

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL 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

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: 1

Audience: 26

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. PRESENT**

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

**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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Vacancy: 1

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

There was none

**6. INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES TO FILL SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MATTHEW CATANIA**

Four candidates applied for the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Matthew Catania. Three of the candidates attended the meeting and each made a presentation to the Board.

## 7. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATE

Mr. Sereni explained the procedure to the audience.

- There are 7 members present for this vote
- When a motion for a nomination is made there is no need for a second
- If there is more than one motion for a nomination, the candidates would be listed at A, B, C in the order of nomination
- The President of the Board would make a motion to call the vote
- The first candidate to receive 5 votes would fill the vacancy, voting would then end

Mr. Altieri nominated Nicholas Siano

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to close the nominations

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Vacancy: 1

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to fill the vacancy with Nicholas Siano

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Vacancy: 1

## 8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Community member asked since this is only a 45 day commitment, if Mr. Baker resigns would Mr. Siano automatically fill that position.

Response: There is no knowledge of Mr. Baker resigning

## 9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

The Board thanked those who applied for this vacancy

## 10 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

**Note:** Mr. Siano was sworn in prior to the next meeting by Judge Barry Dozer.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary