



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on April 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held via video teleconference.

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.

MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AND APRIL 8, 2020 WORK SESSION

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

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TREASURERS REPORT

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

1102 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Board members spoke with Mr. Turner prior to the meeting regarding questions they had on the bills. All questions asked prior to the meeting were answered satisfactorily. Ms. Sheffel had one additional question regarding Amazon purchases and the approval process.

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, the monthly administrator expense report, and YTD revenues and expense report.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Middleton's report covered:

- Section 7 requests
- 20/21 SY salary schedules – certified and classified
- KEDC Membership
- KETS Offer of Assistance
- Waiver of graduation requirements
- NTA agreement
- IRB with the city for single family units on 13th and 14th Streets – May meeting

- Copy contract with Millennium
- End of year – PD days/closing day/emergency days
- Graduation
- Prom
- NTI – instruction and grades.

The board also received written reports from curriculum, student services, facilities and transportation, and special education.

Dr. Smith-Morrow asked if food service for students would continue thru the summer and if there was a way to distribute educational materials along with food distribution bi-weekly. Ms. Malone asked about plans for collecting devices. Ms. Covington suggested using the bus lot as a central location for collection.

OLD BUSINESS

Tuition reimbursement agreements – after a lot of discussion regarding reimbursement amounts, terms of the contracts, etc. the board would like the agreements revised and presented at the meeting scheduled for May 6. Meanwhile, we will try to find out the average costs of the Rank I and Rank II programs offered in area colleges/universities so that the agreement will be better matched to costs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel update.
2. Hire emergency certified substitute teachers for the 20/21 SY
3. Section 7 requests – approved except for a 0.5 dean at the high school
4. Proposed certified and classified salary schedules
5. 20/21 KEDC Cooperative Membership Agreement
6. KETS Third Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$6,685
7. 19/20 certified evaluation plan (CEP) modifications
8. Waive graduation requirements
9. NTA agreement 6/1/20 – 6/30/24
10. Drug & alcohol clearinghouse consent form (for bus drivers only)
11. NHS library surplus furniture/English department sets and textbooks

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

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BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Ms. Malone thanked Mr. Middleton and staff for working so hard to families and students during this time. Mr. Middleton said they are thinking of ways to promote the NSOI for next year. Perhaps more families and students will be interested since experiencing the freedom of online education faced with during COVID-19. He also thanked the technology department for the tireless hours they worked to support students, families, and teachers over the past couple of months.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:38 PM

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Chairman

Secretary