



The Newport Board of Education held a meeting on May 22, 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, district leadership, and guests.

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

RECOGNITIONS

The following employees were recognized upon their retirement this year:

- Rebecca Alley
- Nancy Bacon
- Joy Bankemper
- America Combs
- Keith Salter
- Jennifer Sepate
- Kim Weaver

Shannon Gubser, Gifted teacher for the district, introduced Ciara Stubbeman, Governor's School for the Arts Summer Program recipient, and Brianna Stubbeman, Duke Tip Summer Studies recipient. Ciara will attend UK from June 23 thru July 13 to participate in the arts summer program. Brianna will travel to Rollins College in Florida for her summer studies.

STLP – Jen Davis and Tommy Thompson, Coordinators, introduced students in attendance who participated in STLP at the state level this year.

SkillsUSA – Traci Collins, Coordinator, introduced students in attendance who participated in SkillsUSA this year.

Hannah Hofstetter received the Rosanne Ginney Teacher of the Year award this year. She was also a 2019 Golden Apple Award recipient at the Excellence in Education dinner in April.

Victor Spoils Bully Video – featuring Newport High School students was shown to all in attendance. The video goes live on YouTube May 24, 2019.

Ms. Malone announced the board would take a 15-minute break to greet tonight's guests.

MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2019 AND MAY 8, 2019

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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Mr. Turner informed the board that tax collections were at 97% - above the projected budget.

Before moving on the payment of bills, Mr. Turner announced that members of the board had called with questions prior to the meeting and their questions were answered satisfactorily.

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

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Mr. Turner's report covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Audit contract
- Tentative Budget FY 2020

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Pool passes provided by the city for our students
- Family Fun Night at NIS scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 5:00
- Senior Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29
- Move up day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28
- Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 at 11:00
- Tom Fromme, City Manager, will be sending information in June regarding the Peace Bell project

Good things that have occurred this year and previous:

- Students completing the East Row picture project and having their work displayed at the museum
- Students participating in the East Row Christmas tour
- Grades 9-12 met every standard on state testing – considered in the "Other" category by state
- NPS was named a CSI school because we only have one primary school
- CCR Award recognition
- Preschool – 5-star rating
- PEAK and MAGNA Awards

Mr. Middleton introduced Julia Rawlings, Education Recovery Director and Dr. Foster, Associate Commissioner. Ms. Rawlings has been working with administration on the turnaround plans outlined in the recent AdvancEd audits and Dr. Foster was present to review the district audit with the board. Mr. Middleton did say publicly he does not agree with the audit results; there is no due process and the district did submit a 21-page rebuttal.

Mr. Middleton introduced Robert Wilson, the private investigator the board agreed to hire to help with the issues the district is going thru with testing allegations from last year, on-going certified and classified personnel issues, and recently a substitute teacher issue that resulted in termination of that person. He will ask the board to consider using Mr. Wilson's services for personnel issues again in the future.

Ms. Gilkison shared her written report with the board. She also submitted an update on the gifted program and the EL program. 13 students will exit the EL program this year.

Most of this month has been spent preparing for state testing, testing, and working on turnaround plan revisions per KDE. The district did receive a site visit from KDE during testing. They were very complimentary of our procedures and said Newport runs a model system; they would like for us to share our processes with them soon. Testing is now complete, and materials will be sent to Pearson on Friday for scoring.

Col. Wills presented the report for student services. Ms. Covington asked what can be done to increase attendance. Col. Wills said in his opinion we need good teachers and good relationships with students and families.

Mr. Grayson was not in attendance. Mr. Middleton offered to answer any questions; there were none.

Ms. Swanson presented the report for special education. Dr. Smith-Morrow would like to see the results of the youth one year out surveys when they become available.

Each principal and/or assistant principal was present to report on their anti-bullying policies and plans. NPS is currently working with their advisory council to revise/update their plans. They will focus on the work of their Change Team, Wildcat Way, and House System and how to develop positive culture. They will discuss classroom guidance plans and address potential bullying or parental concerns.

NIS will work with their new advisory council using a program called Safe and Civil Schools as a starting point. This organization does not focus directly on bullying but more on overall school culture.

NHS uses a discipline matrix using progressive discipline for bullying. They also work with Green Dot which is a research based bullying prevention program.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report
2. Administrative extra service salary schedule 19/20 SY
3. Athletic extra service salary schedule 19/20 SY
4. District-wide extra service salary schedule 19/20 SY
5. Certified and classified staff 19/20 SY
6. Auditor's contract for audit period 6/30/2019
7. Tentative budget 2020
8. Pay 19/20 KASA dues for members
9. Expenses for board members to attend the KSBA Summer Leadership Institute in Lexington on July 12-13, 2019
10. Imagination Library Participating School District Contract
11. Safe & Civil Schools Agreement
12. Donate school bus motor from bus #10 to the city for their SWAT truck (bus 10 is being taken out of service)
13. Service agreement with SchoolPointe
14. 2019/20 Student Code of Conduct
15. enVision Math Program renewal K-5

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

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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: 9:13 PM

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Chairman

Secretary