



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on February 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. PURPOSE: Time change

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.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2020, REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, FEBRUARY 19, FEBRUARY 24, AND FEBRUARY 25, 2020 SPECIAL MEETINGS

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

1065 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURERS REPORT

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

1066 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

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

1067 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Turner's monthly report also covered credit card bills and receipts, the monthly administrator expense report, the YTD revenues and expense report, and his retirement announcement.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Hall of Fame Wall at NHS;
- The KY Board of Education upheld the denial of the River Cities Academy application due to funding and capacity. Mr. Middleton and board members were all complimented at the recent KSBA annual conference on the way the process was handled. Dr. Smith-Morrow said the members of the RCA board

underestimated the determination of district leaders and the board. At a recent NKCES meeting, Mr. Middleton was told out of the 173 districts across the state, they messed with the wrong board.

- Pat Crowley is working on a brochure for the district; some of the information specifically hits on information from the ReNewport Education Task Force final report on Newport Schools. The brochure will be presented to the board for approval.
- Newport School of Innovation – discussion with board soon on where they see this program headed. Does the board support expansion?
- Meeting with NTA on Friday regarding the bargaining contract which expires 6/30/20;
- Shout out to Matt Atkins and the Newport Primary staff on their recent Family Fun Night. Families received dinner, parents attended workshops while students participated in activities and received a free book, staff was dressed as Dr. Seuss characters, reps from the Campbell County library were present to help families get a membership card to the library, and dessert was donated by Keturah Street Church of God. This was a great night for Newport Primary School.

Amy Gilkison's report covered:

- Conducted BAC meetings to plan for ACT testing along with the KPREP online pilot testing;
- Participation in KDE webinars and DAC/BAC training to learn about the upcoming changes to the assessment system along with new requirements for Spring 2020.
- Testing at the Newport School of Innovation; Carla is serving as the BAC and has been working with the new counselor;
- Newport is in a very good place to address the upcoming online assessments; many districts are scrambling to figure out students will complete testing under the new guidelines.

Mike Wills' report covered:

- Membership and Attendance;
- Student service provider reports: FRYSC, Homeless Coordinator, 21st Century, District Health Services;
- Newport Regional Calendar for the 20/21 SY – required board approval

Tim Grayson's report covered:

- Transportation;
- Facilities;
- Safe Schools;

Dr. Smith-Morrow asked about the Notice of Violation letters received from the Energy and Environment Cabinet. Mr. Grayson explained the deficiencies and reviewed the air quality issue as it relates to asbestos. There are very few places in the district with asbestos; however, training has taken place and all compliance issues were resolved and our response to the violations are consider sufficient.

Lisa Swanson's report covered:

- 2020 federal quota registration for students who are legally blind and visually impaired;
- Registration for students who are deaf/hearing impaired;
- Post-secondary programming

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report;
2. Staffing allocation for the 20/21 SY;
3. Newport Regional School calendar for 20/21 SY.

After discussing staffing allocations, On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the consent agenda was approved.

1068 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Middleton recognized Tete Turner upon his retirement announcement on or around June 30th. He will be missed and hard to replace.

Ms. Malone talked to board members and the KSBA policy audit they approved. She would like members to review the audit and be prepared to discuss these at the April work session. She also distributed current policies on expense reimbursement, as well as sample policies received from KSBA. She asked that those also be reviewed and discussed in April.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY MILLER AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 6:40 PM

1069 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary