



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on February 7, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th 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 and other district administrators.

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

REVIEW OF BALANCE ASSET SHEET CLASSIFICATIONS

The board expressed an interest in transferring a portion of the general fund cash into a more restricted balance sheet account. A financial statement was provided showing where these accounts are currently located in MUNIS. The board may move any deposits from these accounts into a more restrictive MUNIS balance sheet account such as a Committed Fund Balance account which requires formal board action to transfer the funds, remove the restriction, or approve spending. This account was recommended by our auditor at his presentation to the board in December.

Mr. Turner recommended that the board, superintendent and staff discuss the amount to be transferred. Future general fund balances, previous expense items from the sale of property, future general fund capital improvements, future technology purchases and other financial matters need to be considered before moving forward.

AWARD FLOORING BID AND REVISED BG-1 FOR FLOORING AT NPS, NIS, AND NHS

The flooring project under consideration would replace existing carpeting in all classrooms with the current vinyl product and new carpeting in school office areas. All expenses would be paid with general fund dollars (\$918,842) because the state considers this project "maintenance". Given the uncertainty of the current budget situation state-wide, it was the recommendation of the superintendent that the board not approve funding this project at this time.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board did not approve the bid or the revised BG-1 for new flooring in classrooms and office areas.

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2018-2019 CALENDAR OPTIONS

Kevin McCormick presented the calendar options to the board. After a survey was completed by staff and parents, the calendar committee recommended option 1 to the board for consideration. Opening day will be August 14 and teachers/staff will have a full week off in October for fall break. This was the biggest change in the 3 options presented. The board will approve the calendar at the regular meeting later this month.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH APPLE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Rusty Adams reviewed the terms of the lease. The new lease will replace approximately 525 MacBook's at the high school. This is a 3 year lease for \$302,353.33. The buyback of current MacBook's should cover most of the first lease payment which is due 7/1/18.

Ms. Sheffel suggested we purchase better protective cases and carrying cases if we want the laptops to stay in good condition for future buyback options. The current cases are not holding up well.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board approved the lease agreement with Apple Financial Services to replace MacBook's at the high school.

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CDIP

Ms. Gilkison gave the board a handout covering CDIP talking points to help answer concerns expressed by the board. She covered Goal 1: Proficiency, Goal 2: GAP, & Goal 4: Growth –

- All of these goals were written using the delivery targets that KDE set for the district.
- We have not been able to meet any of these goals in the past 3 years.
- The objectives must be based upon the goal & are very steep for one year time span.
- Although the goals are actually out of reach for a 2 year span, all the strategies and activities included in them are well-aligned to meet our current needs and should help each school see an increase in each goal.

Goal 5: Transition Readiness (will replace the CCR goal – all levels will be accountable)

- This is a new goal requirement. Little guidance was provided on how this goal was to be written so the state's new accountability system was used as a guide. A copy was provided to the board.
- The curriculum department is working with the high school to provide as many career exposure opportunities to our students as possible.
- Both the intermediate and high school are planning to implement career exploration classes next year for students in grades 5-8.
- The high school FRC offers a variety of college visits and tours
- The high school takes advantage of career exploration days at Gateway
- The high school is planning to immerse themselves with the student's ILPs to help aid in student schedules and career counseling
- The district provides dual credit classes at Gateway for any student that qualifies.

Ms. Malone asked if anyone has reached out to Brighton Center regarding their CTE program.

Phase II: Needs Assessment

- The needs assessment requires the district to have a protocol for reviewing, analyzing, and applying data results. In the past, the protocol used expected schools to report their data to the board in the “data snapshots” on a quarterly basis.
- The curriculum department holds the schools accountable through a variety of means:
 - Attending weekly school admin meetings.
 - Meeting on a bi-weekly basis with principals to focus on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
 - Meeting with instructional coaches regularly to provide assistance & help guide PLC work.
 - Monitoring the development & implementation of the 30-60-90 day plan.
 - Conducting data meetings with each school to monitor data, student growth, mastery of essential standards, etc.

Amy asked the board to discuss and decide what data they would like from the schools, the format for presentation, and how often they want the data reported.

As far as “needs”, Amy said the district has tons of resources already. We offer nothing but top notch research based programs. The district’s biggest problem is teacher retention. This is due to pay, challenging students, intervention needs, and frustration with leadership.

The board will review the rest of the report and contact Amy if they have questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:12 PM

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Chairman

Secretary