



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 5th , 2023, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Melissa Sheffel asked for a roll call. The following were present: Melissa Sheffel, Sylvia Covington, Aaron Sutherland, & Tim Curl. Ms. Malone was not present.

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

NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken: Melissa Sheffel, Sylvia Covington, Aaron Sutherland, and Tim Curl.

The officers of the finance corporation were confirmed. This evening's meeting is to ask the officers of the finance corporation to consider the following resolution in relation to funding the NHS stadium project:

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Newport Independent School District Finance Corporation, relating to and providing for the issuance of \$3,010,000 principal amount (subject to a permitted adjustment of \$300,000) of special obligation bonds (school building revenue bonds) in accordance with sections 58.180, 162.120 and 162.385 of the KY 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 the interest on said revenue bonds as and when they mature, the creation of adequate maintenance and insurance funds, authorizing and providing 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.

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the special meeting of the finance corporation was adjourned.

1446 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Before approving the new business items, Mr. Sutherland wanted to discuss the contract with NWEA. Last May when the district asked to enter into the contract with NWEA Mr. Sutherland was not sold on approving it because of cost. After watching the presentation and listening to staff requests, he voted yes. At this point, he is not comfortable cancelling the contract. He would like to have NWEA present data and hear 1st year results.

Mr. Watts said the decision to cancel is strictly budgetary; assessments came back lower than anticipated, SEEK went down, and there are curriculum items that need to be purchased. We can cancel with a 30-day written notice.

Mr. Curl asked if Ms. Payne has room on her plate for this additional assignment and when does the current contract run out? Are we billed annually or as services are rendered? Mr. Watts said he spoke to Ms. Payne and she feels confident she can provide the needed support to principals.

Ms. Hoover said we have only been billed a fraction of the total amount of the contract to date. This is a three-year contract and we just finished year one. An amendment was signed recently to move some of the first-year work to the second year because of the late start of school.

Mr. Sutherland made a motion to table this agenda item until the board receives a report from NWEA regarding 1st year results. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curl. Roll call vote:

Ms. Sheffel – no

Ms. Covington – no

Mr. Sutherland – yes

Mr. Curl – yes

1447 – MOTION DEFEATED 2-2

Before approving staffing for next school year, Mr. Sutherland asked if unused job codes have been removed from the list. Mr. Hoover said 7 ESSER positions and 2 central office curriculum positions have been removed.

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON item 3 will be voted on separately.

1448 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

1. Staffing for the 23/24 SY;
2. Salary schedules for the 23/24 SY;
3. Grant superintendent permission to begin process of cancelling contract with NWEA;
4. A resolution of the Board of Education of the Newport Independent School District, 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' plans 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 BY CURL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON new business items 1, 2, and 4 were approved as presented.

1449 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the board grants the superintendent permission to begin the process of cancelling the contract with NWEA. Roll call vote:

Ms. Sheffel – yes

Ms. Covington - yes

Mr. Sutherland – no

Mr. Curl – no

1450 -MOTION DEFEATED 2-2

The board can reconsider this item in the future if they so choose.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON 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: 6:50 pm

1451 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the board returned to open session. Time:
8:19 PM

1452 MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:19 PM

1453 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary