

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, January 8, 2019
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Administration: Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. James Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Dr. Heather Logue, Dr. Gerald Rodichok

Press: 0

Audience: 7

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the previous meeting

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, 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. Bilker, seconded by Mr. McKenzie

Mr. Baker had one change ~ 14.07, wording changed from Preliminary Budget Adoption to a Resolution not to exceed the Index.

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

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

The Junior class officers gave the following report:

- The High School just finished their Lip Dub project for this year
- Students adopted children for the holiday season to help make their Christmas and Holiday better
- Seniors are finishing up applications for college
- Blood drive is January 22nd.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was none

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

There was none

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Individual Instruction contract for Student No. 882715 to participate in a Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes program for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. This is a new contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Baker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Student No. 880253 to attend The Vanguard School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 881812 to attend Child Guidance Resource Centers for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Keystone Testing Schedule

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Keystone testing schedule for Spring 2019, as presented by Don Tabar at the November 20, 2018 Curriculum Instruction and Technology Committee meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

12.03 Ready to Learn Grant

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve utilization of funding through the Ready to Learn Grant for an audit of our ELA Curriculum.

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Retirements

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Howard McElhenny – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: March 31, 2019
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Marguerite Kelly – Special Education Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: June 14, 2019
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

13.03 Resignations

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Trung Tran – Desk-side Technician
Technology Department
Effective: January 11, 2019
Reason: Resignation

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Jennifer Brennan – Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 4, 2018
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Diane Kiewel – Classified Substitute
District-wide
Effective: December 4, 2018
Reason: Resignation

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

13.04 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Sophie Martin – Gifted Support Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 29, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Colin Hannan – Social Studies Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 7, 2019 through February 1, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave

- 3) Amy Miller – Health and Physical Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: First semester of the 2019-2020 school year (specific dates to be determined)
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 4) Thomas DiMeo – Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 2, 2019 through March 7, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave
- 5) Margaret Makela - Librarian
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Intermittent FMLA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Avril Ponting – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: January 7, 2019 through January 28, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

13.05 Return from Leave

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Gladys Palazzo – Van Driver
Transportation Department
Return Date: December 5, 2018
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 2) Cheryl Cardoni – Van Driver
Transportation Department
Return Date: January 2, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

- 3) Andrea Tamaccio – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Return Date: January 10, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 4) LeeAnn Kelly – Bus Aide
Transportation Department
Return Date: January 2, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion as made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

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.

- 1) Alexa Acchione – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$45,809.00 (pro-rated; BA-Step 1)
Effective: January 30, 2019
Reason: Replacing Donna Dickey (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

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) June Eicholz - Health Room Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$11.33 per hour
Effective: January 2, 2019
Replacing: Christine Williams (Reassignment)
- 2) Michael Carroll – Classified Substitute
District/Operations Department
Salary: TBD by assignment
Effective: January 2, 2019
Reason: As Needed

- 3) Aquile Gjeka – Classified Substitute
District/Operations Department
Salary: TBD by assignment
Effective: January 2, 2019
Reason: As Needed
- 4) Tetyana Khudyakov – Classified Substitute
District/Food Services Department
Salary: TBD by assignment
Effective: January 2, 2019
Reason: As Needed
- 5) William Bradley - Bus Aide
Transportation Department
Salary: \$16.57 per hour
Effective: January 22, 2019
Replacing: Rosalie Stickney (Retirement)
- 6) Blaine Vogel - Bus Aide (Temporary Assignment)
Transportation Department
Salary: \$16.57 per hour
Effective: January 2, 2019 through June 14, 2019
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 11/27/2018)
- 7) Fellenxa Ciraku - Custodian
Operations Department/Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$16.56 per hour
Effective: January 9, 2019
Replacing: Jennifer Brennan (Resignation)
- 8) James Sonzogni - Maintenance Worker
Operations Department
Salary: \$28.51 per hour
Effective: January 9, 2019
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 2/27/2018)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,093,427.61, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$860,864.70, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$192,465.29.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October 2018 and November 2018, Budget Transfers for November 2018, and Treasurer's Report for November 2018.

Informational item monthly financial report for December 2018.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

14.04 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept a check for \$439.00 from the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation awarded to Elizabeth Landes, for a Teacher Mini Grant to help fund Innovative Educational experiences for our students.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$1,630.90 check from William Culbertson PTO for Venture Grants for Culbertson Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

14.05 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-02294-21 in the amount of \$854.61.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

14.06 Board Policy

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Policy No. 006 Local Board Procedures, first reading.

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

Mr. Driscoll explained that the Board would be seeing this type of motion on the agenda for a period of time due to PSBA requesting that all Board procedures are reviewed and revised as needed.

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

14.07 Act 1 Resolution

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adopt the resolution, pursuant to Section 311 of Act 1, limiting the increase in the rate of tax for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to no more than the Index of 2.3%, as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the School District.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve Winter Engine–Generator Service, Inc., 715 Vogelsong Road, York, Pennsylvania 17404, for a one year preventive maintenance agreement for generators district-wide in the amount of \$7,845.00. This will include oil changes, filters and load bank testing.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci

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, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary