The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport, KY. Purpose: Time change

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

The following employees and students were recognized:

- Dawn Schoo – Retirement
- Abbagail Rubright – Student Board Member 24/25 SY

Members of the track team may show up at 6:30 to be recognized as well as the 25/26 student board member.

Zach Rectin presented the summer school data, giving credit for the success of this year's program to his three building coordinators: Torrie Watkins, Aubrey New, and Vanessa Tafolla. A total of 167 students attended district-wide. The curriculum was provided through Scholastic, which both teachers and students thoroughly enjoyed. Many outside experiences were provided for all ages, and the drama students will be presenting their summer play on Thursday, June 25th. Everyone is invited to attend. Overall, the summer program was highly successful and well-attended.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

MINUTES OF MAY 27 2026, JUNE 3, 2026 AND JUNE 10, 2026

On MOTION BY STUBBEMAN AND SECONDED BY CURL the board approved the minutes as written.

1828 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

On MOTION BY CURL AND SECONDED BY STUBBEMAN the bank reconciliation for May was approved and will be filed for audit and the invoices were approved for payment.

1829 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Mr. Atkins, Superintendent, provided the Board with his monthly report.

Under New Business, Superintendent Atkins is requesting for the board's approval on several MOUs: HealthPoint Family Care, NorthKey Community Care, FamilyCare Counseling Solutions, Ramey-Estep/Re-group, and Better

Health & Wellness. These providers all take care of our students' physical and emotional needs at no cost to the district. He also mentioned the MOU with Brighton Center for their partnership with the Youth Leadership Development Program (minimum cost of $3,000), and the MOU with Partners for Change. There are two change orders, both representing credits to the district for the CTE project at the high school. The last approval being requested is an athletic stipend to add a cross-county coach and assistant for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Malone thanked the superintendent for preparing the board before each meeting by discussing the agenda and answering any questions about the upcoming meeting. All contracts are also reviewed and approved by the board attorney before they appear on the meeting agenda.

Ms. Slankard presented her report. District priorities transitioned from spring assessment completion to planning for the upcoming school year. She met with principals and Mr. Atkins for an all-day, targeted coherence meeting where the team analyzed research regarding TNTPs core pillars of consistency, coherence, and belonging. Through the guided process, each principal established a localized instructional goal and a specific strategic action plan that outlines measures for success, potential barriers, team structure, and staff assignments.

Mr. Davis asked about training requirements for police before becoming a school resource officer. Ms. Kaeff explained that SROs must complete three 40-hour in service training courses over their first three years of assignment. Year 1 is basic courses focused on transitioning from street policing to a school environment. The following years continue to build on the same foundation, deepening skills as a mentor and informal counselor with the school.

Ms. Covington asked if we have the number of gifted students at each level. Ms. Slankard did not have the information readily available but Dr. Hemmerle will be asked to present data at the July regular meeting.

Ms. Malone asked about the WIN (What I Need) framework. Mr. Wilson explained that WIN is a designed structured framework ensuring that targeted intervention and enrichment models effectively meet all individual student needs. The middle school has been using this for a couple of years and the high school will be doing something similar starting this upcoming year.

Ms. Kaeff presented her report for the DPPs office and safe schools. There were no questions.

Anticipated guests arrived so Mr. Atkins took this time to recognize Donovan Macario-Avila – Student Board Member for the 25/26 SY. He then introduced Ms. Noonchester, one of our track coaches, who then introduced the indoor and outdoor track participants for this school year:

Zae Sharp*
Dallas Harrington
Marco Jackson
Jonah Joseph*
Kayon Browner*
Lamont Okunuga
Avion McKinney-Williams*
Obed Martinez*
Jamison Sawyer
Donovan Macario-Avila*
Cam Philips*
Shakerie Speakes
Colton Bush
June Delgado
Brandon Rodriquez*

*Outdoor and indoor

Indoor State Only:
Julius Chambers

Rylinn Herndone
Allah Lewis
Caleb Bush
Middle school: Brody Smith

Jerry Hatfield, Andre Anderson, and Zach Noonchester were recognized for committing their time as coaches.

Season highlights:

Shakarie Speaks - a 7th grader who qualified for state in all 4 events; Long Jump (w/partner Zae Sharp) 2x50 (w/partner Juan Delgado) 2x200 (w/partner Colton Bush) and Shot Put (w/partner Brandon Rodriguez). At state Shakarie won medals in the 2x200, shot put and is the new state champion in the Unified Long Jump along with his partner Zae Sharp.

Traditional Long Jump: Zae Sharp placed 3rd at state & Dallas Harrington also qualified for state.

Kayden Lynn won first place at state for Adaptive Disc and Adaptive Shot. This makes him back-to-back state champs.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel report;
2. Special education related services contracts:
    - Stephanie Anthrop – Speech and Language Therapy Services
    - Lauren Dressman – Speech and Language Therapy Services
    - Martha Kaising – Speech and Language Therapy Services
    - Pamela Kaising – Speech and Language Therapy Services
    - Amy Martin – Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist
    - Marsha Gerton – Orientation & Mobility Specialist
3. 1st reading of KSBA annual policy updates & review of annual procedure updates
4. Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal with Bluegrass Risk Management
5. Change order – Interior Supply - CTE Renovations
6. Change order – Graybar – CTE Renovations
7. MOU with Brighton Center – Youth Leadership Development Program
8. MOU with Partners for Change
9. Data Sharing Agreement with Partners for Change
10. MOU with 1N5 – Suicide Prevention Training/Mental Health Education for Students, Staff, & Parents/Caregivers
11. Fidelity Bond of Treasurer
12. MOU with HealthPoint Family Care – student-based health services
13. MOA with NorthKey Community Care
14. MOU with FamilyCare Counseling Solutions
15. MOU with Ramey-Estep/Re-group
16. MOU with Better Health & Wellness
17. Surplus the following items from the intermediate school:
    - 271 Math in Focus textbooks (not an approved high-quality resource in KY)
    - 570 Study Sync workbooks (no longer using this curriculum)
    - 100 art textbooks (published in 90s – no longer relevant)
    - 100 music textbooks (published in 90s – no longer relevant)

18. Add cross country coach and assistant coach to the athletic salary schedule. Head coach will receive $3,500 and one assistant coach will receive $1,000 for their services.
19. Indirect cost rates for FY2027
20. Pledge of Collateral Agreement for Public School Funds

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

1830 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS/ UPDATES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY STUBBEMAN the board went into executive session. KRS 61.810(k) and KRS 156.577 – discussions relating to the evaluation of the superintendent. Time: 6:45 PM

1831- MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY COVINGTON AND SECONDED BY STUBBEMAN the board returned to open session. Time 8:02 PM

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ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY STUBBEMAN AND SECONDED BY DAVIS, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

1833 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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Chairman

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Secretary