



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 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 and Aaron Sutherland.

Ms. Covington was absent due to sickness.

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**

Students of the Month:

NPS – Doreoni Smith  
NIS – Giovanni Abercrombie  
NHS – Mariyah Payne

Employees of the Month:

NPS – Melissa McGroaty  
NIS – Molly Turner  
NHS – Denise Huninghake

Molly Wesley was presented with a Proclamation from State Representative, Rachel Roberts, for her 30 years of outstanding service to Newport students and the community.

Ms. Malone read the Stilwell Proclamation from KDE. This award is a meritorious medal in the form of a celebratory coin that has been commissioned for presentation to critical K-12 Education Technology staff in all KY K-12 school districts and the KDE Office of Education Technology. The Stilwell Award is being presented to the education technology leaders in the Newport Independent School District as a simple but sincere thank for your accomplishments, your dedication, and your sacrifices over the 24-month pandemic. Presented to Rusty Adams, Brad Limle, Debbie Roaden, April Walsh, Thomas Petty, and Angelika Huff.

The board took at 5-minute break to greet tonight's guests.

## **BLOOMBOARD**

Carter Myers, Director of District Partnerships, with BloomBoard, presented their plan to advance and retain teachers thru their on the job rank change program. Districts can increase teacher retention, creating a path towards career advancement and high compensation. The program is designed to improve effective classroom practices and align instruction with district priorities and teacher goals.

Their program elevates and certifies aspiring teachers thru the Option 9 program. Districts will begin building sustainable educator pipelines, increase employee retention, promotion from within, and increase staff representation and diversity thru a more accessible approach to earning a BA.

Many districts are receiving positive PR when they promote this program as a retention tool thru tuition reimbursement. Over the past 2 years, the program has grown from 50 teachers to 732. For Rank I teachers, BloomBoard offers mentoring opportunities. These teachers can earn \$1,000 for each teacher they mentor in the program.

The board thanked Carter for a great presentation. This program is not only a great pathway for current teachers and future classified employees interested in becoming teachers, but it will help our students thru improved instruction and classroom management skills thru on the job experiences.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mirna Eads was present to discuss books in school libraries that she believes are inappropriate. Ms. Eads read excerpts from two books and stated her opinion that the content was not appropriate for children. She asked the board take appropriate steps to remove this material from our libraries if they are found to be there.

Mr. Maines took a photo of the list of materials and said he would look into this matter and report back to the board.

## **MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING, AND OCTOBER 19, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING**

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

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

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

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Ms. Hoover also provided the following for the board's review:

- Credit card expenditures
- Administrator expense report

### **STUDENT SUPPORT AND LEARNING SERVICES**

The curriculum presented their written report. There were no questions. Ms. Payne shared the 2021-22 Data Release PPT. Her report covered:

- State Indicators
- Overall accountability weights and rating
- Federal designations
- Suppressed data
- Accountability profile and indicator scores and ratings for Newport Intermediate, middle grades, and Newport High School.
- State assessment results
- Improvement planning process
- Postsecondary readiness
- Graduation rate
- ACT data
- Kindergarten screen results
- Emotional scales summary

The board thanked Ms. Payne for a very thorough report.

Mr. Sutherland asked where the information for the quality school climate was derived. Ms. Payne said that information came from the Impact Survey.

Ms. Sheffel said the report was very encouraging. Ms. Malone said if we continue at this pace, the district will see growth.

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

- Attendance summary month 1 and 2
- Behavior reporting month 1 comparison
- Student services updates

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.

Ms. Sheffel asked if Mr. Maines had received any information on the stadium. Mr. Maines reported that Noah Onkst believes the issue of the flood plain will pass with KDE. He has been in touch with the Heritage Council and does not foresee an issue there either.

Bleachers have been ordered but not paid for so we will be ready if/when these two obstacles are cleared. Meanwhile Mr. Maines' department is starting to move things from the stadium in preparation of demolition. Asbestos has been detected so an abatement will take place. All valuable artifacts are going removed for the alumni.

Ms. Hoover reported that she spoke with Dwight Salsbury and the sale of bonds will not take place until January or February.

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

- KDE Parent Survey Results

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Malone reported that the two remaining seats on the education foundation board have been filled. Tete Turner will fill a seat and Jack Moreland will fill the other one. Mr. Moreland was in attendance and said he was looking forward to serving on the education foundation board. The board thanked the gentlemen for agreeing to serve.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Sutherland asked if we were still seeking exit interviews from employees leaving the district mid-year. He also inquired about the NPS basketball program and the KETS offer of assistance. After receiving satisfactory answers, Ms. Malone sought a motion to approve new business.

1. Personnel report.
2. Excuse Ms. Sheffel and Mr. Sutherland from the September 28, 2022 regular meeting.
3. Full-time emergency certification – special education instructor
4. Change order #3 – NIS and NHS flooring
5. Change order #3 – NPS fire alarm & renovations to kitchen, cafeteria, and gym
6. First KETS Offer of Assistance for FY 2023 in the amount of \$16,779.
7. NPS basketball program proposal

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL consent agenda items 1-7 were approved as presented.

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### **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Per board policy 08.3, the board shall annually appoint a district calendar committee to review, develop, and recommend calendar options. The committee will be convening soon and is requesting the board appoint their representative.

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board appointed Melissa Sheffel as the board rep on the 23/24 calendar committee.

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Upcoming meetings:

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Work Session  
November 16 – Regular Meeting  
December 14 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Voelker will continue working on a procedure for live streaming board meetings.

Ms. Malone asked Katina Brown if she had any announcements. Ms. Brown informed the board the Newport Co. Lab would be meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

She also reminded everyone about Family Fall Night scheduled on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Newport Independent will be present at the city building on October 31<sup>st</sup> to give out candy on Halloween.

Mr. Sutherland reminded Ms. Brown to make sure all this information is available on social media.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the meeting adjourned. Time:  
8:19 PM

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Chairman

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Secretary