



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on February 13, 2019 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, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller, & Sylvia Covington.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton and other district leaders/employees.

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

NEWPORT SCHOOL OF INNOVATION

Josh Snapp updated the board on the progress of the school of innovation. He reviewed the purpose, the possible programs to be offered with an explanation of each, and the website that is under development for the new school. Mr. Middleton, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Grayson reviewed space options within the Welcome Center and costs for renovations.

Several questions were answered regarding the timeline for opening, staffing, number of students, what districts Mr. Snapp is targeting as far as enrolling possible home school students, courses and programming options.

The board will be kept updated on the progress of the school and space as more information becomes available.

ACCEPT BID FOR NHS CAFETERIA LANDSCAPING PROJECT

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL, the bid from Brentwood Landscape was accepted as presented.

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Roll call:

Ramona Malone – yes

Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow – yes

Melissa Sheffel – yes

Theresa Miller – yes

Sylvia Covington - no

IRB WITH CITY OF NEWPORT

Mr. Turner updated the board on the revenue generated on the 10 IRB agreements the district currently has with the city. The board will be asked to consider another IRB agreement for the Main Street project at an upcoming meeting. Currently the revenue proposed by the city for this project would be \$30,000 + additional auto taxes. This falls slightly short of what we would lose in SEEK funding for this project. Mr. Middleton and Mr. Turner will meet with the city manager again to discuss the possibility of increasing the proposed amount before presenting to the board for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:52 PM

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Chairman

Secretary