



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ramona Malone asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Melissa Sheffel, Sylvia Covington, & Tim Curl.

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

### **FINANCE UPDATE**

Ms. Hoover recommended bonding the entire \$3 million of Phase 1 of the stadium project and utilize the \$1 million general fund cash reserves towards other district incentives. The difference in the bonding payment would be \$76,933. The board can consider this for approval at the May meeting if they so choose.

Over the last few years, school districts have received SEEK funding based on enrollment from the 18/19 SY. Next year, funding will go back to normal. If districts have not increased enrollment by more than 10% they will be eligible for additional funding over the next two years.

Discussion items included:

- Possible increase to salary schedules
- Property assessments
- Motor vehicle assessments
- State match for building funds
- NTA negotiations

Ms. Malone discussed the loss of SEEK funds. Her thoughts are the loss of enrollment is tied to unaffordable housing in the city.

Ms. Malone asked the board to look at positions and the services provided by same. Ms. Sheffel said any possible changes will need to be a recommendation from the superintendent.

### **CONTRACT WITH RACHEL BALL**

Mr. Watts is asking the board to approve a contract with Ms. Ball to finish the year completing the following:

- Consolidated application amendments for previous and current years still open;
- Consolidate application submission for 23-24
- Title I, SIF, ESSER:
  - Pos
  - Budgets
  - Data
  - Private school meetings
  - Keeping district in compliance with timelines

Contract amount will be \$10,000.

Ms. Malone said she is not ready to give the go ahead on this. She asked if application amendments were common. Do we cross-train employees so that we do not have to hire additional help? Ms. Sheffel asked how we determine the contract amount? Ms. Hoover said this was Title 1 money that Ms. Ball would have been paid had she not resigned prior to the end of the year.

Ms. Hoover explained that she and Ms. Payne could do all the additional work to complete the year but it would take a lot of extra time out of their schedules in order to adhere to the strict timelines set by each grant.

After discussion, Ms. Malone said she would be okay looking at a contract to complete the year for federal programs.

Ms. Sheffel asked why we were not recording the meeting per our new board policy. The policy reads "while the Board's Policy is to broadcast/stream, Regular and Special Meetings, this policy shall not be interpreted as a requirement for the Board to conduct a Regular or Special Meeting pursuant to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. Furthermore, this policy is a goal, and should the meeting not be able to be streamed, it shall not impact the validity of the meeting and any action taken. Specific provisions of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act may apply due to the notice of the meeting providing for remote participation, the conducting of a meeting allowing remote participation shall be separate and distinct, and this policy inapplicable."

Based on the interpretation, Mr. Watts did not ask for the meeting to be streamed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON items 1-3 were approved as presented:

1. NKU Partnership with NKCES regarding Option 9 certification
2. Award bid for the Newport Primary School roofing project (using ESSER funds)
3. NHS Turnaround Plan

1435 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY CURL the board went into executive session – KRS 61.810 (k) and KRS 156.577 – discussions relating to the evaluation of the superintendent. No action will be taken. Time: 7:33

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On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY CURL the board returned to open session. Time: 8:30 PM

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY CURL the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:30 PM

1438 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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Chairman

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Secretary