



ROLL CALL

The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Office, located at 301 E. 8th Street, Newport, KY. Chairman Usleaman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked for a roll call. The following were present: Chairman Rob Usleaman, Vice-Chairman Mary Crank, members Andrea Janovic, Julie-Smith Morrow, and Ramona Malone.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Michael Brandt, Asst. Superintendent John Sowinsky, Asst. Superintendent Pam Rye, Finance Officer Tete Turner, Newport Independent administrators, staff, students and citizens.

Chairman Usleaman asked the audience to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and for a Moment of Reflection.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this month.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- 1) The minutes of September 26, 2007, regular meeting were approved with the following corrections: The board adopted the **current** real estate and personal tax rate of 87.7 cents and the **current** motor vehicle tax rate of 99.3 cents for 07/08. Passed on **MOTION BY JANOVIC AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW**.
Roll Call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2057 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- 2) The minutes of October 10, 2007, special meeting were approved **ON MOTION BY CRANK AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW**.
Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2058 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- 3) On **MOTION BY CRANK AND SECONDED BY MALONE** the treasurer's report was approved as presented.
Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2059 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On **MOTION BY CRANK AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW** the payment of bills be accepted and filed for audit.
Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2060 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On **MOTION BY USLEAMAN AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW** the board accepts the 4th Street proposed distribution of parking lot funds which states: 60% to be kept by 4th Street and 40% to be distributed to the other 4 schools. Changes concerning distribution would not take place until the current contract ends on 6/1/08 and the balance in the account would be maintained by 4th Street. Roll call: Crank, no - Malone, no – Janovic, no – Smith-Morrow, no, - Usleaman, yes

2061 MOTION FAILED 1-4

On **MOTION BY JANOVIC AND SECONDED BY CRANK** it was proposed that the district take control of the revenue generated from Fourth Street parking starting 10/1/07. At a future date, the board will determine how the money will be distributed throughout the district. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2062 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On **MOTION BY JANOVIC AND SECONDED BY CRANK** the district will take charge of the remaining balance in the Fourth Street Parking fund. The funds will be held in a separate account while Tete Turner and Doug Alpiger review any planned projects for Fourth Street and determine how the money should be spent. A proposal will be presented to the Board before any funds are spent. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2063 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- 3) On **MOTION BY CRANK AND SECONDED BY MALONE** the Board authorized Merrill Lynch to be the investment manager for the Chester Davis scholarship fund. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2064 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On **MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY JANOVIC** the board will create an investment committee. The committee will work with the treasurer's office to determine how all funds for the district should be invested. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2065 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On **MOTION BY MALONE AND SECONDED BY CRANK** a tax exempt Education Foundation will be created for the students of Newport. The foundation will be managed by Merrill Lynch and modeled after Kenton County's. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2066 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- 4) On **MOTION BY USLEAMAN AND SECONDED BY CRANK** the board authorizes the reconfiguration of the middle school parking lot. The project cost will not exceed \$12,000. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, yes – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2067 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- 5) On **MOTION BY USLEAMAN AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW** the request for refrigeration and warmer units was tabled until next month. Roll call: Crank, yes - Malone, yes – Janovic, no – Smith-Morrow, yes, - Usleaman, yes

2068 MOTION CARRIED 4-1

BOARD COMMENTS

Andrea Janovic wanted to personally thank the people who sent e-mails to the Board about the Fourth Street parking funds. She encourages anyone with a concern to get involved and voice their issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On **MOTION BY JANOVIC AND SECONDED BY MALONE** the Board recessed to Executive Session. Time: 9:00 P.M.

2075 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Board reconvened at 10:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was **MOVED BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY CRANK** that the meeting be adjourned.

2076 MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary