



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on December 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport, KY.

### **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 were attending virtually.

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

### **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

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

1160 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

1161 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ms. Hoover answered questions prior to the meeting regarding bills and ask if there were further questions.

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

1162 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The treasurer's report also included:

- Credit card bill and receipts
- Administrator expense report
- Monthly report period 5
- Corrected financial statement for October
- Corrected monthly report period 4.
- SEEK update – SEEK has been adjusted due to the COVID Relief Fund. While SEEK has decreased, the district will be made whole by the offset from the relief fund. The district will realize a \$2,000 increase. Some districts are experiencing a loss between the two funds, so Newport is lucky to experience a net gain. Money must be spent by 12/31; there are no concerns about getting this accomplished since expenses can go back to 7/1/20. This is state funded, not federal funded relief.

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

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

- Participate numbers for the third instructional month
- Enrollment by school and grade
- Board policy and procedure regarding Tuition
- Monthly updated from each department under her purview

Mr. Grayson presented his report. Dr. Smith-Morrow asked about a future discussion regarding school threat assessment teams. She attended an excellent session on this subject at the recent KSBA Winter Symposium. The session was led by Dan Orman, training coordinator, Wes Cornett, consultant, and Linda Tyree, consultant, Kentucky Center for School Safety.

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

Lisa Rizzo presented her report to the board along with the Child Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Card for 2020. Her report covered participation numbers and a general overview of her department's activities. Ms. Malone asked if Lisa thought the additional money being added to EBT cards influenced the number of meals being served. Lisa felt it was affecting her numbers at certain times of the month. Ms. Malone also asked about communicating the delivery of meals to students. Lisa said she uses the website but also includes flyers in meal packages.

Mr. Watts updated the board on the following:

- Internet access update – partnership with United Way and Cincinnati Bell
- Students attending Boys/Girls Club for instruction
- Survey to teachers/staff to gauge interest in receiving the COVID vaccine
- PowerPoint – recap of first semester

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Personnel report
2. Set the January organizational meeting date for January 6, 2021, 6:30 PM
3. 20/21 Consolidated District Improvement Plan
4. 20/21 Consolidated School Improvement Plans
5. KETS Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$10,028.
6. BG-4s for the following projects: District-wide security cameras BG 18-150, NHS cafeteria renovations BG 18-168, NHS space reassignment BG 16-120, NHS controls replacement BG 17-096, Reroofing NHS, and NIS BG 17-097, NPS restrooms renovation BG 18-169, and NPS and NIS security doors BG 18-170
7. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of board policy 09.124 – Tuition
8. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of board procedure 09.124 AP 21 – Tuition Agreement Form
9. Amendment to the 20/21 Certified Evaluation Plan

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

1163 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

#### **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS/UPDATES**

The board members and Mr. Watts each took a few moments to thank Theresa Miller for her years of service as a board member. There were personal sentiments shared and a lot of appreciative thoughts for supporting the

students of Newport for the last 8 years. The board has worked well together over the last 8 years and have accomplished many things together. The board presented Ms. Miller with a departing gift.

Theresa said she was okay with the outcome of the election. While she has enjoyed her time serving on the board, she is very happy to get some extra time to spend with her granddaughter.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 61.810 (f) Personnel**

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board recessed to execution session. Action will be taken. Time: 7:35 PM

1164 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board returned to open session. Time: 7:54 PM

1165 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board agreed to the addendum to the superintendent's contract clarifying the contract days of the superintendent to be consistent with administrators within the district.

1166 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

1167– MOTION CARRIED 5-0

---

Chairman

---

Secretary