



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on April 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th 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, Sylvia Covington, and Aaron Sutherland.

Also in attendance, Ms. Carla Davis, sitting in for Mr. Watts, and Welcome Center administrators.

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

MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AND APRIL 14, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

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

1203 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1204 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ms. Hoover answered questions prior to the meeting regarding bills and ask if there were further questions. There were none.

For clarification purposes, the check to Mike Jansen for \$70 was written to cover the county 911 fee.

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the bills were approved for payment.

1205 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The treasurer's report also included:

- Administrator expense report.
- Credit card expenses.
- Tuition reimbursement update.
- Monthly report.

Ms. Hoover updated the board on her first visit from Sheila Miller, financial consultant from KEDC. Ms. Miller has suggested a review of finances go back to July 1, 2019 before the audit to make sure everything is in good shape. There is a list of "clean-up" items to address soon. She reassured the board the items were not serious issues.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Carla Davis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, asked the board if there were any questions regarding the curriculum department report.

Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow asked if the Mastery Connect training was new. Ms. Davis explained that it is new, and it is being utilized to help design the pre and post assessments for summer school.

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

- March participation numbers
- March attendance
- Enrollment

Ms. Covington asked about pre-enrollment and home school. Ms. Stewart explained that she is in the process of inviting all home school parents and private school parents to a meeting to discuss Newport Schools with them.

The Northern KY Health Department will be back on-site May 15, 2021 to administer the second Covid vaccinations. Over 200 individuals received the first vaccine on April 17, 2021.

Mr. Grayson presented his report. Mr. Sutherland asked what kind of vehicles Mr. Grayson is planning to purchase. Mr. Grayson explained the current situation of vehicles being used by his department and said he was looking at a van for his maintenance crew and a panel truck. A new bus may be considered next year.

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

Ms. Rizzo presented her report to the board. She thanked her food service employees for their assistance in preparing tonight's food for the board to sample. Her plans include expanding the culinary skills of her workers so there is a better understanding of ways to prepare healthy meals that taste good.

OLD BUSINESS

Board members were asked to send Mr. Voelker their thoughts and ideas of the by-laws they would like considered for the education foundation. A draft of those by-laws should be ready next week for the board's review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report
2. Hire emergency certified substitute teachers for the 21/22 SY.
3. 1st reading of the 21/22 certified evaluation plan.
4. 21/22 Continuation of Learning Plan (formerly Non-traditional Instruction -NTI)
5. Travel for Mr. Watts to attend the spring NCERT conference in Virginia.
6. Newport Independent Schools District Facilities Plan Hearing Report
7. Application of Attendance Waiver for the 21/22 SY

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND consent agenda items 1-7 were approved as presented.

1206 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS/UPDATES

Ms. Covington requested cell phone numbers from administrators. She also made a comment regarding Newport Pride and the bell tower we currently use as a district logo.

Ms. Malone mentioned the property the district owns on Riddle Place. She would like to have this developed into a gardening opportunity for students. The board will look at the property and consider their options.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

1207 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary