

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 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

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: 0

Audience: 5

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called to order at 7:38 P.M. and asked for a moment of silence in memory of William Murphy

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, 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. Bilker, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

Mr. Reynolds had one change to 15.02, change of amount

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

Mr. Driscoll explained that this was moved to next month.

7. COMMENDATIONS

2018-2019 MNEA Teacher of the Year

Mr. Driscoll explained that this was moved to next month.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was none

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Driscoll introduced Mr. Beltrante who spoke of Mr. William Murphy (Murph) who suddenly passed away on January 18th.

Mr. Beltrante addressed the Board and the audience about Bill Murphy, Murph as he was called, who suddenly passed away on January 18th. Mr. Beltrante said that Murph was with the school district, working at the High School as the woodshop teacher for 22 years. He spoke of how his co-ed classes were always packed. He was also once the Freshman Football coach along with his friend Dave Beasley. He loved his students and the love was returned to him. Murph stayed in touch with former students, always attended High School and College graduation parties. Former students would come back and visit with Murph to talk about what was going on in their lives. Murph always showed a true interest in what the students had to say. Murph loved the Eagles and Marple Newtown. Mr. Beltrante shared the story of his first day at the High School as Principal. When he got to school his parking space sign has been change to say Eagles ~ everyone knows that Mr. Beltrante is a Giants fan. It was Murph who made that change. There is a memory box being made by his students and will be painted by the Art department. If anyone would like to share a memory they can put it in the box. The box will then be given to Murph's family.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 Regular Meeting, December 3, 2018 Reorganization/Regular Meeting and January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

Mr. Bilker has one correction on the November 27th minutes. The date in 13.11 should be June 30, 2022.

Mrs. Baker will make that correction before minutes are posted on the website.

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

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 883214 to attend the Melmark School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 006 Meetings, as presented.

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

Mrs. Chandless asked that this motion be tabled until the Board can review further.

With no further discussion motion to table passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Course Addition

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the addition of Career Pathways as a 10th grade, one semester mandatory course, beginning with the class of 2022.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

12.03 Administrative/Teacher Conferences

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Matthew Oberecker, supervisor, to travel to the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C) in Hershey, Pennsylvania on February 11 and February 12, 2019. Mr. Oberecker is a presenter so the cost of the conference and lodging are covered by PETE & C. The cost of transportation is \$44.91. The total cost to the district is \$44.91.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Christina Rainville, teacher, and Christina Brennan,

librarian, to attend the X-Stem conference in Washington, District of Columbia on March 19, 2019. The teachers are investigating whether this conference is worthwhile to bring students in the future. The cost of the conference is \$40.00. The cost of transportation is \$156.00. The total cost to the district is \$196.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve M. Noelle Newton, counselor, to attend the Social Thinking Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on April 29 and April 30, 2019. The cost of transportation and lodging is being paid by Ms. Newton. The cost of the conference is \$431.99. The total cost to the district is \$431.99.

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

Mr. DeNucci questioned why the district was not paying for the transportation and lodging for Ms. Newton when cost for others is paid.

Was not sure why, will asked Dr. Gretchen to get further information. Will pay those cost later once that information is received. Have time before the conference, the conference is no until April.

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

12.04 Student Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Anita Stum, teacher, to accompany eight high school students to attend the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from April 8 to April 10, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$899.79. The cost of the hotel and meals is \$174.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$850.00 for registration fee. The total cost to the district for transportation and registration is \$1,749.79.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Dr. Douglas Killough, teacher, to accompany 90 high school students from the American History Class and National Honor Society to travel to Washington, District of Columbia on April 17, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$40.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$6.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve a change to a trip to Allentown, Pennsylvania already approved by the School Board on November 27, 2018. The elementary honors choir will be joining the middle school music department to travel to Dorney Park on May 31, 2019. The elementary school choir will perform at a local high school for an adjudication and will participate in the awards ceremony. The cost of the activity will be \$46.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of transportation will be \$26.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

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

12.05 Club Trip

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany members of the Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Bear Creek in Macungie, Pennsylvania on February 8, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$500.00 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 was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

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

12.06 Athletic Trip—Date Change

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve a change of time for the Cheerleading Trip already approved by the School Board on August 28, 2018. They will be competing in Florida and the time for their competition is 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2019. They needed to move their flight to Thursday morning from Thursday afternoon, February 7, 2019.

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

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

12.07 Disposal of 5th Grade Books at Russell School

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the following books for disposal or donation:

Title-Pathways to Adventure – 1 book
Pub. Date- 2001 (Harcourt)
Subject-Reading/Language Arts

Title-United States-Adventure in Time and Place – 9 books
Pub. Date-1997 (Macmillan/McGraw Hill)
Subject-Geography/History

Title-Dictionary (Intermediate) – 10 books
Pub. Date- 1983 (Houghton-Mifflin)
Subject - Dictionary

Title-School Dictionary (Merrian-Webster's) – 3 books
Pub. Date- 1995 (Merrian-Webster)
Subject - Dictionary

Title-Webster's New World Dictionary – 2 books
Pub. Date - 1993-Modern Curriculum Press
Subject - Dictionary

Title-Scholastic Children's Dictionary – 4 books
Pub. Date - 1996 (Scholastic Inc.)
Subject - Dictionary

Title-Mathematics – 2 books
Pub. Date - 2002 (McGraw-Hill)
Subject - Math

Title-Story Town – 2 books
Pub. Date - 2008 (Harcourt)
Subject-Reading/Writing

Title-Dictionary – 2 books
Pub. Date - 1993 - (Thorndike-Barnhart)
Subject - Dictionary

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

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

12.08 Disposal of Spanish Books at Marple Newtown High School

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the following books for disposal or donation:

Abriendo Puertas: Lenguaje (22 copies)
© 2007 by McDougal Littell
ISBN 978-0-618-63342-5

Abriendo Puertas: Antologia de literatura en espanol Tomo I
(16 copies)
© 2003 by McDougal Littell
ISBN 0-618-22206-5

Abriendo Puertas: 9Antologia de literature en espanol Tomo II
(21 copies)
© 2003 by McDougal Littell
ISBN 0-618-22207-3

Conexiones Comunicacion y cultura Third edition (20 copies)
© 2006 by Pearson Education
ISBN 0-13-194460-6

Album Second Edition (25 copies)
© 1993 by D. C. Health and Company
ISBN 0-669-17379-7

En Espanol Tres Workbook (very gently used) (36 copies)
© McDougal Littell
ISBN 0-618-30462-2

Una Vez Mas (21 copies)
© 1982 Longman Inc.
ISBN 0-88334-164-6

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

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

12.09 Donation

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School PTO donation to purchase two Art displays for the Art Show in the amount of \$1,269.98 and ten monitors, mounts, and computers for the hallways in the amount of \$10,537.60.

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

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 Retirements

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Joseph Beal – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: February 28, 2019
Reason: Retirement

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

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

13.03 Resignations

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Andrew Dougherty – Grounds Supervisor
Operations Department
Effective: February 11, 2019
Reason: Resignation

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

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

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Erin O'Connell – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 28, 2019
Reason: Resignation

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

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

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Rita Horn – Office Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: February 1, 2019
Reason: Resignation

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

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

13.04 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 20, 2019
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) William Murphy – Industrial Arts/Technology Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 18, 2019
Reason: Deceased

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

Mr. Altieri spoke briefly about Murph and how much he and his sister loved being in his classes. He told the Board and the audience that while his sister advanced in those classes he did not, but he still loved to visit with him. He shared that when he passed the Bar examine he visited Murph and he had made him a pen with his name engraved on it.

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

13.05 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Andrew Davis – School Counselor
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 29, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: FMLA: January 29, 2019 through April 20, 2019
CRL: April 21, 2019 through June 17, 2019
- 2) Thomas DiMeo – Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 2, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Sick Leave: January 2, 2019 through June 17, 2019
FMLA: January 2, 2019 through March 23, 2019
- 3) Deborah Meenan – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: January 22, 2019 through March 26, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave
- 4) Margaret Makela - Librarian
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Sick Leave: January 2, 2019 through March 4, 2019
FMLA: January 2, 2019 through March 23, 2019
Unpaid Medical Leave: March 24, 2019 through June 17, 2019

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Andrew McDonald – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: January 21, 2019 through March 21, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave
- 2) Bruce Garner – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: January 9, 2019 through February 4, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave
- 3) Roxanne Sgro – Accounting Clerk (part-time)
Food Services Department
Effective: January 14, 2019 through February 15, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave
- 4) Lisa Massaro – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 14, 2019 through April 5, 2019
Reason: Sick Leave: January 14, 2019 through January 30, 2019
FMLA: January 14, 2019 through April 5, 2019
- 5) Avril Ponting – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: January 7, 2019 through February 18, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.06 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Tara Casertano – School Counselor
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: February 19, 2019
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave

- 2) Collin Hannan – Social Studies Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: February 4, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 3) Carylsue Caldwell – School Nurse
Loomis/Russell Elementary Schools
Return Date: January 28, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.07 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 4.

- 1) Grace Valarezo – LTS Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$48,602.00 (pro-rated; BA+24 – Step 1)
Effective: January 8, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Replacing Thomas DiMeo (Medical Leave)
- 2) Peter Simiriglio – LTS Gifted Education Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$53,069.00 (pro-rated; MA-Step 1)
Effective: January 30, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Replacing Sophie Martin (Child Rearing Leave)
- 3) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$53,069.00 (pro-rated; MA-Step 1)
Effective: February 21, 2019 through and including June 17, 2019
Reason: Replacing Andrew Davis (Medical Leave/FMLA/CRL)
- 4) Jessica McTaggart – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$45,809.00 (pro-rated; BA-Step 1)
Effective: January 17, 2019 through March 29, 2019
Reason: Replacing Deborah Meenan (Medical Leave)

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

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 3.

- 1) Darlene Barbee – Classified Substitute
District/Food Services Department
Salary: TBD by assignment
Effective: January 30, 2019
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Antonio Santangelo - Grounds Worker
Operations Department
Salary: \$17.03 per hour
Effective: February 11, 2019
Replacing: James Sonzogni (Reassigned to Maintenance Worker position)
- 3) Tetyana Khudyakov - Food Service Worker II
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$13.29 per hour
Effective: January 30, 2019
Replacing: Jennifer Straub (Reassignment; Mindy Zaleta's assignment)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.08 Extended School Year (ESY) 2019

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2019 ESY Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Jeffrey Kuciapinski – ESY Coordinator
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: March 4, 2019 through August 2, 2019
Reason: 2019 ESY Program
- 2) Nina DerHagopian – ESY Coordinator
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: March 4, 2019 through August 2, 2019
Reason: 2019 ESY Program

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.09 Tuition Reimbursement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the Act 93, MNEA, MNAA and MNESPA negotiated agreements, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.10 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2018-2019 school year. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

13.11 Tenure

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to record in the records of the Board the attainment of tenure and the awarding of a Professional Employee Contract to the following temporary professional employees who have been certified by the Superintendent of Schools as having completed three (3) years of satisfactory service in the Marple Newtown School District in accordance with Section 1108 of the School Code, item(s) 1.

1. Peter Weiss Paxon Hollow Middle School Achieved: January 30, 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

14.02 Bills for Payment

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

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,389,366.92, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$393,022.00, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$61,280.56.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Budget Transfers for January 2019.

Informational item monthly financial report for December 2018.

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

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

15.02 Act 34 Culbertson Renovations

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve a “maximum project cost” \$22,826,201.00 and a “maximum building construction cost” of \$4,639,262.00 for the Culbertson Elementary School renovation project, in accordance with the requirements of ACT 34 of 1973 as amended.

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

15.03 Bid Solicitations

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the Administration to solicit bids and place required advertisements by state law for the Culbertson and Loomis Elementary School renovation projects.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

15.04 Act 34 Hearing

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the ACT 34 hearing for Culbertson Elementary School, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker

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 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary