



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on September 25, 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.

Also, in attendance: Kelly Middleton, Superintendent and district administrators.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the minutes of August 28th were approved as written.

1007 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY MILLER the minutes of September 18 were approved as written.

1008- MOTION CARRIED 3-0 (Dr. Smith-Morrow abstained since she missed the meeting)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1009 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mr. Turner noted that he had conversations with four of the board members regarding the bills; questions were answered satisfactorily. Ms. Malone asked about the Amazon account. Mr. Turner noted that the receipts will be accounted for with the credit card statement that will be sent out in a couple of days.

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

1010– MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Monthly administrator's expenses

- Working budget FY 2020
- Increase stipend for district energy manager

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's update covered:

- Board has been busy this month with the KSBA regional meeting and tax rate hearing
- Football game at Covington Holmes – thank you for the presence of so many administrators
- New scoreboard for the football field has been ordered
- Contract with Master Fry – asking board to cover expenses
- Presented at the NBA meeting earlier this date with Matt Atkins
See attached overview presented – PPT
What does the data really show?
- School of Innovation – current enrollment 35
- Letter of resignation – effective June 20, 2020
- Department leaders – look back over 5-6 years – what has occurred in your department (hand=out) to board
- Open records request from Newport Task Force – letter to Northern KY districts
- K-Prep data release next week – MAP data shows primary with minimum summer slide. Reading novice has dropped from 69% in 2016 to low 40s in 2019. Results are similar with math scores. The concentration on direct instruction, guided reading and push on test taking is paying off and will help the intermediate school next year.

Ms. Gilkison – the curriculum department continues the school improvement work - focusing this month on CDIP/CSIP plans – phase 1 is due October 1.

Highlight: remodeled libraries at the intermediate and primary school and remodeled maker spaces at the high school.

Ms. Malone asked for an update on the Imagination Library. Amy said we currently have 200-300 people signed up in the Newport zip code area.

In Colonel Wills' absence, Bill Turner presented the DPP/Student Services report:

- Membership and attendance
- Monthly update from NSTEP, FRYSCs, 21st Century, & SBHCs

Mr. Grayson presented his report:

Facilities

- Library projects
- Surplus items to be advertised for bids
- Pumps at the stadium
- Scoreboard at the football field
- AC for the kitchen area at Newport Primary

Transportation

- Currently transporting 353 students daily
- TANK numbers are reported on a separate sheet (vary by bus and times)
- Sub driver

Ms. Swanson presented her report. She focused on community work-based instruction programming with the moderate & severe disabled population and professional development for the special education staff.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report
2. 2020 working budget
3. Increase energy manager stipend from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year
4. Federal funding assurances
5. Surplus books from Newport High School
6. Hire Master Fry (Fry's ATA Taekwondo) to teach introductory martial arts to students 3-6th grade. Classes will meet twice a week for 45 minutes each for 7 weeks. Total cost will be \$1,200

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW items 1-6 were approved as presented.

1011 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL Ms. Covington is excused from tonight's meeting.

1012 – MOTION CARRIED 4-

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Malone asked about the costs of producing a district newsletter like the publication we used to send out to the community.

Mr. Middleton reminded everyone of the 2nd Annual Newport Arts & Music Fest event being held this weekend at the Southgate Street School. Former students will be speaking, there will be live music and crafts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

1013- MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary