

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 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. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone

Press: 0

Audience: 11

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the previous meeting

3. PRESENT

Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco

5 members present

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

There was a change in the wording for the motion under motion 12.04 Athletic Trips

“the cost of transportation is \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00 paid by the boosters, \$500.00 paid by the student”

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was none

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Fay gave the following report:

- Student Council went to Wells Fargo Center to present 3,000 cans for the Kan Jam
- Lip Dub was completed before break, each class decorated the halls and wore class colors

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bilker advised the Board that Dr. Kane was attending a Superintendent's conference.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular Meeting, December 2, 2019 Special Meeting and the December 2, 2019 Reorganization/Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the one on one staffing agreement for Student No. 881429 attending Elwyn Davidson School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2019-2020 school year. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

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

12.02 Administrative Trip

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, Jennifer Cipollone, and Shane Elison, Counselors, to attend the 30th Annual Symposium Pathways to Career Readiness

Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on February 13 and February 14, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$232.00. The cost of the conference is \$540.00. The cost of lodging is \$320.00. The total cost to the District is \$1,092.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

12.03 Club Trips

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve a change to an October 22, 2019 board approved trip for Michael Snow and the Ski and Outdoor Club. Original date was January 10 through January 12, 2020 to Killington, Vermont. The new date is for January 24 through January 26, 2020 to White Face Mountain Lake Placid, New York. Reason for the change of date and destination is that they use Banchi Outdoor Adventure to provide busing. This year they had a very large group fill most of their bus to Killington. This group ended up being too big to fit on that bus and they tried to pair them up with other groups in a second bus. They found that their efforts did not work out so they were not be able to accommodate them on that trip. All costs remain the same and there is no cost to the District.

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Dr. Douglas Killough, Teacher, to accompany the High School International Relations, National Honor Society and Model United Nations Clubs to travel to the United Nations in New York on April 23, 2020 to learn the history, functions and role of the United Nations. The cost of transportation is \$45.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$21.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

12.04 Athletic Trips

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve William Haines, Coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Baseball Team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 12 to March 16, 2020 to participate in scheduled games. The cost of transportation is \$444.00 per student athlete, paid by the students and the boosters. The cost of the activity including hotel and meals is \$316.00 paid by the student athlete and the boosters. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director/Coach, to

accompany the Marple Newtown High School Varsity Football Team to travel to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida from August 27 to August 30, 2020 to participate in team bonding and a scheduled game. The cost of transportation is \$1,500.00 per student athlete, \$1,000.00 paid by the Boosters, \$500.00 paid by the student. The cost of the activity including hotel and meals is \$500.00 per student athlete, paid by the students and the boosters. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

12.05 Student Trips

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, Counselor, Michael Winterbottom, Teacher, and Brian Isselmann, Teacher, to accompany the members of LINK to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, Pennsylvania from April 18 to April 20, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$25.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity including lodging and meals is \$150.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the District.

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, Counselor, Michael Winterbottom, Teacher, and Brian Isselmann, Teacher, to accompany the members of LINK to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, Pennsylvania from October 24 to October 26, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$25.00 per student, paid by the students. The cost of the activity including lodging and meals is \$175.00 per student, paid by the students. There is no cost to the District.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

13.02 Terminations

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

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional termination(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Aysel Tuna – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: January 17, 2020
Reason: End of Assignment

- 2) Collen Aiken – LTS Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 28, 2020
Reason: End of Assignment
- 3) Sean Vannicolo – LTS Physical Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: January 28, 2020
Reason: End of Assignment
- 4) Gerald Rodichok – Director of Pupil Services
Pupil Services Department
Effective: November 24, 2019
Reason: Deceased

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Arqile Gjeka – Substitute Custodian
Operations Department
Effective: January 8, 2020
Reason: No longer available for assignments

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.03 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Paula Horton – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 27, 2019
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.04 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Denise Chamoun – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2020 through January 31, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Marianna Hamilton – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2020 through January 24, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave
- 2) Catherine Gallagher – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 9, 2019 through January 10, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave
- 3) Brian Gardner – Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 16, 2019 through February 7, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.05 Return from leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Denise King - Elementary Teacher

Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: January 13, 2020
Returning from: Medical Leave

- 2) Mary Murphy – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: January 27, 2020
Returning from: FMLA
- 3) Amy Miller – Physical Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: January 27, 2020
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Wayne Morton – Custodian (part-time)
Administrative Building
Return Date: December 9, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.06 Appointments

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 4.

- 1) Kayla Amoroso - Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$15,208.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: December 9, 2019
Replacing: Rebecca Moldoff (Resignation)
- 2) Colleen Caruso - Title I Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary \$16.03 per hour

Effective: January 8, 2020
Replacing: Theresa Tanzilli (Resignation)

- 3) LeeAnn Kelly - Van Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$24.51 per hour
Effective: January 2, 2020
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 11/26/2019)
- 4) Marina LaVecchio – Classified Substitute
Pupil Services Department
Salary: TDB by assignment
Effective: January 2, 2020
Replacing: As Needed

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.07 Extended School Year (ESY) 2020

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2020 ESY Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Marykate O’Connell – ESY Coordinator
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: March 4, 2020 through August 2, 2020
Reason: 2020 ESY Program
- 2) Nina DerHagopian – ESY Coordinator
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: March 4, 2020 through August 2, 2020
Reason: 2020 ESY Program

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.08 Chester County Intermediate Unit

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Scope of Work request, as presented, and subject to the review and approval of final language by the Solicitor, with Chester County

Intermediate Unit (CCIU) to provide the District with a qualified per diem substitute Director of Pupil Services to fill the administrative vacancy in the Marple Newtown School District Pupil Services Department. This agreement is effective from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, or until the District can secure a full-time replacement for this position.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

13.09 MNESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Education Support Professional Association (MNESPA) Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Kathryn V. Chandless, Chairperson

In the absence of Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Bilker gave the following report

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,183,750.81, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$47,745.50, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$1,896,367.79, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$135,312.12.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October 2019 and November 2019, Budget Transfers for November 2019 and December 2019.

Informational item monthly financial report for December 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

14.04 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio No. 25-00-02995-03 in the amount of \$336.01.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions

Motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio No. 25-00-01973-27 in the amount of \$626.17.

Motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio No. 30-00-02274-03 in the amount of \$424.20.

Motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio No. 25-00-02148-00 in the amount of \$339.55.

Motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-00494-01 in the amount of \$437.99.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

14.05 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Proposed Preliminary Budget for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$93,550,000.00 as presented on form PDE 2028 pursuant to Act 1 of 2006, and to authorize the Business Administrator to publish notice that it is available for public inspection. The Preliminary Budget will be formally adopted at the regular scheduled meeting on January 28, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

15.02 Bus Lease (2020-2021 school year)

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the three (3) year bus lease agreement with Santander Bank and to approve the related agreement with Wolfington Body Company, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the original lease agreement approved on February 26, 2013. This three (3) year lease provides 40 buses and 40 cameras, the District will own the cameras at the end of the three (3) year lease, at an annual lease cost of \$424,000.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was none

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was none

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was none

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There was none

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary