



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on March 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a contract for Tete Turner, Independent Contractor.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ramona Malone asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Tim Curl, Ed Davis, and Bobbie Stubbeman.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Before asking for approval on a contract with Mr. Turner, Ms. Malone asked the board if there were any questions or concerns regarding the scope of work within the contract.

Ms. Stubbeman explained that, in making this decision, the board carefully considered the value of bringing someone into the district who already has a strong understanding of school finance. After interviewing Mr. Turner and reviewing past audits, the board's questions were addressed to their satisfaction. While this decision may not be fully understood by everyone, the board believes they have conducted thorough due diligence to ensure that the necessary budget figures are in place to support the upcoming staffing decisions.

Ms. Malone concurred and emphasized that, before making staffing decisions, the board requires a definitive budget number to guide their actions. Mr. Turner will review the working budget and verify its accuracy as well as provide current budget balances. The meeting next week will focus on reviewing all district positions to gain a clear understanding of each role and its responsibilities.

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY DAVIS the board approved a contract for Tete Turner as an independent contractor to provide professional services to the board regarding district finances.

1642 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY STUBBEMAN AND SECONDED BY CURL the meeting adjourned.
Time: 6:05 PM

1643 - MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary