



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on August 28, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an expulsion hearing.

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.

Also, in attendance: Kelly Middleton, Superintendent, Mike Wills, Director of Student Service, Brandon Voelker, Board Attorney, and other district administrators.

Mr. Voelker, Board Attorney, explained the difference of having a closed hearing vs. an open hearing to the parent. She chose to have the hearing in closed session.

EXPULSION HEARING

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board went into executive session to hear testimony regarding student. Time: 5:35 PM

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On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board returned to open session to publicly announce their decision after listening to witness testimony and deliberations. 6:42 PM

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The following action was taken by the board:

The board found there was clear and convincing evidence of assault in the 4th degree as specified under KRS 508.030. This is a direct violation of the Newport Board of Education policy 09.425.

The decision was made to expel student from all schools and school activities until August 27, 2020. However, educational services will be provided. The board made the following agreement with student:

- *Student may return on the first day of school for 2020 if student attends all service sessions at the Campbell County Public Library.*
- *Student must be respectful and cooperative with the service providing teacher.*
- *Services will stop if student has six unexcused meeting dates.*

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board approved of the terms of the hearing as stated above.

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The board took a 5-minute break

Ms. Malone called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller, and Sylvia Covington.

Ms. Malone asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a moment of reflection.

MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 21, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW 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 noted that he had conversations with most of the board members regarding the bills; questions were answered satisfactorily.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONED BY COVINGTON the bills were approved for payment.

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Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Credit card bills and receipts
- Monthly administrator's expenses
- Annual financial report
- Tax rates for 2019

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's update covered:

- Start of school – best with nearly 60 new employees
- Tax rates
- Jerome Bowles
- Football game Friday night
- Navigate – school safety improvements
- Unsubstantiated social media threat – additional police support in district
- Teacher car vandalized and robbed at NPS – suspect caught

Ms. Gilkison – the curriculum department focused on the Essential Workplace Ethics Program. All districts are required to implement a program to promote characteristics that are critical to success in the workplace. In order to fulfill all the requirements of legislation, the NKY districts that are members of NKCES collaborated to develop a program to meet the workplace needs of NKY industries. KDE approved the collaboration of the districts in developing a plan to meet KRS. The program starts with this year's freshman class.

Principals each presented summaries of supports they have implemented prior to school along with future activities to continue the support throughout the year.

Colonel Wills presented his report:

- Membership and attendance – first 10 days
- Summary of FRYSC “giveaway” program and family accountability

Mr. Grayson presented his report:

Facilities

- Library projects
- Nurses office at NPS
- Surplus items
- Painting at NPS
- Pumps at stadium
- Projects with SlamDunk
- AC in gym and cafeteria at NPS

Transportation

- Restraint and Seclusion training
- TANK is running
- Waiting list
- Bus driver resignation
- After school activities

Safe Schools

- Emergency Operations Plans from schools are complete
- Training with local schools, fire, EMS, and police on sporting event management
- Navigate Prepared PPT presentation

Newport Regional School

- Facility rated for 52 inmates. Mr. Piccirillo expects they will be at capacity within the year.

Ms. Swanson presented her report. Special education numbers are down 19% from May. Currently there are 199 students in special education.

OLD BUSINESS

The board agreed to cancel the work session on the 11th and schedule a special meeting on the 18th. The special meeting will include a tax rate hearing and KSBA board training.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report
2. Annual financial report for FY 2019
3. 2nd reading of 2019 KSBA policy updates
4. Personnel exchange agreement with Southgate Independent School District.
5. Agreement with Jerome Bowles for consulting services
6. Emergency certification application for special education
7. Per 702 KAR 1:170, the board has been apprised that the district continues to implement security best practices to secure personal information across our network and systems for the 19/20 SY
8. Add the following school personnel to serve in the role of Admission & Release Committee Chairperson during the 19/20 SY: Josh Snapp, Newport School of Innovation, and Joe Bramlage, NHS Special Education Teacher
9. Expenses incurred for board members to attend the fall KSBA regional dinner on September 23 at Drees Pavilion and the Winter Symposium on November 22-23 in Louisville
10. Accept recommendation for setting tax rates at 108.6 for the 2020 SY so KDE legal requirements can be met (same rate as last year)

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW items 1-10 were approved as presented with the exception to #5 (agreement with Jerome Bowles). The contract should read \$30.00 per hour for services rendered, not to exceed \$18,600 per year. Besides mentoring students at the high school, Mr. Middleton will assign additional duties; such as, attending recruitment fairs.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:12 PM

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Chairman

Secretary