



The Newport Board of Education held a meeting on January 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> 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, & Sylvia Covington.

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

January is School Board Appreciation Month; our building principals created a video of our students, from primary to high school, thanking the board for all the various ways they lend their support. Each board member also received a gift of appreciation from our principals.

George Sparks, CPA and Director at Barnes Dennig, presented the June 30, 2018 annual financial audit.

The scope of the audit was communicated in the engagement letter dated April 5, 2018 which covered the audit of the 2018 financial statements in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and the audit of major federal programs under Uniform Guidance. The results are as follows:

- Barnes Dennig has issued unmodified (clean) opinions on both the financial statements and compliance with major federal programs;
- Received excellent cooperation from the District's finance staff;
- Significant audit adjustments regarding errors in invoice and stipend payments around Federal grants;
- Internal control matters regarding misstatements in the financial statements for the year under audit that was not initially identified by the organization's internal controls.
- No significant difficulties or disagreements;
- Management representation letter is available upon request.

Mr. Sparks' report covered:

- The net position trends of the district from 2014-2018;
- District-wide net position for 2016-2018;
- Revenues over expenses district-wide;
- Balance sheet trends from 2014-2018;
- Revenues over expenses – general fund from 2014-2018;
- Tax revenues – general fund;
- General fund revenues by source;

- Revenues over expenses food service;
- Payroll summary – comparison of Newport and other districts (average);

Mr. Turner thanked Mr. Sparks for the presentation and for attending the meeting.

### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018, DECEMBER 13, 2018, AND JANUARY 9, 2019

The minutes of December 12 and 13, 2018 were tabled until the next meeting. On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY MALONE the minutes of January 9, 2019 were approved.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY MALONE, the financial statement was accepted and will be filed for audit.

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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 SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY MALONE the bills were approved for payment.

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Mr. Turner's report covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Draft budget information
- Bid awards for NHS landscaping
- Financial audit report

### STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- High school landscaping project;
- Basketball team advancing to the All "A" Classic in Richmond – first game is Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> ;
- Mr. Middleton thanked the city manager and police department for escorting the team thru the city upon winning the regional tournament;
- AdvancEd audits taking place in the district this week;
- Josh Snapp received an official school number for the School of Innovation currently under development. Several different spaces are being considered to house this school within the Welcome Center;
- Work continues with the River City Project. Logistics and supply chain management courses will be offered thru Gateway's dual credit classes. With the expansion at CVG the need for this type of training will be valuable for graduates entering the workforce. Ms. Malone shared information about the KY LOOP UPS Program. Ms. Ball will look into this opportunity for students also.
- Athletic Hall of Fame February 1, 2019.
- KSBA Conference – PEAK Award presentation scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Ms. Gilkison's report covered:

- CDIP update – on consent for approval
- Final review of all school evidence for AdvancEd audits
- Audit presentation preparations
- CSIP final documents
- ACCESS testing

The board has requested Ms. Gilkison review the details of the CDIP at a work session soon.

Col. Wills' report covered:

- Attendance percentages and membership count
- Updated reports from all service providers
- Calendar options for 2019-2020

Mr. Grayson's report covered:

- Transportation update
- Facilities update

Ms. Swanson's report covered:

- December 1 child count data
- Results from the due process record review audit

The board has requested the due process record review audit be reviewed in more depth at a work session.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report;
2. FY 2020 Draft Budget
3. 2019 Consolidated District Improvement Plan
4. Expenses to attend Legislative Education Advocacy Day (LEAD) in Frankfort on Thursday, February 21, 2019
5. Expenses to attend the KSBA annual conference in Louisville on February 22-24, 2019
6. 2019-2020 School Calendar Options – 1<sup>st</sup> reading
7. BG-4 and BG-5 - masonry repairs – Welcome Center
8. 2018 Annual Financial Audit
9. ~~Accept bid for NHS landscaping project~~ TABLED
10. Out of district contracts:
  - Campbell County
  - Covington Independent
  - Erlanger-Elsmere Independent
  - Ft. Thomas Independent
  - Kenton County
  - Silver Grove
  - Southgate Independent
  - Beechwood Independent
  - Dayton Independent
  - Grant County
  - Walton-Verona Independent
  - Bellevue Independent
  - Ludlow Independent
  - Pendleton County
  - Boone County
11. Excuse Melissa Sheffel and Theresa Miller from tonight's meeting.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY MALONE consent agenda items 1-8 and 10-11 were approved as presented.

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#### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Pat Crowley informed the board that a press release will be coming out on the Hall of Fame night, as well as, an article on our all-female board; first time in Newport's history. He also updated the board on a couple of legislative items addressed in Frankfort.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Dr. Smith-Morrow suggested that the February work session be held as a special meeting so the board can vote on the landscaping project at the high school.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:55 PM

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Chairman

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Secretary