



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport.

### **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, Aaron Sutherland, and Sylvia Covington.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Building principals were in attendance to recognize Student and Staff Members of the Month. Due to Covid concerns, the board had not invited guests to the meeting for the last 3 months so there were several people to recognize:

Newport Primary:

Landon Turner – December Student of the Month  
Lriyah Robinson – January Student of the Month  
Amari Thomas – February Student of the Month

Molly Wesley – December Staff Member of the Month  
Jackie Scruggs – January Staff Member of the Month  
Katherine Rougraff – February Staff Member of the Month

Newport Intermediate:

Serenity Cash - December Student of the Month  
Chloe Hicks – January Student of the Month  
Terry Campbell – February Student of the Month

Amber Onkst – December Staff Member of the Month  
Veronica Harrington – January Staff Member of the Month  
Molly Turner – February Staff Member of the Month

Newport High School:

Chloe Jackson - December Student of the Month

Cohen Ward – January Student of the Month

Alexis Harris – February Student of the Month

Naomi Hilton – December Staff Member of the Month

Todd Bertsch – January Staff Member of the Month

Angela Kennedy – February Staff Member of the Month

The board congratulated all those recognized and thanked the parents, friends, and family who came out to support their loved ones. Ms. Malone announced a 10-minute break to greet tonight's guests.

### **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022 AND MARCH 9, 2022**

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

1302 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

1303 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

1304 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ms. Hoover's report also included:

- Credit card expenditures
- Administrator expense report
- Tuition reimbursement
- Financial report
- Investment account threshold update – Sample policies have been received from KSBA regarding restricted funds and Ms. Hoover will review these with Mr. Volker, Board Attorney, and provide a recommendation at the April board meeting.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT AND LEARNING SERVICES**

Ms. Davis presented the curriculum department report. Their report covered:

- Assessments
- Summer Learning
- Federal Funding
- District Consolidated Monitoring System
- BloomBoard-Mentoring
- Monthly District Instructional Meetings
- Continuous Improvement and Response to Intervention

There were no questions.

DPP/Student Services update:

- Enrollment summary
- Attendance data
- Calendar Survey Results
- Service provider reports

Ms. Stewart pointed out that this year's attendance goal is 95% and we are presently at 94.9%. She feels we will reach our goal by the end of the year.

Ms. Malone commented on the Parent's Stronger Together group. This group meets monthly and has 14 strong consistent members. This group is in conjunction with the Born Learning initiative NPS embraced several years ago. United Way Born Learning provides a set of tools that equip parents, caregivers and communities to create early learning opportunities for young children. The program is designed to support parents in their critical role as a child's first teacher. Parent's Stronger Together will be partnering with Brighton Center and it's Building Community Well-Being grant to assist in creating a community support network that will be available to all families.

Ms. Malone also commented on the Big Dave Show's recent visit to NIS to celebrate Pi Day. Ms. Ashley brought pizza to share and students learned about being a DJ.

Facilities/Transportation/Safe Schools/Healthy at Work update:

- Transportation
- Facilities
- Safe Schools update on NISD measures in place

Mr. Sutherland asked Mr. Grayson to bring the board up to date on the condition of the football stadium. Mr. Grayson discussed the recent assessment of the stadium by Chris Toadvine from Toadvine Enterprises concerning the bleachers and the feasibility of making repairs to the structure of the stadium. Mr. Toadvine stated that his liability insurance would not allow him to work on the structure due to its deteriorating condition. Mr. Grayson pointed out that he has discussed the deteriorating condition of the stadium over the past several years. The stadium has been repaired many times for leaks and crumbling concrete issues before he became facilities director and since.

Dr. Smith-Morrow suggested hiring a structural engineer to look at the stadium to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion on whether the structure can be salvaged or whether it is time for it to come down. She is certainly not suggesting we try to fix it if it is unstable. Safety is first and foremost for everyone. However, we need to know our options because the financial implications will be great if we have to tear it down.

Ms. Malone asked if we should rent a temporary structure to store equipment in until we know for sure whether anyone should go under the stadium at all. Mr. Grayson said he would take care of that.

Ms. Covington asked if Mr. Grayson had secured additional parking spaces for visitors at the primary school. He said Nexigen agreed to let visitors park in the first row of their lot if additional parking is needed (row closest to York Street). After discussion, the board decided to let the staff at Newport Primary share this information with their visitors.

Special Education update:

- March Book Madness
- 2022 Annual Federal Quota Registration Report (Students who are legally blind or visually impaired)
- Programming rates
- Mental Health Clinician's caseloads

Ms. Covington asked how many Newport students are legally blind or considered visually impaired. Ms. Swanson said we have two students.

Ms. Swanson said we have one student who will attend Morehead State University for two weeks this summer. If all goes well, the student could apply for admission this fall.

Ms. Malone said she really liked the March Book Madness competition.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Before approving the consent agenda, Mr. Sutherland asked about the NKCES Intent to Participate item. After explaining that this is the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services and how they support all the districts in this area, he was satisfied to move forward.

After much discussion, on MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL consent agenda item 4, the IRB with the City, will be removed and voted on as a separate item.

1305 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

1. Personnel report
2. NKCES Intent to Participate 22-23 SY
3. 22-23 SY Calendar – Option A
4. ~~IRB with the City of Newport – Northern Lights Project~~
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of KSBA polices 03.125 and 03.225, Expense Reimbursement
6. Create full-time athletic director position and approve job description
7. Create a grounds keeper/maintenance position and approve job description

8. Abolish 3 maintenance positions currently on record but no longer filled.
9. Change the April board meeting date from the 27<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>.
10. BG-4 – NHS and NIS flooring
11. Pay applications for the flooring project.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL consent agenda items 1-10 were approved as presented.

1306 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board authorizes the Board Chair to sign the IRB Pilot Agreement with the following addendums:

1. Project completion within 24 months
2. Payments of \$4.00 per \$1,000 of appraised value after the completion of each structure;
3. Increase payments by 5% every 5 years during the term of the agreement.

1307 -MOTION CARRIED 5-0

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Ms. Malone provided information to the board on the UPike Teacher Leader program and said they could discuss it in April.

Ms. Covington thanked all district leaders for always attending the meetings to answer questions and provide valuable information to the board. She appreciates each and every one.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:03 PM

1308 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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Chairman

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Secretary