



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on September 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in the A.D. Owens Professional Development 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: Tony Watts, Superintendent, central office administrators, and building administrators.

Ms. Malone asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a Moment of Reflection.

TAX RATES FY 2021

After discussion, Superintendent Watts recommended the tax rate for personal and real property be set at the 89-90 equivalent rate of 101.7 for FY 2021 – this is down from the 108.6 rate from last year.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board adopted the personal and real estate tax rate of 101.7 for FY 2021.

1134 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board adopted the automobile tax rate of 99.3 for FY 2021. This rate did not change from last year.

1135 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

FALL SPORTS

Superintendent Watts opened the discussion regarding whether to pay falls sports or not. The board received the fall sports proposal from the athletic director regarding protocol and procedures that will be followed if the board agrees to allow students who want to participate in fall sports to start their season.

There were numerous questions about wearing masks, using the lockers rooms, social distancing during games, traveling to away games, temperature checks, audience participation, sanitizing before, during, and after the games, and concessions. Alan Haire, Athletic Director, along with Tim Grayson, were able to answer all questions satisfactorily.

Mr. Watts' recommendation to the board was that we allow students to play fall sports starting Friday night with the first football game against Bishop Brossart.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board approved the recommendation to start fall sports on Friday, September 11, 2020.

1136 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

FOOTBALL FIELD LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NCC

After much discussion regarding COVID 19 and leasing the field, Mr. Voelker suggested the following language be added to the NCC contract for this year:

The parties understand and agree that 2020 football season will be played under the Covid 19 pandemic. In as much, NCC agrees to maintain and operate the leased premises and while utilizing the premises, comply with all Kentucky Highschool Athletic Association (KHSAA) rules and/or regulations, state law or regulations, including any executive orders, local ordinances and/or regulations from the Northern Kentucky Health Department. NCC agrees that compliance shall be for all participants, coaches, game personnel, spectators and/or any other person in attendance and/or participating in the football game. The failure of NCC, to ensure compliance by all persons, shall result in the immediate termination of this Agreement. The Hold Harmless provisions of Section 8 of this Agreement shall also apply to any claims based on Covid19.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the football field lease agreement with NCC was approved adding the language suggested by the board attorney.

1137 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY MILLER the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

1138 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary