

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, October 22, 2019
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Atsuh J. Baker, Matthew DeNucci, Nicholas Reynolds, John McKenzie, Nicholas Siano

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. James Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Heather Logue, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone

Press: 1

Audience: 40

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge from the Special meeting

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Siano

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Bilker

Mr. Altieri had an addition. 12.09 Grant submission

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Culbertson Student Council – Jim Wigo, Principal and Mrs. Allison Hostutler, 2nd grade teacher

Mr. Wigo and Mrs. Hostutler gave a brief presentation to the Board of the accomplishments of the Culbertson Student Council. Some of the organizations that they have helped are Ronald McDonald House, Delaware County Food Bank, just to name a few. The following students were present certificates from Dr. Kane.

2018-2019 members: President: Jessie Baumeister, Vice President: CeCe DeNucci, Secretary: Mia Quintana, Treasurer: Lyam Hannan, and Historian: Amelia DiValerio

2019-2020 members: President: Ava Kelly, Vice Presidents: Analise Sheahan, Molly McDermott, Secretary: Emily Kucerea, Treasurer: Avery DeCecco, and Historian: Lilly Cook

7. COMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Elizabeth Landes was honored as the recipient of the Milken Educator Award.

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, Pedro A. Rivera, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, and Dr. Jane Foley, Senior Vice President of the Milken Educator Awards, came to Marple Newtown High School. The Milken Educator Awards recognition program honored its first educator in 1987 and remains unrivaled as the most prestigious educator award in the country. The Milken Family Foundation sponsors the initiative and bestows awards to educators whose achievements, contributions, and dedication to their students are found to be commendable. During a school-wide assembly at Marple Newtown High School (MNHS), which included local dignitaries, Marple Newtown Board of School Directors, school administrators, teachers, students, Dr. Foley not only recognized Mrs. Elizabeth Landes as one of the most innovative and committed teachers across the country, but also surprised her with an unrestricted 25,000.00 check. Mrs. Landes is the only Milken Educator Award winner from Pennsylvania this year.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The following report was given:

- Powder Puff football game will be held on November 21st
- Students participated in a flag football game
- Fall sports are coming to an end, winter sports will be starting soon
- Working on activities that will promote more spirit

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Events

Attended the MNHS home football games.

Made regular visit to all six schools visiting classrooms in addition to assisting in morning arrival and dismissal with busing and parent pick up.

Ms. Lorisa Freidman invited me to join her 11th grade English class for a class discussion regarding students' attendance at school.

Parent Events

Attended five of the six school's scheduled PTO meetings. The six is scheduled for this Thursday evening.

Attended Culbertson and Loomis' construction update meetings.

Faculty and Staff Events

Assembly program for Milken Educator Award Assembly.

MNHS Pep Rally for Football faceoff

Community Connections

Attended the MNSD Hall of Fame Dinner, where inducted 2 coach, 2 teams, and 7 athletes were honored.

Attended the Delaware County Superintendent's Retreat in Washington.

MNHS hosted two assembly programs regarding the dangers of drug use. One was facilitated by Judge Capuzzi and District Attorney Kat Copeland and the other was presented by Mirmont Treatment Center.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Reynolds asked for the following motions:

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 882337 to attend the George Crothers Memorial School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2019-2020 school year. This is not a new placement.

Motion to approve Student No. 883442 to attend Mill Creek as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new placement.

Motion to approve Student No. 804315 to attend The Concept School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a not a new placement.

Motions were made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Leonard B. Altieri, III, Chairperson

12.02 Policy

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the review of Homework Policy No. 130 and waive the second reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

12.03 Contract

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the contract between Villanova University and Marple Newtown School District for the graduation ceremony on June 11, 2020. The total estimated cost is \$16,242.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Altieri asked for the following motions

12.04 Administrative Trips

Motion to approve Mrs. Teri Werner, Child Accounting Clerk, to attend the Attendance and Child Accounting Professional Association (ACAPA) Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 14 and November 15, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$58.00. The cost of lodging is \$285.00. The cost of the conference is \$70.00. The total cost to the district is \$413.00.

Motion to approve Mr. Barry Williams, Director of Safety, to attend the Threat Assessment Training at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania on November 18 and November 19, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$207.64. The cost of lodging is \$107.42. There is no cost for the training. The total cost to the district is \$360.00 including food and tolls.

Motion to approve Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Director of Teaching and Learning, to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) in Hershey, Pennsylvania from November 24 to November 26, 2019. Dr. Martin-Pitone is on the executive board and the local region president. The cost of transportation is \$84.68. The cost of lodging is \$321.90. The cost of the conference is \$204.00. The total cost to the district is \$610.58.

Motion to approve Mr. Matthew Oberecker, Supervisor, to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 25 and November 26, 2019. Mr. Oberecker will be presenting at the conference. The cost of transportation is \$84.68. The cost of lodging is \$160.95. The cost of the conference is \$269.00. The total cost to the district is \$514.63.

Motion to approve Mrs. Emily Lovitz, Teacher, to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 25 and November 26, 2019. Mrs. Lovitz will be presenting at the conference. The cost of transportation is \$84.68. The cost of lodging is \$160.95. The cost of the conference is \$269.00. The total cost to the district is \$514.63.

Motion to approve Mrs. Allison Hostutler, Teacher, to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) in Hershey, Pennsylvania from November 24 to November 26, 2019. Mrs. Hostutler will be presenting at the conference. The cost of

transportation is \$84.68. The cost of lodging is \$321.90. The cost of the conference is \$269.00. The total cost to the district is \$675.58.

Motion to approve Dr. Tina Kane, Superintendent, Mr. John Beltrante, Principal, and Mrs. Liz Landes, Teacher, to attend the SAS Institute in Hershey, Pennsylvania on December 8 and December 9, 2019. Mrs. Landes is being recognized at the conference as a recipient of the Milken Educator Award. There is no cost for the conference or lodging. The cost of transportation is \$119.12 each for Mr. Beltrante and Mrs. Landes. The total cost to the district is \$238.24.

Motion to approve Mrs. Catalina Ottinger-Ovens, School Psychologist, to attend the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland from February 18 to February 21, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$50.00 paid by the employee. The cost of lodging is \$600.00 paid by the employee. The cost of the conference is \$259.00. The total cost to the district is \$259.00.

Motion to approve Mr. Christopher Gicking, Coach and the Assistant Coaches of the Marple Newtown High School Football Team to attend the Glazier Clinics in Baltimore, Maryland from February 7 to February 9, 2020 and Atlantic City, New Jersey from February 20 to February 22, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$450.00 paid by the coaches. The cost of lodging is \$514.00 per person, paid by the coaches. The cost of the workshop is \$499.00. The total cost to the district is \$499.00.

12.05 Athletic Trip

Motion to approve Ms. Kimberly Foster, Coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Cheerleaders to travel to Garden City, New Jersey on December 8, 2019 for the UCA National Qualifier. The cost of transportation is \$73.50 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$37.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

12.06 Student Club Trips

Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club students to travel to Albrightsville, Pennsylvania on December 7, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$25.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$50.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Motion to approve Dr. Douglas Killough, Teacher, to accompany 45 National Honor Society students to travel to Washington, District of Columbia on December 18, 2019 to visit monuments and memorials. The cost of transportation is \$50.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$50.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club students to travel to Tannersville, Pennsylvania on January 4, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$25.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$50.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club students to travel to Killington, Vermont from January 10 to January 12, 2020. The cost of

transportation is \$150.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity and lodging is \$400.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club students to travel to Macungie, Pennsylvania on January 17, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$25.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$50.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club students to travel to Macungie, Pennsylvania on February 7, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$25.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$50.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

12.07 Clubs

Motion to approve the Film Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to show students the process of film making and to be able to teach film work and editing. The club advisor is Mrs. Jessica Protesto.

Motion to approve the MN Codes Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to create an atmosphere in which students can come in and develop their passion and interests towards computer science and software development. The club advisor is Ms. Shannon Walsh.

12.08 Donation

Motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School PTO Donation of one Halsey Taylor HydroBoost Bottle Filling Station, Model No. HTHB-HAC8BLPV-WF at a cost of \$1445.50. This will be purchased from DN Supply Company and installed in the high school music area.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker

12.09 Grant Submission

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the submission of a grant through Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for a school-wide behavior program called Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) for Paxon Hollow Middle School. PBIS is an evidence based approach to improve student outcomes, reduce exclusionary discipline and improve teacher outcomes. There are three tiers of support to meet all of the student's needs. The staff at Paxon Hollow Middle School will receive ongoing professional development by the DCIU throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional termination(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Kylie Klos – LTS Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: November 27, 2019
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: November 4, 2019
Reason: End of Assignment

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.03 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) James Wetling - Custodian
Operations Department/ Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: November 15, 2019
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Megan Rooney – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 25, 2019
Reason: Resignation

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.04 Leaves

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Lisa Spencer – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: November 22, 2019 through January 24, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave: November 22, 2019 through January 17, 2020
FMLA: November 22, 2019 through January 24, 2020

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.05 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Brittany Milia – Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Return Date: November 18, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 2) Pamela Sarikianos – School Counselor
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: November 4, 2019
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Billker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Lisa Connelly – School Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: October 21, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.06 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Joan McCaffrey – Substitute Nurse
District – Pupil Services Department
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: October 23, 2019
- 2) Jennifer Moffett – Substitute Nurse
District – Pupil Services Department
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: October 23, 2019
- 3) Joceyln Smith – LTS School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$53,369.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: December 3, 2019 through March 18, 2020
Reason: Kylie Kusturiss (Medical/FMLA)

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 8.

- 1) Irma DiValerio – Classified Substitute
Food Services Department
Salary: TDB by assignment
Effective: October 23, 2019
Replacing: As Needed
- 2) Anne Marie Donahue – Classified Substitute
Food Services Department
Salary: TDB by assignment
Effective: October 23, 2019
Replacing: As Needed
- 3) Matthew Brown - Custodian
Operations Department/ Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$18.07 per hour
Effective: October 28, 2019
Replacing: James Wetling (Resignation)
- 4) Jason Bush - Special Education Assistant

Culbertson Elementary School
 Salary: \$15,208.00
 Effective: October 23, 2019
 Replacing: Briana Graziola (Resignation)

- 5) Alison Soria - Special Education Assistant
 Culbertson Elementary School
 Salary: \$15,208.00
 Effective: October 23, 2019
 Replacing: Elisa Reynolds (Reassignment)
- 6) Nadine DiMario - Special Education Assistant
 Russell Elementary School
 Salary: \$15,208.00
 Effective: November 4, 2019
 Replacing: Megan Rooney (Resignation)
- 7) Daniel Gross - Bus Aide
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$16.98 per hour
 Effective: October 23, 2019
 Replacing: Alfred Parise (Retirement)
- 8) Elise Marino – Classified Substitute
 Food Services Department
 Salary: TDB by assignment
 Effective: October 23, 2019
 Replacing: As Needed

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0
 Absent: Mr. Baker

13.07 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers, item(s) 1:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1.	Katie Gallen	MNHS	Custodian	PHMS	Custodian

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0
 Absent: Mr. Baker

13.08 Supplemental Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel, pending the completion

of all necessary pre-employment requirements, to activity contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.09 Position Creation

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Special Education Assistant position at an annual salary of \$15,208.00, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement. This position, with initial assignment at Russell Elementary School, will provide a day-to-day presence to assist with supporting compliance with students' Individual Education Plans (I.E.P.) effective November 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. Baker, Mr. Reynolds asked for the following motions

14.02 Bills for Payment

Motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,481,454.69, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$19,001.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$2,319,267.41, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$38,355.52.

14.03 Monthly Reports

Motion to approve monthly financial reports for August 2019, Budget Transfers and Treasurer's Report for July 2019 and August 2019.

Informational item monthly financial report for September 2019.

14.04 Capital Projects

Motion to commit \$4,700,000.00 excess fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the transfer of funds during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion were made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Reynolds asked for the following motions

15.02 Culbertson Elementary School Renovation Project Change Order - Rooftop Equipment Automatic Temperature Controls (ATC)

Motion to approve the change order for the Culbertson Elementary School Renovation Project, item(s) 1.

- 1) Change Order MC-01 Total: \$24,000.00. Seven (7) Aeon Thermal Recovery Units and four (4) Aeon Roof Top Units to allow control of units through the CM3 Building Solutions, Inc. ATC system. The cost is in accordance with Tri-County Mechanical, Inc. proposal dated September 26, 2019, in the amount of \$24,000.00, to be processed through Change Order MC-01. Cost includes the addition of two controllers and expansion cards and four duct mounted sensors.

15.03 Loomis Elementary School Renovation Project Change Order - Rooftop Equipment Automatic Temperature Controls (ATC)

Motion to approve the change order for the Loomis Elementary School Renovation Project, item(s) 1.

- 1) Change Order MC-01 Total: \$24,000.00. Eight (8) Aeon Thermal Recovery Units and three (3) Aeon Roof Top Units to allow control of units through the CM3 Building Solutions, Inc. ATC system. The cost is in accordance with Five Star Inc. proposal dated September 25, 2019, in the amount of \$24,000.00, to be processed through Change Order MC-01. Cost includes the addition of two controllers and expansion cards and four duct mounted sensors.

Motions were made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was none

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that the Pennsylvania Youth study was completed and that the start time for High School is beneficial. This is something that Radnor is starting next year.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was none

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the Board Mr. Siano

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary