



The Newport Board of Education held a meeting on April 24, 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: Asst. Superintendent Amy Gilkison, 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.

RECOGNITIONS

Bert Richey, sponsor of FBLA, and Rachel Crockett, co-sponsor, were in attendance to recognize the students going to nationals in July: Maddie Webb, Elizabeth Nicholas, Shelby Powell and Brooklyn Rice. Students and sponsors will travel to San Antonio, TX in late June to compete. Mr. Richey asked the board for financial support to help offset the costs of the trip for students and their families. He has secured a few sponsors to help with additional educational and cultural experiences while away. The board will consider this request under new business.

MINUTES OF MARCH 27 AND APRIL 10, 2019

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

979 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

980 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Before moving on the payment of bills, Ms. Covington asked about the free-lunch program. Mr. Turner explained the community eligibility option that the district chose to participate in starting a few years ago. All students eat free breakfast, lunch and after school if they are involved in some type of after school activity. The program has been very successful. Other members had questions about the bills prior to the meeting; all questions were answered satisfactorily.

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

981 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Turner's report covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Financial report
- GotZoom – removed from agenda for now
- KETS 3rd Offer of Assistance

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton was not in attendance.

Ms. Gilkison's began her report with the introduction of a new communication tool that both NPS and NHS has implemented as another way to reach out to parents and community. They are using a program called Adobe Spark. Adobe Spark is an online and mobile design app that easily creates social graphics, short videos, and web pages. The high school has been utilizing the talents of their students in these videos. One of Matt Atkins' videos was shown so the board could see how the program is utilized.

Ms. Covington asked about community involvement. As a district we strive to involve parents in as many activities as possible. The family fun nights at NPS and NIS have been a great tool to bring in families for food, activities, and education.

The curriculum team has been working with schools on their turnaround plans. As part of the CSI work, each school and the district are required to embed the improvement priorities from the recent audits into their CSIPs/CDIP and 30-60-90 plans to result in a turnaround plan. These plans must be approved by the board and then submitted to KDE for their approval. Ms. Malone asked about plans to address the needs in the turnaround plan. Ms. Gilkison explained that each school will address needs differently; pinpointing specific needs thru intervention. Each school is writing a grant (\$250,000 each for two years) to help address the needs as outlined as improvement priorities.

The curriculum department has also conducted training for spring testing to teachers and staff. Testing will take place the week of May 13.

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

Mr. Grayson presented the report for facilities and transportation. Ms. Malone would like to discuss bussing for after-school programming at an upcoming work session. Would more students attend after-school programming if we offered transportation?

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW, consent agenda was amended by adding item 9 regarding support for students attending the FBLA National Conference in San Antonio, TX.

982 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

1. Personnel report;
2. Hiring emergency certified substitute teaches for the 19/20 SY;
3. Revised 18/19 school calendar;
4. Section 7 requests;
5. 19/20 NKCES Intent to Participate;
6. Turnaround plans for NPS, NIS, and NHS as outlined in the school diagnostic audits;
7. CDIP with embedded goals and activities outlined in the improvement priorities from the district diagnostic audit;
8. KETS third offer of assistance.
9. Financial support for expenses of students to attend the FBLA conference in San Antonio, TX up to \$7,600.

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

983 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:40 PM

984 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary