



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Newport Independent School District will partner with families and the community to nurture, educate, and instill core values in all students to ensure they reach their full potential.

MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING AND AUGUST 10, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the minutes were approved as presented.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the bills were approved for payment and the financial statements for June (with corrections) and July were accepted and will be filed for audit.

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Ms. Hoover's report also included:

- Credit card expenditures
- Administrator expense report
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Financial Report
- FY22 Audit

Ms. Malone asked about HB563 and how it affects SEEK funds and enrollment. The legislation contained a provision expanding nonresident student attendance options at public schools. The language in the bill moves away from the requirement for a student's resident district to enter into an agreement with a nonresident school district to receive state SEEK funding for nonresident students. The legislation also

contained a provision expanding nonresident student attendance options at public schools. Beginning July 1, 2022, districts may include nonresident students in ADA for SEEK funding purposes,

STUDENT SUPPORT AND LEARNING SERVICES

Mr. Watts asked Lisa Swanson to introduce the district's mental health clinicians: Tabitha Marsh, NHS, Brandalynn Mains, NIS, and Krysten Creamer, NPS. Ms. Scruggs is now working with the preschool population under the direction of Ms. Hayden. This year's focus will continue with Parent Engagement Programming (PEP). PEPs are scheduled for October 28th and March 10th at the Campbell County Library. The reason for moving to off-site meeting locations to a community location was to increase parent attendance and to strengthen the relationship between community, parents, and school. Ms. Sheffel asked how many parents participated in these events last year. Ms. Swanson said anywhere from 13 to 31. One goal for this school year is to increase parental involvement with the high school parents/guardians because participation at this level is very low.

Mr. Watts update included:

- Monday, August 29th is our first student day after a two-week delay due to construction issues;
- A lot of successful PD and training has been taking place over the last 2 weeks with the delay of school;
- Will send out all-call announcing a no mask requirement; we will continue to follow CDC guidelines & will ask all employees to contact school nurses for guidance, if needed;
- 1st back to school picnic with the Westside Coalition was Saturday, August 20th. We plan to sponsor this each year.
- Attended NKCES meeting today – many districts are still experiencing teacher shortages. Newport has one classified opening and two certified openings. The incentives being offered along with the increased salary schedule seems to be working.
- Spoke with class at NKU on August 2nd. He let the students know Newport would love to have them with they graduate.

Dr. Smith-Morrow thanked Mr. Watts and district and school employees for their help with the picnic. Everyone was very appreciative for the efforts and for taking a Saturday to represent the district at this event. Ms. Malone echoed Dr. Smith-Morrow's sentiments.

Ms. Covington asked if students are ready for school as far as having all the supplies they need to start the new year successfully. The DPPs office along with the family resource offices have been working to make sure they are ready to meet the needs of all the students.

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

- EL Program
- New teacher on-boarding
- PD completed
- Camp Wildcat Academic Data

Cassandra Patterson, 21st Century Program Director, and her team, hosted an information meeting to introduce the Newport Co. Lab (Newport Community Collaboration), a new initiative that they are hoping to initiate this year. The collaboration seeks to form a partnership between community organizations, local businesses, caregivers, and school staff for the purpose of educating and teaching academics and useful skills to our students and families that will benefit their lives and the life of the Newport community.

The board received the Student Services/DPP report. In her absence, Mr. Watts asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Maines presented his facilities, transportation, safe schools, and healthy at work report. Ms. Malone said it was an excellent report. There were no questions.

Mr. Maines reported that he has been delivering a strong message to all buildings on the importance of safety. Tony reiterated his support and the potential consequences of not adhering to the safety measures put in place for everyone's sake.

Ms. Covington commented on how good the grounds are looking. Mr. Maines said we have hired a full-time grounds keeper and he is doing an excellent job.

Ms. Swanson presented her special education report. Her report covered:

- Operations
- Programming rates
- District Mental Health Clinician reports

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Smith-Morrow was excited about the driver supervisor position. She talked to Mr. Maines and suggested some language additions to the job description and feels good about creating the position.

1. Personnel report;
2. Unaudited Annual financial report for FY 2022;
3. 2nd reading of the annual KSBA policy updates;
4. Emergency certification applications for a PE, science, and math instructor;
5. FY 2023 District Funding Assurances;
6. Change order #1 for the fire alarm system, gymnasium, and the renovations to the kitchen and cafeteria at NPS;
7. BG5 – NHS and NIS Flooring;
8. Create and approve the job description for a driver supervisor position;
9. Discontinue the 403b employer match program;
10. Guidelines for distributing Chester Davis scholarship funds;
11. Surplus 14 cafeteria tables;
12. MOU with Ramey Estep/Regroup – school based behavioral health services;
13. Agreement with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health;
14. MOA with NorthKey Community Care for delivery of mental health services.

On MOTION SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON consent agenda items 1-14 were approved as presented.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Sutherland said he is excited to be a part of the Men Making A Difference group. This group will be at the high school on Monday, August 29th greeting students as they arrive.

Ms. Malone asked if the district could look at bussing students' home from the 21st Century Program. She feels participation will increase if we can offer this service.

The NAACP Freedom Fund Gala is schedule for Friday, November 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the meeting adjourned. Time:
8:05 PM

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Chairman

Secretary