



The Newport Board of Education held regular meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 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, Tim Curl, Ed Davis & Ms. Covington.

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

On MOTION BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON Mr. Sutherland was excused from tonight's meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS

October student and teacher of the month:

Newport Primary School:

- Reagan Gibson – Student
- Madison Herzner – Staff

Newport Intermediate School:

- Brenna Reinhardt – Student
- Jack Manion, Staff

Newport High School:

- Enrique Agustin - Student
- Bert Richey – Staff

Mr. Davis encouraged audience members to vote 'no' on Amendment 2 on November 5th, explaining that it would not benefit public schools but would instead redirect taxpayer money to private institutions. He noted that to implement this amendment, seven sections of Kentucky's constitution would need to be created, allowing lawmakers to fund vouchers for students to attend private, religious, or home-school programs.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REVIEW THE 2023-24 SUMMATIVE EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The board publicly reviewed the superintendent's evaluation on the seven standards designed by the Kentucky Department of Education and adopted by the Newport School Board.

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| 1. Strategic Leadership | Accomplished |
| 2. Instructional Leadership | Developing |
| 3. Cultural Leadership | Accomplished |
| 4. Human Resource Leadership | Developing |

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| 5. Managerial Leadership | Accomplished |
| 6. Collaborative Leadership | Exemplary |
| 7. Influential Leadership | Exemplary |

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2024, WORK SESSION, AND
OCTOBER 16, 2024 WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING**

On MOTION BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY CURL the minutes were approved as written.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Hoover informed the board that she is currently recoding expenses to more accurately align with their intended purposes. She assured the board that the negative amounts reflected in the September financial statement will not appear in the next report. Additionally, none of the financial statement adjustments will affect the working budget.

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

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STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Watts said he is asking the board to suspend the tuition reimbursement programs and the teaching aboard opportunities for the rest of this school year. These requests are to help save money and will hopefully be temporary. These items appear under new business.

He has been asked by Capt. Kunkel to hand out Halloween candy at the city building again this year. He invited the board to join him from 6:00-8:00 PM. He also reminded the board that the Fall Band Concert will be held Friday morning at 9:15 at Newport Intermediate School.

Ms. Brown shared the curriculum department report. Their report covered district walkthroughs and the state accountability system. Mr. Curl asked for a "cliff note" version of the meaning of a walkthrough. Ms. Brown reported that the observers meet beforehand to decide the focus, and then each team member is assigned to observe a specific aspect of that focus in 2-3 classrooms. When the walk-throughs are completed, team members meet to debrief, and written feedback is shared with the teachers who have been observed.

Ms. Covington asked if new teachers are observed? Ms. Brown said all teachers are included. Ms. Payne added that during district walkthroughs, they are looking for trends.

Ms. Stewart shared the DPP report. Her report covered attendance, enrollment, and behavior data. Behavior data is provided to each school at the end of each attendance month. The DPP office maintains a running record of behavior data, tiered behavior data, comparison to prior year(s), and data by attendance month to assist administrative teams in determining school wide behavior trends. This data is supplemented with behavior data from Insights and Safe Schools reports to determine grade level/classroom/student level needs.

Mr. Curl asked about behavior tier data. The Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework addresses a variety of student needs, including behavioral and academic needs. Behavioral data helps identify students who struggle with behavioral challenges. Tier 1 focuses on strong school values and policies, as well as healthy classroom practices. Tier 2 is targeted support for groups of students with a focus on alternative strategies to support behavioral success. Tier 3 is individualized support for students who continue to struggle and require more support.

Ms. Malone inquired whether a student struggling at the high school must withdraw from NHS before enrolling at NSOI. Ms. Stewart confirmed that this is currently the procedure. However, she noted that they are exploring the

possibility of designating the School of Innovation as an A8 school, which would alter this process. Such a change would impact funding and also allow students to participate in extracurricular activities

Mr. Maines submitted his report and invited any questions or concerns. He mentioned an upcoming virtual training he will attend on November 12, led by Tall Cop Jermaine Galloway, who will provide tools, resources, and strategies to combat substance abuse. Mr. Maines noted that he previously attended a training by Mr. Galloway, describing it as one of the best he has ever experienced

Ms. Swanson submitted her report. She included the 2024 Parent Survey results with her regular report. Mr. Davis asked how parents are surveyed. Ms. Swanson noted that KDE sends a link to the district. It is added to the website and parents are notified and asked to complete it. A mass email is also generated to parents.

The survey focuses on key areas such as the effectiveness of special education programs, communication between schools and families, parent involvement, and overall satisfaction with services provided to students with disabilities. This data is instrumental in improving services and fostering strong partnerships between schools and families.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Noah Onkst attended the meeting to present the bid documents for Phase 2 of the stadium project. He explained that these technical drawings are the detailed version of the renderings shown to the board in August. Ms. Malone mentioned that there have been questions about whether this is the best possible design for the money being spent. Mr. Onkst clarified that while the building could be made more elaborate, doing so would increase the cost. The current design meets the intended needs, including a concession area, ample storage, and restrooms with 9 stalls for women and 9 for men, based on the number of seats in the bleachers. He also noted that commercial construction is more expensive due to additional paperwork and bonding expenses. Phase 2 incurred additional costs due to the requirement to install new water and sewage lines after the building was relocated out of a floodplain to comply with KDE regulations.

1. Personnel report.
2. Working budget – FY 2025
3. BG2 and BG3 – Phase 2 Stadium Renovation
4. Bid documents – Phase 2 Stadium Renovation
5. KETS 1st Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$14,538
6. MOU with Covington Partners
7. MOU with Family Care Counseling Solutions
8. MOU with Stoic Health and Wellness
9. MOU with Southgate Independent – Special Education Services 24 25 SY
10. Service agreement with RSA Advisors, LLC
11. Suspend all tuition reimbursement programs
12. Suspend reimbursement program for teaching abroad
13. Surplus 10 framed pictures and 5 damaged rolling chairs

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY DAVIS, the consent agenda was approved.

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Ms. Hoover was asked to hold the service agreement with RSA until the board attorney talks to Dwight Salisbury.

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS/ UPDATES

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 on November 6 and is requesting the board appoint their representative.

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the board appointed Ed Davis as their representative on the calendar committee or this school year.

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Ms. Covington said she received a shout out from a parent for the opportunity for students to attend the Young Scholars Academy.

Mr. Davis thanked all those who helped plant 26 trees at the intermediate school on Saturday, October 19th. This project is part of the \$1,000,000 Inflation Reduction Act grant awarded to Re-Newport. He also gave a shout out to Mr. Robbins, the band director, and Ms. Jones, the cheer coach, for their involvement at the home football games this season.

Ms. Malone said it was exciting to see the student artwork at the Blink on the Levee event his past weekend.

Upcoming meetings:

November 20th – Regular Meeting

December 18th – Regular Meeting

Education Foundation Committee Meeting – November 6, 2024, 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM

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Chairman

Secretary