



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on January 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM. 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, district administrators, and guests.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Principals thanked the board for their continued leadership and support. They were presented with gifts in honor of Board Appreciation Month. Students from NHS created a video featuring improvements to the facilities over the last year and acknowledgement of the purchase of new MacBook's and iPads, A shout out to the board came from students in all grade levels.

Matt Atkins recognized Tricia Barth as being named the local VFW Teacher of the Year. She is now a nominee for state VFW Teacher of the Year. Tricia is a teacher in the primary school and a teacher leader in her building. She has been with Newport since 2014. Congrats Tricia. Best of luck moving forward.

This month's alumni video featured Nekko Beal, Class of 2014. Nekko is a recent graduate of Morehead State University and plans to be traveling abroad to teach over the next few years.

The board took a 10-minute break to greet guests before proceeding with the agenda.

Ms. Malone turned the floor over to Harold Kramer, Barnes Dennig Accounting. Mr. Kramer reviewed the audit scope, required communications, and the executive summary. The summary is as follows:

- An unmodified (clean) opinion on the financial statements;
- An unmodified (clean) opinion on the major federal programs;
- Excellent cooperation from Mr. Turner and staff;
- No internal control matters are reportable;
- No matters related to fraud or illegal acts;
- No significant audit adjustments or uncorrected (due to materiality levels) adjustments.

Mr. Kramer introduced Daniel Damonte who reviewed trends of assets and liabilities, revenue over expenses district-wide, balance sheet trends for the general fund, revenues over expenses of the general fund and by source, tax revenues and revenues over expenses for food service.

Chad Martin then reviewed best practices. There were three suggestions for the board to consider:

- Segregation of duties regarding cash disbursements;
- Funds used for district employees;

- Formal policy to approve business travel.

The board thanked Mr. Damonte, Mr. Kramer, and Mr. Martin for their presentation. For the record, Brandon Voelker, Board Attorney, stated the financial audit clears the district of the allegations that the auditor of public accounts received from anonymous sources last year which led to a forensic audit of the district's finances. Mr. Kramer confirmed same. Mr. Middleton also thanked Barnes Dennig for their work.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, DECEMBER 17, DECEMBER 18, DECEMBER 26, 2019 AND JANUARY 8, 2020

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the minutes were approved as presented with one correction to the minutes of December 26, 2019. Brandon Voelker read the resolution during the meeting; not Ms. Malone.

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TREASURERS REPORT

In Mr. Turner's absence, Kim Snapp presented the treasurer's monthly report to the board.

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

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Board members spoke with Mr. Turner prior to the meeting regarding questions they had on the bills. All questions were answered satisfactorily.

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

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Mr. Turner's monthly report also covered credit card bills and receipts and the monthly administrator expense report.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Recent school visits to talk to staff members about any concerns; positive or negative. All voluntary;
- Food service – update on locally grown food products from Lisa Rizzo. Lisa talked about the barriers to using locally grown food such as costs in prep time, delivery, demand, and food safety.
- Thank you card from Margaret Whitfield for the donation to the elementary basketball program;
- MLK luncheon;
- Master Frye – currently meets with 25 students after school;
- Rusty will provide the board with new computers in February;
- Lisa Swanson – some of our special education students will participate in the upcoming Special Olympics in the bowling competition.
- The next regular board meeting will be in the intermediate school library;
- Salary information review from 2017-2020;
- Big Smiles Program

Amy Gilkison's report covered:

- NPS data is the best it has been in years;
- NHS exited CSI – must stay out;

- NIS missed exiting CSI by 1.4 points;
- Writing focus – K-12;
- CDIP approval by board and state;
- 30-60-90 days plans – waiting until KDE reviews plan;
- CTE pathway report;
- Future need to keyboarding to improve typing skills of students;
- All testing will be online this year for the high school and district-wide next;
- EL students count 3 times in accountability. With the growing EL population, another instructor may be necessary.

Bill Turner's report covered:

- Membership and Attendance;
- Student service provider reports: FRYSC, Homeless Coordinator, 21st Century, District Health Services;
- Dr. Orman provided a written report regarding the New Pathways classroom.

Tim Grayson's report covered:

- Transportation;
- Facilities;
- Safe Schools;
- Newport Regional School.

Lisa Swanson's report covered:

- Transition services and post-secondary outcomes – Youth One Year Out (YOYO)
- Transition Programming;
- Youth One Year Out Survey results.

Josh Snapp updated the board on the Newport School of Innovation. He provided a written report and presented a video featuring different students talking about the program. In attendance were two students and a parent who graciously thanked the board for this program. They gave their heartfelt stories on why they chose to attend NSOI and how it has changed them in a positive way.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report;
2. FY 2020 Draft Budget
3. 2019-20 Consolidated District Improvement Plan
4. Expenses to attend the KSBA annual conference in Louisville on February 21-23, 2020
5. 2019-2020 School Calendar Options – 2nd reading – recommend option 2
6. 18/19 Annual Financial Audit
7. Out of district contracts with Beechwood, Bellevue, Boone County, Campbell County, Covington, Dayton, Erlanger-Elsmere, Ft. Thomas, Grant County, Kenton County, Southgate, Ludlow, Pendleton County, Walton-Verona
8. BG-2, BG-3, and bid documents – NPS and NIS water heater projects
9. Owner/Architect Agreement – NPS and NIS water heater projects
10. SFCC Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$33,511
11. After prom donation - \$1,000

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

1051 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (Ms. Covington left the meeting at 8:00 PM)

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Malone noted that the board would be mailing out thank you notes to the other area boards thanking them for their support during the charter application process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:40 PM

1052 - MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary