

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Newtown Square, Pennsylvania**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 12, 2019**  
**Marple Newtown Board Room**

**MINUTES**  
**Present**

**Board:** Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds,  
Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Siano

**Administration:** Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr.  
Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake  
Gallagher

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 9

**Call to Order:**

In the absence of Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Additions to the Agenda**

Mr. Driscoll advised the Board that there was a change, Donations remove motion A.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bilker asked for the minutes from October be approved.

With no further discussion minutes were approved

**3. Bills for Payment**

Mr. Bilker asked to take to the full Board for approval

A. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund. Note: Food Service/Capital Fund/Capital Reserve Bills will be presented with the final voting agenda.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this was the normal bill list ~ any questions the Board can contact him.

B. Motion: To authorize the Business Administrator to release checks for payment during the month of December as needed.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is done so that vendors can be paid on time.

Will take to the full Board for approval

#### **4. Financial Reports**

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

A. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for September, August, informational for October and Budget Transfers and Treasurer's Report for September.

B. Motion: To approve the June 30, 2019 Audit Report

Mr. Driscoll explained that he is hoping to have for the Board to vote on in 2 weeks.

Will take the full Board for approval

#### **5. Donations**

A. Motion: To accept \$149.00 from Paxon Hollow PTO to purchase caution signs for the parking lot while the gym classes are outside.

Will take to the full Board for approval

#### **6. 2019-202 Budget Process**

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- Due to the 2020 election the timeline moves back about 3 weeks
- January 7, 2020 vote for proposed preliminary budget, available for public inspection
- Explained the Act 1 calendar
- Deadline to adopt preliminary budget is January 29, 2020
- Act 1 Index is 2.6% for Marple Newtown
- Eligible for Special Ed and Debt exceptions
- Explained the Local and State revenues, with local revenues changing the most
- Update from the County by mid-November
- Feds pulling back on interest rates

- Explained interim taxes as well as transfer taxes
- Explained that items facing the District in the coming year, Labor agreements, staffing needs, medical benefits
- There was a spike in Special Ed cost and also explained outside tuition
- Explained the debt service
- Retirement 34.77% projected with Social Security 42.42%. State shares with half of this cost, but still significant
- Revenues very good last year
- Medical Access helps to offset some of the cost

## **7. New Business**

There was none

## **8. Public Comment**

A community member asked if speed bumps at Paxon Hollow be considered.

Will look into the speed bumps

## **9. Adjournment**

Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.