



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on June 23, 2021, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport, KY. PURPOSE: Superintendent's summative evaluation followed by the regular June board meeting.

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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board went into executive session. KRS 61.810 (k) (l) and KRS 156.577 (4) – discussions regarding the superintendent's evaluation. Time: 6:02 PM

1224 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board returned to open session. Time: 6:30 PM

1225 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

REVIEW THE 2020-2021 SUMMATIVE EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The board publicly reviewed the superintendent's evaluation on the seven standards designed by the Kentucky Department of Education and adopted by the Newport School Board.

1. Strategic Leadership	Exemplary
2. Instructional Leadership	Accomplished
3. Cultural Leadership	Exemplary
4. Human Resource Leadership	Accomplished
5. Managerial Leadership	Exemplary
6. Collaborative Leadership	Accomplished
7. Influential Leadership	Accomplished

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board adopted the 2020/21 summative evaluation of the superintendent.

1226 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

Steve Crawford from Assured Partners (formerly Crawford Insurance) was present to answer questions from the regarding the renewals of the property insurance, worker's comp insurance, cyber risk management, and terrorism risk insurance. Based on costs, Mr. Crawford suggested the board switch worker's comp carrier from Encova to KEMI to save the district approx. \$25,600 in premium costs. Ms. Malone asked about terrorism insurance. Mr. Crawford explained this is a program to spread the risk of catastrophic losses from certain acts of terrorism between insurers and the federal government. The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act requires insurers to make coverage available for any loss that occurs with the US that results from a "certified act of terrorism." This is not mandatory and is something the board can approve or deny.

After answering questions, the board thanked Mr. Crawford for his time this evening.

MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2021, REGULAR MEETING AND JUNE 9, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING

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

1227 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1228 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

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

1229 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The treasurer's report also included:

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

Mr. Malone asked how things were going with our financial consultant and if the finance department was tightening up their processes between AP, payroll, and federal programs. Ms. Hoover said there has been a lot of progress and they will continue to make strides to improve operations. Her meetings with Sheila Miller have been very productive.

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Watts took this time to thank his team for his 1st year working together. He also thanked the board for the positive evaluation and feedback. He updated the board on the following:

- Summer school numbers to date: NPS is averaging around 118 students, NIS is averaging 105 students, and NHS is averaging 66 (which has resulted in cutting back the number of teachers for summer school in this building).
- Summer assessment data will be reviewed in July.
- Update on the strategic planning committee – board representation.

After discussion, Mr. Sutherland will represent the board on the committee and Dr. Smith-Morrow will be the alternate.

The curriculum department submitted a written report. The board had no questions.

Facilities and transportation submitted a written report. Ms. Sheffel said the list of potential projects was extensive and asked that the board see a list of prioritized projects to review.

Special education submitted a written report. The board had no questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL, #5 on the consent agenda, approval of the Brighton Center lease, will be pulled until necessary corrections are made to the lease.

1230 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

1. Personnel report.
2. Property and liability insurance coverage thru Liberty Mutual.
3. Workers comp insurance coverage thru KEMI.
4. Cyber Insurance quote with BCS Insurance Company.
- ~~5. Brighton Center lease to rent space for the 2021-2022 SY for the School of Innovation~~
6. Proposal from BloomBoard to provide a Mentor Teacher Training Program to Newport Independent Schools from July 2020-June 2021.
7. BG-1 – NHS and NIS flooring
8. BG-2 – NHS and NIS flooring
9. BG-3 – NHS and NIS flooring
10. Bid documents – NHS and NIS flooring
11. Owner/Architect Agreement – NHS and NIS flooring
12. Emergency certification application for elementary teaching assignment.
13. Increase days for principal of Newport School of Innovation to 240 days and add index as administrator.
14. District Trauma Informed Care Plan

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

1231 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS/UPDATES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SUTERLAND AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL, the board went into executive session. KRS 61.810 (c) possible litigation. Time: 7:55 PM

1232 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL, the board returned to open session. Time: 8:18 PM.

1233 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

1234 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary