



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on January 24, 2018 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

Nichole Braun, Program Director at the Newport Adult Learning Center, informed the Board that her program was in the top 25 programs in the State of KY. To be exact, the program ranks 12<sup>th</sup> out of 132 programs state-wide. Nichole also took this opportunity to recognize Stella Massey. Stella was a high school drop-out who attended Nichole's program and received her GED. Stella graduated from Gateway College where she received her Associate's Degree; Stella then attended NKU to receive her Bachelor's Degree in social work. She has applied for the Masters' program at NKU and is waiting to hear if she has been accepted. All of these accomplishments have taken place while she worked part-time in the GED program, raising 3 children as a single mother, and taking care of a very sick family member. Stella is a perfect example of what hard work and perseverance can accomplish.

Mr. Middleton thanked Ashley Beighle Frakes from Mitchell's Fish Market for their support in helping sell 100 Christmas ornaments; those proceeds support our scholarship program. Mitchell's has expressed an interest in partnering with Newport Independent School in various ways moving forward.

Kyle Niederman, Principal at NHS, recognized Katie Leslie. Katie is a senior at NHS who scored a perfect 36 on the English portion of the ACT. Her composite ACT score is 27. Katie has a 3.4 GPA and is planning to attend NKU and major in music education.

January is Board Appreciation Month. Each building principal invites members to their school during the month for various activities and lunch. During the meeting they presented gifts of gratitude to members for all their support to the district.

At this time Brittany Stacy introduced the cast members of Alice in Wonderland. They performed short excerpts from the play for everyone's entertainment. The drama program continues to grow and each performance is better than the last. The spring performance will be "Foot Loose".

A short recess was called.

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2017 AND JANUARY 10, 2018 SPECIAL MMEETINGS

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.

832 – 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.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the bills were approved for payment.

833 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Administrator expense report
- Draft budget
- SFCC Offer of Assistance
- Football stadium contract

Mr. Turner said he would forward the credit card information to all members on Thursday.

### STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- New staffing policy
- Principal's mid-year reviews
- MLK luncheon
- Safe Schools audit
- Food service Facebook page – CATS Kitchen
- Student enrollment training with school secretaries
- All "A" Classic update
- PLTW video – February meeting
- Governor's budget bill
  - a. Administrator costs
  - b. Transportation
  - c. Cutting various programs
  - d. Healthcare costs of staff
- New literacy grant
- Homeless grant
- NPS flooring and painting projects
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century monitoring visit (K-8)
- FAQs regarding professional development
- Hiring data
- Rescheduling February work session to February 7

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

- CDIP and CSIPs were all completed in eProve before the January 1 deadline
- All schools are in the process of completing their 30-60-90 day plans for spring 2018
- Working with KDE to amend the SIG grant
- All schools are in the process of completing ACCESS testing with EL students
- BACs are in the process of planning for spring testing
- Meeting in Frankfort on February 1<sup>st</sup> for CEP revision

Kevin McCormick highlighted his report:

- TSA security audit
- Attendance
- Enrollment

Tim Grayson provided the board with his written report. 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. FY 2019 Draft Budget
3. SFCC Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$54,673
4. Football field lease agreement with Kings Soccer/Town and Country
5. Staffing policy
6. 2017-18 Consolidated District Improvement Plan
7. Expenses to attend Legislative Education Advocacy Day (LEAD) in Frankfort on January 31 and February 1, 2018
8. Expenses to attend the KSBA annual conference in Louisville March 2-4, 2018

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW consent agenda items 1-8 were approved as presented.

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### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Reminder – KSBA Annual Conference is scheduled for March 2-4, 2018 at the Galt House – registration is open

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – KRS 61.810(C) LITIGATION**

On MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board voted to go into executive session. Time: 8:10  
– No action will be taken

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On MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board returned to open session. Time: 8:35

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:35 PM

837 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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Chairman

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Secretary