



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. PURPOSE: Date change

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, 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.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND, Ms. Sheffel was excused from tonight's meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS

Building principals were in attendance to recognize Student and Staff Members of the Month.

Newport Primary:

Gwendolyn Manning – Student of the Month

Elizabeth Bravo – Teacher of the Month

Newport Intermediate:

Fable Brewer – Student of the Month

Dawn Schoo – Staff Member of the Month

Newport High School:

Corbin Lee – Student of the Month

Abby McCoy – Teacher of the Month

Amanda Zimmerman was recognized as one of Newport's Golden Apple recipients this year. This is Amanda's second Golden Apple Award.

The following NPS students were recognized as the fire department's poster contest winners:

- Maresha Cavitt – Kindergarten – Grand Prize Winner
- Landon Turner – First Grade – First Place Winner
- Emma Barnes-Waibel – First Grade – Runner-up
- Kayse Johnson – First Grade – Runner-up
- Amari Thomas – Second Grade – Runner-up

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.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM. Ms. Ramona Malone and Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow were confirmed as the officers.

Dr. Bob Tarvin was present to explain the plan of financing for upcoming building projects and asked the board to consider the following resolution for school building refunding revenue bonds:

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Newport Independent School District Finance Corporation, relating to and providing for the issuance of \$3,580,000 principal amount (subject to a permitted adjustment of \$360,000) of special obligation bonds (school building revenue bonds) in accordance with sections S8.180 and 162.120 through 162.385 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to provide funds for school building purposes, providing and determining the duty of said corporation in connection with the operation of the school property, the creation of funds sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds as and when they mature. The creation of adequate maintenance and insurance funds, authorizing and approving the execution of continuing disclosure procedures and the execution of tax compliance procedures, and authorizing the execution of a lease of such foregoing property to the board of education of the Newport Independent School District

The board will consider the resolution under new business.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON, the meeting of the finance corporation adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2022 AND APRIL 13, 2022

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the bills were approved for payment and the financial statement was accepted and will be filed for audit.

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Ms. Hoover's report also included:

- Credit card expenditures
- Administrator expense report
- Financial report
- Payroll billing insurance stipend
- Investment account threshold update

STUDENT SUPPORT AND LEARNING SERVICES

The superintendent's update included:

- Young Scholars Academy (YSA) - Starting in the fall, a select number of high school students from various schools in Northern KY can take a full college course load in their final two years of high school, earning dual credit for both their high school and college degrees. Students can earn up to two years of college credit toward a bachelor's degree or earn a full associate degree. The scholars admitted to the program study subjects in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), as well as integrative studies, supply chain, and computer science. A YSA signing event/luncheon was held on April 19 to celebrate those students entering the program.
- Dad's on Duty – there is another meeting scheduled the first week of May. Due to COVID, the program has not been implemented but is scheduled to start in August.
- Super Saturday Event – may have to reschedule due to low turnout. So far, only 5 parents have agreed to attend. A decision will be made by tomorrow. We will plan this event in the fall after careful consideration is given to best times and days.
- Legislative update

Dr. Smith-Morrow asked how we plan to promote the YSA Program to the parents, students, and community. Students will learn about the program at school. NKU will send a rep to talk to the students. Other ways to promote the program will be discussed so that the opportunity does not pass anyone by.

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

- Assessments
- Instructional Leadership Professional Learning
- New Teacher Induction Program
- Federal Funds
- Response to Intervention

Ms. Malone asked when the RTI plan would be completed. Ms. Payne responded by the beginning of the next school year.

There were no other questions.

DPP/Student Services update:

- Enrollment summary
- Attendance data
- April data review

Ms. Covington asked how many students are virtual? At the highest enrollment, we had 80 students virtual but the number is down at 30. Ms. Malone asked about the truancy program. Are we seeing a drop in the number of truant students?

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

- Transportation
- Facilities

- Safe Schools

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Special Education update:

- Procedures being developed for referring English Learners for special education services for the 22/23 SY. Language barriers make it difficult to determine whether a student's academic difficulties stem from a language acquisition need, a learning disability, or some other factor. This results in EL students being both under and over identified for special education services.
- Exceptional Children Programming Rates
- District mental health clinician's caseloads per school

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report
2. Hire emergency certified substitute teachers for the 22/23 SY.
3. BG 22-056 for NPS cafeteria, kitchen, and gym renovations
4. Owner-Architect Agreement for NPS cafeteria, kitchen, and gym renovations
5. Award bid to ASTI Environmental Health & Safety for the NPS asbestos abatement project.
6. Keep Assured Partners as the district's insurance agent of record.
7. 22-23 Proposed Certified Salary Schedule
8. 22-23 Proposed Classified Salary Schedule
9. 22-23 Proposed Extra Service Salary Schedule
10. 22-23 Proposed Athletic Salary Schedule
11. 22-23 Proposed Administrator Supplemental Salary Schedule
12. Add \$5,000 stipend to payroll clerk's contract for insurance billing reconciliation duties,
13. Donation of \$1,000 to the after-prom committee
14. Create District Technology Resource position and approve job description.
15. SFCC Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$16,778.
16. Resolution of the Board of Education of the Newport Independent School District, confirming the acceptance of an offer of assistance from the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission; authorizing and approving the execution of a participation agreement with said commission, authorizing and approving the execution of a lease agreement with the Newport Independent School District finance corporation and any further necessary instruments; approving certain architects' plan for the construction of a certain school building project; approving the execution of continuing disclosure procedures and the execution of tax compliance procedures; and approving the plan of financing the cost of said project.

On MOTION COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW consent agenda items 1-16 were approved as presented.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the meeting adjourned. Time:
7:11 PM

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Chairman

Secretary