



The Newport Board of Education held a meeting on March 27, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Smith-Morrow called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller, & Sylvia Covington.

Also in attendance: Asst. Superintendent Amy Gilkison, other district leaders, and invited guests.

Dr. Smith-Morrow asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a Moment of Reflection.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

JC Morgan, Director of the Campbell County Public Library, was present to talk about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Imagination Library is a book-gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income, on a monthly basis. The Dolly Parton Foundation pays for the books and all overhead costs associated with administration of the program. The library pays for shipping which is \$2.50 per child per month or \$25.20 per year per child.

Mr. Morgan is asking for the board to consider supporting this program by donating a percentage of funds for the cost of shipping books to Newport children.

Dr. Smith-Morrow said she is very interested in this program and will discuss further with the superintendent.

Dr. Smith-Morrow introduced the principal at the intermediate school, Dennis Maines. Mr. Maines introduced the new instructional coach, Jennifer Stewart. The board welcomed our new hires and wished them luck in their new positions.

Rod Snapp, head boys' basketball coach, was present to talk about the team's success this year. The team won the All "A" Classic Tournament in January, the first time since 2009/10. After a very impressive regular season record of 25-9, the team won the first round of the regional tournament against Connor; they lost in the second round to Cov Cath. In attendance and representing their team were Zien Garland, Makhi McGuire, and Donnie Miller.

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On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY MILLER the minutes were approved as written.

970 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Mr. Turner's absence, Shannon Meyer was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the treasurer's report.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY MILLER, the financial statement was accepted and will be filed for audit.

971 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Dr. Smith-Morrow asked if members had any questions about the bills. Members had questions answered satisfactorily by Mr. Turner before the meeting.

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

972 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mr. Turner's report covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Financial report
- Revised BGs
- IRB with the City of Newport

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton was not in attendance.

Ms. Gilkison's presented her report; there were no questions. The ACT test was administered this month at both NHS and NRS. Additional tests were purchased for seniors who did not meet benchmark or anyone who wanted to try to increase their score.

The curriculum department organized and conducted a school improvement work session with all school leaders to begin deconstructing their audit reports to understand the identified improvement priorities.

Rachel Ball updated the board on the NKY River Cities College, Career, and Technical Network. Phase 1 will be launched in the 2019/20 SY. This will consist of logistics/supply chain training for river city high school students in partnership with Gateway Community and Technical College. Possible partners to be identified are US Bank, 5/3, and Nexigen. Phase 2 will be launched for the 2020/21 SY and will consist of construction/skilled trades training. NKY Homebuilders is one identified partnership.

Col. Wills presented the report for student services. The board had no questions.

Mr. Grayson presented the report for facilities and transportation. There were no questions.

Ms. Swanson presented the report for special education. There were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Before approving the consent agenda, Ms. Sheffel made a motion to amend the consent agenda by adding item 5. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.

973 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

1. Personnel report;
2. Revised BG-1, NHS cafeteria renovations
3. Revised BG-1, Newport flooring project
4. IRB with the City of Newport for the Main Street project.
5. Excuse Ramona Malone from tonight's meeting

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

974 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY MILLER the board went into executive session to discuss pending litigation with possible action to follow: KRS 61.810 (c) Time: 7:22 PM

974 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

In open session the following action was taken:

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY MILLER the board approved the insurance claim settlement with Jessica Cope.

975 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY MILLER AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:32 PM

976 - MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary