



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on September 26, 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 Malone called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow, Theresa Miller, Melissa Sheffel, & Matt Scott.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton, other district leaders, and invited guests.

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

PRESENTATIONS and INTRODUCTIONS

Josh Snapp introduced the board to the Newport Virtual Program. Over the past few years the district has set goals aligned with our vision and mission statements. But there is more to offer our students to better prepare them for life after high school; whether students enter the workforce, attend a technical school or go to college.

The Newport Virtual Program will allow flexibility with schedules, give students the opportunity to take courses that we do not offer in the traditional setting, allow students to complete high school in 3 years, start 4th year internship programs with partners, allow students to work at their own pace, allow students to take classes in the summer, and more...

The project plan includes putting together a district level innovation team, complete readiness for innovation self-assessments, conduct a needs assessment based on results, school and district visits, build a plan, complete the application and submit, prepare a location, determine staffing, train staff, and inform our stakeholders.

Josh will be visiting other districts currently implementing this type of program and start the implementation phase for our district.

Jake Luhn, NKU basketball coach, and Silas Adheke, NKU basketball player, updated the board on their experience with the summer basketball camp. Overall, the program was a great success for both the children that attended and the members from NKU who spent time with the campers not only teaching them basketball skills but also real life skills and the importance of making good decisions, picking the right people to be with, and the importance of school.

Amber Onkst introduced members from the Newport Masonic Lodge; Steve Rowlett, Russell Guy and Lester Willmoth. The Masons do a lot to support our students and staff. Last year they gave a bike to every student at NIS and NPS for perfect attendance; 22 students received new bicycles. They also donated money for school supplies, sponsored several students for Christmas, and purchased lunch for all teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation. The board thanked the Masons for their support.

Pat Crowley asked district administrators and board members for names of alumni so he can continue his video series highlighting the lives of successful alum.
The board took a 15-minute break to greet tonight's guests.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 22 REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 29, SEPTEMBER 12, AND SEPTEMBER 19 SPECIAL MEETINGS

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the minutes were approved as presented.

911 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

912 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Before approving the bills, Mr. Turner noted he had talked to all board members who had questions regarding the bills. All questions were answered to their satisfaction.

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

913 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Turner's report covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Working budget 2019
- Financial audit 2018 – auditors will present at the January meeting
- BG 18-263 change order

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Two preschool grants – 2 years totaling \$600,000 involving Bright Days and Brighton Center. This will give us the opportunity to offer all-day preschool.
- NaviGo meeting with river city schools. This program is designed to help families navigate the career selection and college search process. NaviGo Prep is a nonprofit organization that prepares students for life after high school by providing individualized college and career coaching and planning to students. Founded by former Kenton County Superintendent Tim Hanner, NaviGo Prep employs a team of educators and school counselors who have trained CLS teachers and administrators to be coaches.
- All three schools will sponsor Family Night this Thursday.
- NSBA registration opens soon. The board should let us know soon if they are attending.
- First Kelly's Kids meeting held today
- Classified Advisory meeting this Friday
- Test scores – PPT
- Student shadowing day

Ms. Gilkison's report focused on information regarding the new KY Assessment and Accountability System.

- 17/18 Accountability changes
- An introduction to TSI and CSI
- TSI and CSI entrance and exit criteria
- Preparing for public release of data

- 18/19 Newport Continuous Improvement Strategies

Ms. Gilkison asked the board to add a new business item to the agenda. Since we have been designated a CSI district, the board will need to decide if they will accept the audit team from KDE or if they are going to put out an RFP to create their teams.

Ms. Malone suggested taking a work session to review all of the assessment data.

Mr. Wills' reports report covered:

- Attendance percentages and membership count
- Updated reports from all service providers

Mike said attendance at the high school is the best it has been in 10 years.

Mr. Grayson's report covered:

- Transportation update
- Facilities update
- Safe Schools
- Newport Regional School

Ms. Swanson's report focused on:

- Moderate & Severe Disabilities Programming and preparing for state accountability/assessments.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board will add another item to the consent agenda approving use of KDEs audit and turnaround team.

914 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

1. Personnel report
2. 2019 working budget
3. Create a PT grant writer position
4. 3 year contract with Teach for America
5. NHS civics plan and assessment
6. Change order #1 and revised BG-1 for phase 3 masonry repairs
7. Emergency certification for special education position at NIS
8. Accept KDE's audit and turnaround team

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the consent agenda was approved as presented.

915 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:10 PM

916 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary