



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on March 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the NTI Emergency Application.

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.

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

Ms. Malone explained the reason for the meeting. An emergency meeting has been called pursuant to KRS 61.810 (5), in that compliance with calling a special meeting is not possible. The emergency that exists is deadlines being imposed by the KY Department of Education regarding NTI days, including a requirement that the applications be submitted by Friday, March 13. In addition to that situation, possible school closure is changing by the day and if school is cancelled tomorrow, application for NTI days require board approval prior to the closure.

The district has given as much notice as possible, in fact, a special meeting requires 24 hours' notice and this emergency meeting was provided with approximately 20-21 hours' notice, and all applicable media and other organizations have been advised of the emergency meeting.

All the proposed actions and calling of an emergency meeting, result of the coronavirus, for which both state and federal leadership are asking that school districts be proactive.

Mr. Middleton explained that during a 5:00 press conference this same date, the governor asked KY public schools districts to close for two weeks effective March 16th. He explained what the NTI application is and what it means; these are not closed days for schools. NTI days are non-traditional instructional days, with delivery of instruction to students at home. Before a district can close using NTI days, KDE must approve the application. Under the circumstances, KDE has agreed to expedite applications if they are submitted by end of day March 13.

Mr. Middleton gave the board a summary of plans made so far for delivering instruction to students at home from K-12. Technology needs were discussed as well as serving meals to students during this time. He informed the board that after the board meeting cabinet members were meeting in his office to continue ironing out all the immediate details for staff, students, and parents/guardians; keeping the board always informed.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board approved the temporary emergency NTI application for the 19/20 SY.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

1094 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary