

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Present

Board: Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matt Bilker, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. John McKenzie

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

Press: 0

Audience: 17

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM and Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Additions to the Agenda

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

There was none

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reynolds asked for the approval of the minutes as presented.

With no further discussion, the minutes were approved

4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities

A. Discussion: Field Project Update

Mr. Gallagher gave the following report:

- Met with Newtown Supervisors and presented sketches of the plans for the fields

- Will meet with Bonnett, Athletic Director and the coaches
- Will be getting ready for the zoning board in September

B. Discussion – Culbertson and Loomis Elementary School design update

Mr. Medica gave the following report:

- This will be the August review for Culbertson
- New addition to back of school
- Additional parking
- Dedicated bus loop
- Student drop off to go directly into the school from bus lane
- Parent drop off made cleaner
- Path way through parking lot with a gate
- Additional visitor parking when busses are not on site
- New handicap parking
- Extend the drive way to back of property
- This will required land development
- Will have increase of 25 spaces in the front, 40 in the back
- Small addition to the front of the school
- Explained proposed floor plan
- Large group instruction rooms could become classroom
- Building will get a full renovation
- New Office suite
- Gym and Library should be fine
- Classroom will be stripped down and get new lighting, windows, handicap accessible, data and heating and air condition.
- Classroom doors will be replaced
- Plan for Loomis
- Parent/bus drop off some minor changes to the flow
- Modifications to the playground area
- Class rooms renovated, all systems to be addressed just like Culbertson
- Nurses office will be updated
- Offices to be renovated
- There is room for 2 additional classrooms
- If they are required the Cafeteria expansion is possible
- Loomis will have extensive outside repairs
- Systems renovated at Loomis as well
- Culbertson will not need the same repairs as Loomis on the outside
- Loomis will get extensive work on the outside
- Updated the budget
- Broke down with renovation cost and new construction cost

- There is some soft cost added into this budget
- Working through Act 34 process ~ Culbertson would fit under this requirement
- Bathrooms will be renovated. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will get new bathrooms

Brief discussion regarding the budget for borrowing. There are various ways, maybe borrowing \$40 million and take \$5 million from Capital. But we want to be careful. Mr. Driscoll will do an analysis for the Board.

C. Mr. Reynolds asked to take to the Full Board a Recommendation for the motion to approve Petrikin, Wellman, Damico, Brown and Petrosa Attorneys & Counselors At Law to represent the School District in the zoning and land development issues at both Culbertson and Loomis Elementary Schools for the rate of \$250.00 per hour for all the time expended on these projects.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Transportation

A. Opening of School: Bussing schedule issues (no specific agenda items)

Mr. Orwig explained the following:

- Wanted to apologize for the errors that occurred
- Wanted to explained the issues of the bussing for the first week of school
- These are no excuses but the explanation of what happened
- That there was a lack of quality control
- Also there was a lack of communication
- There was some software problems
- Gave an explanation of the Transfinder software

Mr. Orwig then turned it over to Mr. Dodds for explanations. Mr. Dodds explained the following:

- The system to assign the students
- There was a crossover of data bases
- ESY route was done and went off without a hitch
- At this time they are manually entering students
- New developments have been a challenge
- Here comes the Bus is on hold. No time line yet, will keep the Board up to date
- This feature will not work until the routes are done

- Once things are smoothed out, start looking at the software and reset to correct routes, having better quality control
- Next year will work on a strict timeline, having done by August 7th so that can be straighten out before problems occur
- Wanted to thank his staff for working on getting the problems solved
- Was working with different systems, there was a manmade system, and two other data bases were produced in Transfinder
- All corrections will be made and will work for the start of the next school year

5. Other Business

Mr. Reynolds requested that Back to School Nights not be held on a Board meeting nights.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.