



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on November 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held virtually via video conference.

### **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, and central office administrators.

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

### **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

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

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

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Ms. Hoover answered questions prior to the meeting regarding bills and ask if there were further questions. Ms. Malone asked about the payment to APPLE. This expenditure will be for additional MacBook's and iPads. We need to rebuild stock for times when devices must be sent out for repairs. This purchase is funded thru the CARES Act.

On page 37 of the invoices, Edgenuity was incorrectly coded to travel. A journal entry will be made to code back to technology.

Ms. Malone also inquired about the payment to Turnkey Technology. Rusty explained this was the payment for updating cables and wires throughout the buildings. This will be erate funded and the district should receive approximately \$70,000 back next year.

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

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The treasurer's report also included:

- Credit card bill and receipts
- Administrator expense report
- Monthly report Period 4

### **STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mr. Watts updated the board on the following:

- A shout out to Ms. Kristen Edwards for being named WARM 98s Teacher of the Week. Mr. Watts provided a video of the call Ms. Edwards received from WARM 98 informing her of the nomination and award. Congrats to Ms. Edwards; she certainly deserves this recognition.
- All students are attending classes virtually. Most COVID transmission is coming from outside of school. We currently have 18 students who are quarantined or have tested positive. We have 10 employees in the same category. We have worked to keep subs out of the buildings to prevent the spread so the need to go virtual at this time is imperative. The return date is set for November 30, 2020.
- Met with Ginni Fair, NKUs College of Education Dean. Discussed increasing dual-credit opportunities; and perhaps an opportunity to meet with students in their education program to generate future interest in teaching in Newport.
- MAP analysis will be reviewed after district leaders review their reports.

Laurie Veatch, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the school report card. Without K-Prep scores the report covered graduation rates and ACCESS testing. The district is still waiting on ACT scores.

Ms. Veatch provided information on the Brigance Kindergarten Readiness screener, the tentative 20/21 assessment calendar, and the Fall MAP results.

Ms. Sheffel commented on the kindergarten readiness scores; 78% of the children entering kindergarten this fall need interventions. Only 20% were ready with 2% ready with enrichment.

Ms. Stewart presented her report. She gave an overview on the following:

- Participation for August-September and October 1-October 20. These numbers reflect in-person, remotely via virtual performance- based courses, or in a hybrid blended learning model.
- Out of district contracts were presented to be approved under new business.

Ms. Malone asked about the school's average participation rates. For virtual students these are determined when students do not sign on to their computers. The bulk of hybrid students are successfully participating daily.

Ms. Sheffel asked when enrollment data will be available. KDE has not communicated how or when that data will be published.

Jennifer Steidel-Jones explained the CDIP and CSIP process to the board. School and district improvement plans focus on priority needs, funding, and closing achievement gaps among identified subgroups of students. Long term targets are based on school/district level goals. Goals are informed by needs assessment. Short term targets are to be attained by the end of a current academic year. Measures of success include criteria that shows the impact of the work, observable in some way. Processes are used to assess the implementation of the plan, the rate of improvement, and the effectiveness of the plan, including timelines and responsible individuals. Plans are updated to reflect needed changes for continuous improvement.

Mr. Grayson presented his report. Ms. Malone asked about the Clorox 360 machines. Ms. Covington asked about protection measures in place to protect teachers, and Dr. Smith-Morrow asked about the repair to the front entrance of the Welcome Center. All questions were answered satisfactorily.

Ms. Swanson presented her report to the board. There were no questions.

During the month of November, school psychologist and special education staff will use an on-line platform to conduct student evaluations, assessments, and observations. The district purchased access rights to Pearson's Virtual Assessment library which grants districts access to virtually administer 90% of the evaluations used to assist in determining students suspected of having a disability during virtual instruction and ensures we can adhere to policies and procedures governing IDEA.

Josh Snapp was present to update the board on the Newport School of Innovation. There are 39 students currently enrolled; this is down from 46 last year; the decline in enrollment is due primarily due to more rigid enrollment standards being put in place. Eleven of these students are new to the district. 28% coming from Campbell County or private home school. One student chose the NSOI over Covington Latin.

Ms. Snapp and Mr. Mullins are working to get Gateway accredited as well as working on pathways for technical certification. Their plan is to increase enrollment thru social media as well as commercials.

Ms. Malone congratulated Josh on the success of the program.

Dr. Smith-Morrow was hoping to see an increase in enrollment due to the pandemic. With increased advertising, the hope is enrollment will follow.

Mr. Watts asked the board to look at the handouts he provided on MAP scores. He explained what the numbers in each column meant and what the goal is. The first column should read 50% or greater for projected RIT. The second column should read 100% or greater for projected growth, and the third column should be 50% or greater for conditional growth %tile (this is a comparison across the country). If the cell is red, we have work to do. If the cell is green, the target was met. This is a fall analysis only (coming from NTI in the spring to the hybrid model this fall where approximately half of our students attend school two days a week and the other half attend virtually full time). We will be able to better measure growth after the winter MAP scores are published in February.

The board thanked Mr. Watts for the report. The format is very easy to follow.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Personnel report.
2. Apple Direct Customer Agreement
3. Supplemental salary schedules with amended language (old and new schedules)
4. Out of district contracts with Beechwood, Bellevue, Boone County, Campbell County, Covington, Dayton, Erlanger-Elsmere, Ft. Thomas, Grant County, Kenton County, Southgate, Ludlow, Pendleton County, Walton-Verona
5. MOU with Southgate to provide orientation and mobility services per a student's IEP for the 20/21 SY.

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

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**BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS/UPDATES**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 61.810 (c) Litigation**

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board recessed to execution session. No action will be taken. Time: 8:00 PM

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On MOTION Y SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board returned to open session. Time: 8:21 PM

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**ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION BY MILLER AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

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Secretary

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