



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on November 13, 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.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND NOVEMBER 4, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

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

1029 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1030 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Before discussing the bills, Mr. Turner noted several questions were asked and answered regarding certain bills prior to the meeting. Ms. Sheffel is waiting for one answer, but it is nothing that should stop the approval of payments.

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

1031– MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Turner's report also covered:

- Monthly administrator's expenses

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's update covered:

- Veteran's Day celebrations in schools
- Hannah Hofstetter's art display at the Levee
- Performance of the football team last week against Lloyd. Good win and great discipline display by our students
- Charter School update
- Amy Peabody, KSBA

Mr. Middleton asked the board if they would consider letting Ms. Peabody take time this evening to refresh them on charter school applications, given they received their first one last week. With a very short turnaround time to approve or deny the application and since Ms. Peabody was already in the district for an earlier training with district administrators, this was an opportune time for this refresher.

The board agreed to this opportunity.

Rusty Adams spoke to the board briefly regarding the renewal of our Apple Lease. Mr. Adams informed the board that Apple agreed to special pricing, and this is a peak buy-back time for devices. With the new lease, the district will realize substantial savings plus all students and staff will receive new devices. The board agreed to have a special meeting on November 20th to review and consider the new lease agreement.

Ms. Malone asked members of the board if they had questions regarding any of the reports submitted by district administrators. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board agreed to add item 4 to the agenda; Amy Peabody, KSBA, Charter School training overview.

1032 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

1. Personnel report
2. KETS Offer of Assistance
3. Close out BG 18-283 #4 and #5 – Welcome Center tuckpointing and repairs
4. Amy Peabody, KSBA, Charter School training – 11/13/19

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW items 1-4 on the consent agenda were approved as presented.

1033 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

The board took a short recess before proceeding with the charter school training with Ms. Peabody.

Ms. Peabody introduced herself, She is an attorney with KSBA and wrote the charter school regs. She reviewed the charter school application process with the board that included two PPT presentations. The presentation was detailed and very thorough. The board was very appreciative of the information provided to help guide them thru the process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:30 PM

1034 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary