



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on October 23, 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, and Sylvia Covington.

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

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

This month's alumni video featured Nichole Hayden, Assistant Principal, Newport Primary School.

Mr. Middleton introduced Alan Haire, our new athletic director, and Staci Paff, our new assistant principal at Newport High School to the Board of Education. Both employees told a little about themselves and their previous experience in education. The district is happy to welcome these two new administrators, as well, as the Board.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND OCTOBER 9, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the minutes of both meetings were approved as presented.

1018 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Mr. Turner's absence, Kim Snapp, attended the meeting to answer any questions for the board.

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

1018 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

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On motion by SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the October bills were approved for payment.

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Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Monthly administrator's expenses
- August credit card bill and receipts – Ms. Malone asked about receipts for both Amazon and Lowe's.
- NHS landscaping project
- NHS cafeteria project
- Water heater project at NPS and NIS.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's update covered:

- KSBA magazine article featuring Newport's partnership with Southgate Independent;
- Principal observations being completed this week;
- 30-60-90-day plans and school improvement plans;
- Classified Advisory Meeting;
- Kelly's Kids – first meeting tomorrow;
- Governors debate and press conference – October 29th;
- Welcome Center on-going discussions on whether we should return to central enrollment at the district office;
- NAACP Freedom Gala;
- Performance Services – Energy Efficiency Summary Report

Ms. Gilkison was not in attendance. The board received the curriculum department's written report.

Colonel Wills presented his updates:

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

Mr. Grayson was not in attendance. The board received the facility and transportation written report.

Ms. Swanson presented her report. Her focus was on professional learning for staff; district due process audits; and an update on what support services Newport can offer our children.

Matt Atkins, Principal Newport Primary School, presented a report on direct instruction. This is a school-wide intervention program that was implemented during the 16/17 SY and takes place one hour each day. The implementation of this school-wide intervention program was to close the gap of students not reading at grade level. Since inception, the percentage of novice has continued to decline with an increase in distinguished readers. This year building administrators noticed the summer slide was barely affected from Spring to Fall.

With this program comes many hours of data analysis. A group of 5 teachers stay after hours about 4-5 hours a month analyzing data. Mr. Atkins paid these teachers from Title funds for their additional work last week; that funding source is not available this year. He is asking the board to pay up to \$2,700 from general funds to cover their additional work analyzing DI data this school year.

Ms. Paff presented a report on NHS transition readiness. This is an area of celebration for the high school and the district. NHS's transition readiness percentages in comparison to the state: Newport 80.4 – State 66.8. NHS compared to the other river city schools: NHS 80.4, Holmes 61.1, Bellevue 63.3, Dayton 92.0, Ludlow 67.2, Lloyd 72.5, Highland 86.8, Dixie 73.5, Campbell County 79.4, Boone County 58.4, Simon Kenton 77.8.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Before proceeding with the consent agenda, Dr. Smith-Morrow expressed reservations regarding item #7, BG-1 for new hot water heaters at NPS and NIS. Her hesitation was not over whether they were needed but about the costs; the board had seen 3 pricing differences and the BG on the agenda reflected a price that was very inflated compared to the other costs the board had previously been told. After discussion this item will be removed until Mr. Turner or Mr. Grayson is able to provide the board with an accurate explanation of the costs.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL item #7 was removed from the agenda.

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1. Personnel report;
2. Expenses incurred for board members to attend the NSBA conference in Chicago April 3 – April 6, 2020;
3. Change order #1 – NHS landscaping project
4. Change order #2 – cafeteria renovation project
5. Additional stipend for teachers at NPS to analyze direct instruction data. – total amount not to exceed \$2,700
6. Contract with KSBA for superintendent search services - \$6,000 plus mileage.
7. ~~BG-1 for new hot water heaters at NPS and NIS.~~

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

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

American Education Week will be celebrated November 18-22.

The November board meeting is scheduled to be held in the library at Newport Primary School

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:05 PM

1022- MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary