



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on September 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport. PURPOSE: Tax rate 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. Smith-Morrow, Matt Scott, and Melissa Sheffel.

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.

### TAX RATE HEARING

Mr. Middleton explained the purpose of the hearing. The recommendation to the board from the superintendent and the finance officer will be that the board accepts the general fund tax levy of 108.6 cents on real property and 108.6 cents on personal property. This is the same rate currently being paid by all Newport property owners. Although the board could take a 4% allowable increase, this will not be the recommendation.

Mr. Middleton went on to explain the reason for the late arrival of some of the tax rate notices to residents and offered his apology. The intention was to have all notices in resident's possession on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> or Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest. After meeting with UPS and then post office officials in Newport, it seems there was a communication failure when the notices were dropped off by UPS on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Turner reiterated the intention of the notices to residents and supported the recommendation of the superintendent regarding the 2019 tax rate.

There were 3 citizens at the meeting. Ms. Garrett had several questions and all concerns were answered to her satisfaction. Another citizen in attendance said he had no questions after hearing the facts of why notices arrived late.

There being no further discussion, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the hearing adjourned.

908 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

### NEW BUSINESS

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board adopted the proposed general fund tax levy of 108.6 cents per \$100 value on both real and personal property for 2019.

909 – MOTION CARRIED 3-1  
Ms. Sheffel abstained.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:54 PM

910 - MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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Chairman

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Secretary