



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on November 14, 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, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller & 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

A video of Student Shadow Day was shown highlighting many interactions with our students starting with some leaders walking to school with their students until the last bell rang at 3:00.

The event was well planned starting with a breakfast a week prior when staff and students were first introduced; to the actual day itself, when staff members were reminded of what life is like as a student, to the last meeting where students were presented with gifts and thank you cards.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24 AND OCTOBER 30, 2018 BOARD MEETINGS

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the minutes were approved with one correction to the date on the minutes for October 30, 2018.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

On MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the bills were approved for payment.

937 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mr. Turner's report covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Extension of audit

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Dr. Smith-Morrow for being elected to Chair of the Gateway Board
- Possible graduation requirement changes
- Navigate Prepared – School Safety
- River City Project
- Teacher retention plans
- Lunch with students program
- TANK – good article by Pat Crowley
- Southgate agreements
- CSI audits – KDE in district
- Shout out to NPS Veterans Day events
- February 1st – Athletic Hall of Fame induction
- Rocky Atkins is considering a run for governor – he is a public school advocate

Ms. Gilkison's report focused on all the prep work and training that will be occurring to ensure the district and schools are prepared for the audits in January 2019. A work session will be held with the board to ensure members are involved in the process and prepared for the audit interviews.

Mr. Wills' reports report covered:

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

Mr. Grayson's report covered:

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

Ms. Swanson's report focused on an upcoming study for the special education department entitled *Teaching Academic Success Skills to Middle School Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders*. The goal of the research is to teach middle-school children with autism spectrum disorders organization, planning, and study skills. Leanne Tamm and Amie Duncan, researchers at Cincinnati Children's Hospital will direct the study.

Lisa Rizzo reviewed the details of the staff/student lunch program that the board will be asked to approve next month.

Kelly Grayson reviewed the Medicaid reimbursement program. Under the SBHS program KY Schools are eligible to enroll as Medicaid Health Service Providers. The district has a direct billing contract with KSBA who works with school districts to maximize Medicaid reimbursements for special services using ezEdMed software to track services and provide immediate reimbursements. Reimbursements have increased approx. \$151,520 since 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board added item 4 to the consent agenda excusing Dr. Smith-Morrow from the meeting.

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1. Personnel report
2. Travel expenses for the superintendent and board members to attend the KSBA Winter Symposium November 30-December 1 in Louisville, KY
3. 1st reading of Procedure 10.5 AP.1 – Visitors to the Schools
4. Excuse Dr. Smith-Morrow from the meeting tonight

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the consent agenda was approved as presented.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board went into executive session.

Purpose: KRS 61.810 (k) and KRS 156.577 – Discussions relating to the evaluation of the superintendent

Time: 7:35 PM

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On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SCOTT the board returned to open session. Time: 8:15 PM

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SCOTT AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned.

Time: 8:16 PM

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Chairman

Secretary