



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on June 29, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport, KY. Purpose: Administrator hearing

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, Theresa Miller, & Matt Scott.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton, attorneys for both sides, other district leaders, & guests.

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

HEARING

Brandon Voelker, Board Attorney, explained the procedures that will be followed for the hearing per KRS 161.765, Procedures for demotion of administrative personnel -- Appeal.

The hearing on the demotion shall be public or private, at the discretion of the administrator and shall be limited to the matters set forth in the written statement of grounds for demotion. The board shall provide to the administrator a verbatim transcript of the hearing. The board of education shall hear the case, with the board chairman presiding. The board, upon hearing the evidence and argument presented, shall retire to private chambers to arrive at a decision. Counsel or representatives for either party in the hearing shall not be consulted by the board unless the corresponding counsel or representatives for the other party are present and unless a verbatim transcript of such consultation is made for the record. Within five days from the close of the hearing, the board of education shall advise the parties of its decision and shall take official action in the case.

Today's hearing will be a public per the request of Mr. Joshua Snapp. The board has agreed to render a decision today.

Claire Parsons, Attorney with Adams, Stepner, Woltermann and Dusing, PLLC, was in attendance to represent Mr. Kelly Middleton.

After all witnesses were called to testify and closing arguments were given by Mr. Snapp and Ms. Parsons the board informed those in attendance that they would be going into executive session to deliberate the facts of the hearing. A decision will be rendered when they return to open session.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board went into executive session per KRS 61.810(c), Litigation. Time: 4:42 PM

894 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board returned to open session to announce their decision. Time: 5:05 PM

895 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board affirmed the decision of the superintendent to demote Josh Snapp. While it is clear that he has been a good principal, his failure to abide by state testing rules, for which as the principal, he is charged with enforcing, is a violation that cannot be passed over without serious punishment.

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On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the hearing adjourned by 5:10 PM

897 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary