to a death in family
- The stolen jeep has been located; it is damaged and it is being determined if it is worth the cost of repairs
- Pension update
- Legal matters

Ms. Gilkison provided the board with her written report. There were no questions.

Kevin McCormick highlighted his report:

- Enrollment
- Attendance audits
- Lockdown procedures for the Welcome Center
- IC portal sign up for parents

Dr. Smith-Morrow asked if students know what to do during a lockdown? Kevin said lockdown procedures are not practiced as much as fire drills. All students will typically be sheltered in place and no one can leave or come into the building until the police department lifts the lockdown. Dr. Smith-Morrow also wanted to know if students know what to do if they have information that administrators need to know. Both Kevin and Mr. Middleton feel it is not reinforced enough.

Tim Grayson provided the board with his written report. There were no questions.

Lisa Swanson provided the board with her written report. Dr. Smith-Morrow said she was excited to hear about the College and Career Exploration tour with the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center offered to students identified with mild to moderate disabilities. Ms. Malone asked about job placement rates. In 2015 their job placement rate was 73% state-wide. Newport has not had any graduates attend the program.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Personnel report;
- 2) Resolution of the Board of Education of the Newport Independent School District, authorizing and approving the execution of a lease agreement with the Newport Independent School District Finance Corporation and any further necessary instruments; approving certain architects' plans for the construction of a certain school building project; approving the execution of continuing disclosure procedures, and approving the plan of financing the cost of said project.
- 3) Owner/Architect contracts for the following BG projects:
 - Flooring replacement NHS, NIS, NPS
 - NHS cafeteria renovations
 - NPS and NIS front doors/security vestibules
 - NPS restroom renovations
 - District-wide security control system
- 4) Change order #1 – Phase 2 masonry repairs at the Welcome Center

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW consent agenda items 1-4 were approved as presented.

807 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board did not meet in executive session. A special meeting will be scheduled in the near future to begin discussions regarding the superintendent's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:45 PM

808 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary