

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**  
**Administration Board Road**  
**Minutes**

Board: Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Vice President, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Dr. Heather Logue

Press: 0

Audience: 25

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance and went on to explain how this type of meeting will work. All comments from the audience are welcome during that section of the meeting.

**3. PRESENT**

Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco  
Absent: Mr. DeNucci, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. DeNucci, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

There was none

**6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

- Congratulate the art students from Culbertson School and their art teacher Mrs. Jill Bialy on their fantastic display of work in the Board Room. The event was very well attended and the children were happy to explain their art techniques with me. It was a lovey event.
- The MNSD Cinderella Musical was well attended and the student did a terrific job with the production.

## 7. **COMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

The cheerleaders were invited to be honored this evening. We will make arrangements to honor them when school resumes.

## 8. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

There was none

## 9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

I would like to begin by thanking all the administrators, teachers, students, and parents for their support and understanding during our statewide closure. We understand this is a new experience for all of us as we face new challenges

### **Parent Events**

- On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> there was a joint PTO meeting. Thanks to the collective efforts of the combined fundraiser has raised approximately \$8,000.
- Technology Department and Security Teams were able brave the cold and rainy weather today to distribute laptops to families. They took precautions to keep themselves and our families safe during the pick-up.

### **Faculty and Staff Events**

- I would like to acknowledge the administration and faculty for holding, attending, and sharing information from countless conference calls.
- The MNSD Continuity of Education Plan is in its final stage of verification. The current plan is intended to keeps things simple, meaningful, and manageable as we transition into the new learning
- Week 1 – is intended to establish new classroom routines and expectations
- Week 2 – Assignments will begin to be graded
- MNSD Continuity of Education Plan will be communicated to parents and posted on the website Friday evening.

### **Community Connections**

- Thank you to the community for all of their support and understanding during this unprecedented experience.
- I wish continued good health for everyone and sincerely hope you stay connected to family and loved ones. You and your families have been in our administration's continuous thoughts.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

There was none

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew A. DeNucci, IV from the Board of School Directors, effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mr. Siano, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

Mr. Bilker wanted to thank Mr. DeNucci for his service on the Board. He explained that Mr. DeNucci works for the DA's office and if you are employed there you are unable to serve as an elected official.

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the district and the parents of Student No. 881686 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

**12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**12.01** Committee Report – Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, Chairperson

**12.02** Policies

With the resignation of Mr. DeNucci, Mr. Bilker gave the following report:

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the following policies:

Policy No. 246 - School Wellness  
Policy No. 333 - Professional Development  
Policy No. 805 - Emergency Management  
Policy No. 808 - Food Services

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti  
With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

**12.03** Technology

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the lease agreement with HP Financial for computers at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The annual cost is \$150,457.44 per year for five years.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the agreement to expand the District license for Nearpod in the amount of \$10,709.94.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

### **13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

#### **13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson**

In the absence of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Bilker gave the following report:

#### **13.02 Payment of Wages**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the payment of wages to District employees who are not “teachers,” as that term is defined by 24 P.S. Section 11-1141, for the weeks starting March 16, 2020, March 23, 2020, and March 30, 2020.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. Bilker explained that there according to school code, Teachers would be paid in an event such as this. The Board is trying to be pro-active paying those others employed by the district to minimize the impact of this even on our employees.

Mr. Orwig advised the Board that there is a Bill that is going to be voted on tomorrow that includes 16 points, one of them being what Mr. Bilker just explained. This will amend School Code. Once the Bill passes the House and Senate, it will go to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Driscoll explained to the Board that his office was able to get the payroll for March 30<sup>th</sup> done as well as pay periods till the end of April.

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

**14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**14.01** Committee Report – Kathryn V. Chandless, Chairperson

**14.02** Bills for Payment

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,903,227.76, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$8,575.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$943,916.43, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$64,613.01.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

**14.03** 2020-2021 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the 2020-2021 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget in the amount of \$9,616,248.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

**15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**15.01** Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bilker gave the following report

**15.02** Lighting Service and Parts Agreement for Marple Newtown High School

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the parts and service agreement with Luthron Lighting for Marple Newtown High School. The total cost of the three (3) year agreement is \$19,416.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds  
Vacancy: 1

**16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

There was none

**17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was none

**18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

See comments from the Board

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

A community member asked about the vacancy of Mr. DeNucci.

Mr. Bilker asked Mr. Sereni to answer this. Mr. Sereni stated that the Board has 30 days to fill the vacancy by law. School Board Policy states that the Board is to notify the public of the vacancy, accept applications and conduct interviews. The Board can choose to hold the interviews through the same way that this meeting is being held (Zoom), then the Board would hold a vote

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mrs. Harvey wanted to thank Dr. Kane all the staff for the work they were doing to get use through this event.

Mr. Bilker wanted to thank the PTO and Mrs. Tomasco for all their help with the community as well as Mr. Siano going to all the grocery stores asking for donations.

Mrs. Tomasco thanked the PTO's and is proud to be part of this community.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll