



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport, KY. The purpose of the meeting was to hold an expulsion hearing.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY STUBBEMAN AND SECONDED BY DAVIS the board went into executive session. KRS 61.810(f) Expulsion Hearing – Time: 6:02 pm

1809 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY CURL the board returned to open session. Time: 6:40 PM

1810 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY MALONE AND SECONDED BY CURL, the board voted to take the following action regarding the expulsion. The Board finds that based on the evidence presented and the severity of the violation, the student shall be expelled from Newport Independent Schools for a period of one calendar year, effective May 1, 2026.

Pathway for Early Reinstatement - While the safety of the student body is paramount, the board recognizes the importance of restorative measures. Therefore, the student may be eligible to return to the regular school environment for the start of the 2026/2027 term, provided the following criteria are successfully completed:

1. Cessation/Treatment Plan: Documentation of completion of an approved program.
2. Drug Screening: Submission of a clean drug screen from a certified provider.
3. Behavioral Contract: Execution of a formal behavioral agreement signed by the student and parent/guardian for a period through the calendar year expulsion of May 1, 2027.

Ms. Stewart will verify that all criteria have been met prior to the student's return.

1811 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY STUBBEMAN AND SECONDED BY CURL, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

1812 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary