



The Newport Board of Education held a work session on June 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton.

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

INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND

The city has asked the board to consider approving PILOT payments in lieu of tax revenue for their upcoming sky wheel project. The project is expected to cost around \$10,000,000. After deducting SEEK losses due to increased tax revenues the total revenue realized is approximately \$41,800. If the board approves the PILOT payment of \$35,000 per year, the net loss for the district is less than \$7,000 per year. Considering the other projects the district and city have worked out together, the board feels this is a good deal for both entities.

DRUG-FREE/ALCOHOL FREE SCHOOLS

Mr. Middleton discussed the idea of having employees randomly drug tested. His motive for pursuing a new policy is that we should not ask our students to do something adults are not being accountable to do. The updated policy would include all coaches. Currently all students involved in extra-curricular activities are required to be randomly drug tested.

We are working with KSBA to develop a draft policy for the board's review.

PERSONNEL AGREEMENT

The board was given a copy of a release of all claims and indemnity agreement for their review.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Members were given the following information:

- Summer school attendance
- Summer Meals
- 21st Century Summer Programming

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Middleton also discussed the following:

- 3 year strategic plan – reviewed at this week's cabinet meeting
- Football coach could be named this week
- Administrative retreat – The Innovative Mindset. A top leader from Apple presented during the afternoon session on driving technology in the classroom. Kevin McCormick was recognized on his retirement. The entire administrative team that attended the day session also went bowling for some relaxation in the evening.

The work session ended at 7:10 PM

Chairman

Secretary