



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the next superintendent of Newport Schools.

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, and Melissa Sheffel.

Ms. Malone asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to then pause for a moment of reflection.

INTRODUCTION OF NEXT SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Malone took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Tony Watts as the next superintendent of the district effective 7/1/20. Mr. Watts will begin working with Mr. Middleton in April to transition into the new role.

Mr. Watts thanked the board for their confidence in him. He expressed his desire to fill this position for quite some time and is anxious to get started. He gave kudos to Mr. Middleton for making many great strides during his tenure and looks forward to continuing moving the district forward. Tony worked for Newport as the high school principal from July 2011 thru June 2015. He then went to work for KDE for two years before accepting a position with Fayette County Schools. He is looking forward to the shorter commute.

Mr. Jack Moreland, past superintendent of Covington Independent Schools and current President of Southbank Partners, gave a brief history of his relationship with Tony where he first hired him when he was superintendent in Covington. Mr. Moreland congratulated Tony on his new role as superintendent.

Ms. Malone then invited everyone to a reception on the 4th floor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

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Chairman

Secretary