



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 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, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

This month's Students of the Month are:

NPS – Trinity Shouse
NIS – Zoey Gross
NHS – Alyson Ramirez

This month's Employees of the Month are:

NPS – Aaron Hambrick
NIS – Maddie Watts
NHS – Tim Viox

Bonnie Stacey was also recognized for her contributions to the Annual East Row Garden Tour. Bonnie designed the 2022 garden tour graphic and placed it on the electronic advertising board. She has been providing graphics to the committee for the past few years. Residents of East Row suggested Bonnie be recognized for her extraordinary contributions.

The board took at 5-minute break.

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

1350 – MOTION CARRIED 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1351 – MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Ms. Hoover's report also included:

- Credit card expenditures
- Administrator expense report
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Financial Report
- FY21 Revised Audit Report

STUDENT SUPPORT AND LEARNING SERVICES

Mr. Watts update included:

- Newport Arts & Music Fest – Saturday, October 1st from 11-4 at the Newport History Museum
- Stadium inspection
- Partnership with NWEA – reps were in the district last week. They presented at the cabinet meeting.
- Data to be presented at the October work session – iReady, MAP, KSA, CERT assessment
- Additional kindergarten teacher and IA needed at NPS due to increased enrollment. Mr. Atkins presented data to the board.
- Contract with Donna Murphy
- 1st parent breakfast is scheduled for September 30th. So far 4 parents out of 17 have agreed to attend.
- EL Allocations

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

- NWEA School Improvement Data
- Quality Control Day
- iReady Data

The board received the Student Services/DPP report. Her report covered:

- Enrollment
- Pillar III work

- Disproportionate discipline
- Student Services updates

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

- The month's focus
- Programming rates

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 said he is researching the purchase of a 22 passenger Type C bus to assist with McKinney-Vento students and smaller group trips to avoid taking a 70-passenger bus for a small number of riders.

He also said starting October 23rd, there will be an early bus run and a late bus run to help students who need transportation service for early morning and after school programming.

The board received the report from Advantage Group Engineers regarding the condition of the stands at the stadium and the recommendations for repairs should the board decide not to demolish the structure. The cost for repairs is estimated to be around \$3,000,000 but the engineer suggests a generous contingency fund be held until the work has been completed. This request is based on his opinion that it is likely more serious conditions will arise during the renovation process.

This renovation does not address the restrooms or any of the other areas underneath the stadium which are in terrible condition.

Currently, the timeline for gaining access back to the stadium is around the fall of 2024.

Dr. Smith-Morrow said she has been touring some of the stadiums around the area and the aluminum bleachers being used are very nice. She feels it is time to tear down the stadium. It is in disrespectful shape and our students deserve better.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Malone said the foundation needs to add a 7th member to the board. Mr. Turner has expressed an interest in serving, leaving just one position to fill.

She asked the members to make a recommendation for the last member so that the foundation can move forward in its work.

Ms. Malone also ask the board for their support of an African American Civil Rights grant to help in the restoration of the Southgate Street School.

Mr. Clark, Historical Preservation Officer and Daylin Garland were in attendance to garner support in this endeavor also.

They would like to form a partnership with the school and preserve the Southgate Street School. They suggested having the deed put in the school district's name and forming an education center in the structure. They have many committed partners in the city and this could be an opportunity for our students to do volunteer work among other things.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the board will add the letter of support to new business for consideration.

1352 – MOTION CARRIED 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

Before approving the consent agenda, there was discussion around the duties of Donna Murphy. Mr. Watts said it is still a work in progress but she will work directly with Gateway and NKU students as well as other students to provide academic and career advising. She will attend events and work with students and families during the FAFSA process. Ms. Malone suggested she get involved with the Newport Business Association in order to provide new avenues for our CTE co-op students.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the board will table item 4, live stream board meetings, until the board attorney develops a policy on when a meeting will be available on live stream.

1353 – MOTION CARRIED 3-0

1. Personnel report;
2. 2023 working budget;
3. Revised audit report FY22;
4. ~~Live stream board meetings allowing for a larger audience to view the meetings from their homes and stay informed about what is going on in the district;~~
5. Revised BG1 and change order #3 - NIS/NHS Flooring;
6. Change order #2 – Newport Primary kitchen/cafeteria;
7. Add Delta Dental and Delta Vision (VSP) as additional benefit choices for employees;
8. Contract with Donna Murphy for academic and career advising for high school students;
9. Amend Article IX, Section 9.5 of the NTA Contract - Other Board Paid Benefits – remove “Matching Deferred Compensation Plan” language.
10. Amendment to the superintendent’s contract to cover counsel if a conflict should arise;
11. Emergency certification for elementary classroom instructor.
12. Add one kindergarten classroom instructor and one instructional assistant to staffing at the primary school due to increased enrollment at that grade level.
13. EL teacher allocations
14. Surplus the following items:
 - 1 batting cage
 - 2 overhead projectors
 - 6 student desks
 - 100 student chairs
 - Bus 4
15. Letter of support for the African American Civil Rights grant.

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

1354 – MOTION CARRIED 3-0

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

The October work session will be moved to October 19 at 6:30 PM.

Public comments will appear after “presentations” on the board meeting agenda moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the meeting adjourned. Time:
8:11 PM

1355 – MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Chairman

Secretary