

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, September 10, 2019
BOARD ROOM**

**MINUTES
Present**

Board: Mr. Matthew Bilker. Mrs. Barbara Harvey

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone

Press: 0

Audience: 4

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM and stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Budget and Finance Meeting.

1. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Bilker asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

Mr. Gallagher said there was none.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bilker asked for the approval of the minutes from June and August.

Minutes were approved.

3. Informational/Discussion Items

A) Discussion: Culbertson Elementary School and Loomis Elementary School updates

1. Completing punch list items for phase (1)
2. Starting phase (2) and how it will impact the school day

Mr. Gallagher gave the following report:

- Punch list for both Culbertson and Loomis is presently being worked on

- The gym at Loomis will be done on Thursday
- Fan cove unit will be in on the 16th
- Badges and smartboards are being worked on at both schools
- Locks have been installed, only badges will be use on exterior and interior doors. Still working on update all badges
- District wide the exterior doors have been updated, had been working with 2 systems, now only one
- Phase 2 started in both schools
- Phase 2 is from 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- Phase 1 punch list is being done on the 2nd shift, when the students leave for the day
- Updates will be given to parents on the construction

B) Easement agreement for Culbertson storm water

Mr. Gallagher advised that the easement issue has been resolved. There is an agreement with the resident and their mortgage company

C) Discussion: Leisure Service LED sign and bathroom renovation

Mr. Gallagher explained that they will be meeting with Newtown Township for the variance. The sign is the same as the high school with the 911 system. Both bathrooms will be renovated with state contracts with plans being competed in October/November. Renovations will start in December. Since this is a state contract bids are not required.

Mr. Gallagher said that with the help of the teachers, this huge project was together for the start of school. Parents will be attending back to school nights at both schools this week and we are looking for good feedback.

Dr. Kane wanted to thank the teachers ~ coming in to a new, clean and sterile environment, and in 4 or 5 days made it an educational space. She is very proud of them.

4. Transportation

A) Transportation Vehicle Purchase

Motion: to approve the purchase of the following vehicles in the total amount of \$73,312.50 from Pacifico Marple Ford, and to approve the necessary transfer from budgetary reserve October 2, 2019. Prices are in accordance with Co-Stars No. 026-097:

Quantity (2) = 2020 Ford Transit – AWD passenger Vans – Transportation
 Mr. Orwig explained the following ~ retracting approval of August 27th.
 Will represent motion for an all wheel drive van at the end of September.

**Previous motion which was Board approved at the August 27th public meeting:

Motion: To approve the purchase of the following vehicles in the total amount of \$65,626.00 from Pacifico Maple Ford, and to approve the necessary transfer from budgetary reserve effective October 1, 2019. Prices are in accordance with Co-Stars Contract No. 026-097

Quantity (2) = 2020 Ford Transit – 150 XL Passenger Vans - Transportation

5. Information/Discussion Items

A) Roll out the “Here Comes the Bus” application no later than October 2, 2019.

Here Comes the Bus is an easy-to-use website and application that enables you to see the location of your child’s school bus on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer. This way, you know when the bus is near your stop, so you can send your child out to catch the bus at just the right time. Here Comes the Bus uses global positioning system (GPS) technology to locate and track your child’s school bus. The application also uses HTTPS, just like a bank or online store, meaning all communications between your web browser and the site is encrypted and secure. Additional information about this application will be communicated to you following the start of the school year.

Mr. Orwig reported that there was a test run today and everything went well. A letter will go out to the parents. The app will be out October 1, 2019

6. Other Business

There as none

7. Public Comment

A community member questioned the flood at Russell, what was the cause.

Mr. Gallagher explained that it was a storm water pipe that collapsed. The pipe has been repaired and hopefully will resolve this problem.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.