



The Newport Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Malone asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to 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 fullest potential.

RECOGNITIONS

The following employees and students were recognized:

Retirees:

- Dennis Ollier, IA, NHS
- Pam Pedigo, RN, SBHC
- Rebecca Profitt, Teacher, NHS
- Vicki Sapp, Teacher, NHS
- Karen Slone, School Secretary, NPS
- Anne Storey, IA, NPS
- Tim Viox, Teacher, NHS

Teacher of the Month:

- Newport Primary School – Amanda Zimmerman
- Newport Intermediate School – Rachel Redden and Savannah O'Brien
- Newport High School – Karla Johnson

NHS STLP

- Caroline Turner
- Brooklyn Caudle
- Emily Ashcraft
- Casie Chun
- Donovan Macario-Avila
- Kendall Mayse
- Kenya Tomas

Middle School STLP:

- Lee Crager - 8th
- Olivia Couch - 8th
- Holly Macario-Avila - 7th
- Alyson Ramirez - 7th

NIS STLP :

- Carleigh Stewart
- Paridhi Pandey
- Galindo Pablo Morales
- Willow Lowe Hoelmer
- Jameson Sawyer
- JaKyalynn Pouncy

NPS

- Trinity Shouse
- Neyson Ramirez
- Charles (CJay) Fulmer

Skills USA

- Caroline Turner
- Brooklyn Caudle
- Casie Chun
- Marlyn Coronado
- Emily Ashcraft
- Ariel Benecker
- Glen Young
- Jacob Mills
- Trustin Thornberry

FBLA

- Abby Rubright
- Haley Scott
- Donovan Macario -Avila

The board took at 10-minute break to welcome this evening's guests.

Ms. Cassandra Patterson and Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell were in attendance to update the board on the National After-School Conference they attended in November. They applied and were the only school from the state chosen to present at the conference. Ms. Patterson shared their presentation "Rebranding: Go from the Sidelines to Center Stage."

Ms. Watkins-Blackwell shared future plans. They have applied to present at other conventions. They continue to meet with the Newport Co-Lab and they are busy now coordinating the Back to School Bash. There is a summer kick off event on June 1 from 4-6 at Bernadette Watkins Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2023, AND MAY 10, 2023

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

1439 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mr. Sutherland abstained from voting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the financial report was accepted and will be filed for audit and the bills were approved for payment.

1440 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mr. Sutherland asked Ms. Hoover about the non-renewed contracts and the impact it had on the retention bonuses awarded last September. She shared that \$105,000 will be lost due to the non-renewal stipulation stated in the signing bonus contract.

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

- Credit card statement
- Administrator expense detail report
- Tuition reimbursement report
- Monthly financial report

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Watts updated the board on upcoming events:

- Thursday, May 25, last day for students
- Saturday, May 27 – Graduation – the ceremony starts at 11:00 and everyone can start arriving at 10:00.
- Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Parade – 9:00 AM – meet at the Builders Square Parking Lot.
- Tuesday, May 30 – End of Year Celebration luncheon – 11:30
- Thursday, June 1 – Family Fun Night at Bernadette Watkins Park from 4:00-6:00

Darla Payne presented the curriculum department report. There were no questions.

Ms. Stewart presented the DPP and Student Services update. There were no questions.

Mr. Maines presented the facilities, transportation and safe schools update. He spoke about the new business items that the board is being asked to approve for facilities and he talked about the contract with Stand Energy Corporation. Ms. Malone asked what the savings will be once we move to a third-party supplier for our natural gas. The savings will be between \$12,000-\$15,000 per year for the Welcome Center, the intermediate school, and the primary school. He reported the high school is already an energy efficient building. Mr. Sutherland asked if the window protection film will be installed in-house or by the company we purchase the product from. Mr. Maines reported the film will be installed by the company – starting with all doors and then as funds are available all lower windows.

Ms. Swanson presented her update on special education services. There were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Before approving the new business items, the board had questions/comments about the following items:

- Regarding the Early Graduation Program policy, who will be responsible for determining performance descriptors and evaluation procedures for an EGP performance-based project, portfolio, or capstone required for students who intend to complete the EGP beginning with the 24-25 SY. These descriptors must be identified by July 1, 2023. Mr. Watts reported that the high school administrative team will be working with the curriculum department to have this completed by the deadline.

- Mr. Sutherland wanted to note that the fee in the owner/architect agreement is also the same fee in the BG-1 for the stadium renovation. This is not two separate fees for the architect.
- Regarding the BG-1 for the CTE program, Mr. Sutherland asked how we determine what pathways would be offered. Mr. Grayson reported that a student survey was provided to gauge the interest of the students. The survey listed HVAC, plumbing, logistics, and cosmetology as choices. Logistics was the first choice with cosmetology being the second that students chose. Mr. Grayson reported that cosmetology students can transition right into the Bluegrass Community and Technical College after graduating. Mr. Sutherland asked if the median salary was a consideration and if Mr. Grayson could report those numbers for the two new pathways. Cosmetologist earn about \$27,000 per year and someone entering the logistics field can earn up to \$109,000 per year. Mr. Sutherland said he had hoped to see a report from the KY Department of Labor similar to the one they received when the culinary pathway was being considered. Looking into the future, the board would like to see a medical field pathway created.
- After discussion regarding the staff for the 23/24 SY, it was removed from the agenda.

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND #20, Certified and Classified Staff for the 23/24 SY was removed from the consent agenda.

1441 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

1. Personnel report;
2. Fidelity bond of treasurer;
3. Tentative (draft) budget 2024;
4. Renew the auditor's contract with Maddox and Associates, CPAs, Inc. for audit period 6/30/2023;
5. Request to utilize \$500,000 of reserve funds for district initiatives
6. Pay 23/24 KASA dues for members;
7. 23/24 KEDC Cooperative Membership Agreement;
8. 1st reading of 2023 KSBA policy updates
9. 2023 KSBA Procedure updates
10. Emergency reading of policy 08.11311 "Early Graduation Program"
11. Emergency reading of policy 08.23 "Harmful to Minors" Complaint Resolution Process
12. Review KSBA procedure 08.23 AP.21
13. Owner/Architect Agreement for the NHS stadium Renovation – Phase 1
14. Revised BG-1 NHS Stadium Renovation – Phase 1
15. BG-1 LAVEC CTE renovations
16. Revised BG-1 NPS Roofing Project (post bid)
17. KETS Offer of Assistance
18. Capital funds request - Window security film and NIS/Welcome Ctr. boilers emergency declaration
19. Amendment to the NHS staffing allocations for the 23/24 SY
20. Natural gas purchase agreement with Stand Energy Corporation
- ~~21. Certified and classified staff 23/24 SY~~

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND consent agenda items 1- 20 were approved as presented.

1442 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

After discussion, the June 6 meeting has been changed to June 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the board went into executive session. No action will be taken. KRS 61.810 (b) – Property, 61.810 (c) Personnel, KRS 61.810 (k) and KRS 156.577 – discussions relating to the evaluation of the superintendent. Time: 8:12 PM

1443 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the board returned to open session. Time: 9:30 PM

1444 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY CURL the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:30 PM

1445– MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary