

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018
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, Mr. James Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher

Press: 0

Audience: 6

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

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

8 members present

Absent: Mr. Catania

Mrs. Chandless turned the meeting over to Mr. Driscoll

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

4.01 Board Secretary Joseph Driscoll calls for:

- a. Mr. Driscoll asked for nominations for President Pro Tem (no second required)

Mrs. Chandless nominated Mr. Altieri

- b. Mr. Driscoll called for vote

- c. Mr. Driscoll called for a roll call vote

Yes ~ Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds
Absent: Mr. Catania

4.02 Mr. Driscoll declared Mr. Altieri elected President Pro Tem.

5. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT FOR 2019

5.01 President Pro Tem calls for:

- a. Mr. Altieri called for nominations for President for 2019 (no second needed)

Mr. Bilker nominated Mrs. Chandless

- b. Mr. Altieri called for a vote

- c. Mr. Altieri called for a roll call vote

Yes ~ Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds
Absent: Mr. Catania

- d. Mr. Altieri, President Pro Tem declared Mrs. Chandless elected President for 2019.

5.02 Mrs. Chandless assumed chair.

6. ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2019

6.01 Newly-elected President calls for:

- a. Mrs. Chandless asked for nominations for Vice President for 2019 (no second needed)

Mr. Reynolds nominated Mr. Bilker

- b. Mrs. Chandless called for a vote

- c. Mrs. Chandless called for a roll call vote

Yes ~ Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds
Absent: Mr. Catania

6.02 Mrs. Chandless, President declared Mr. Bilker elected Vice President for 2019.

7. APPROVAL OF THE 2019 MEETING CALENDAR (Majority Vote)

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2019.

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

After a brief discussion, May 2019 meeting will be on the May 28, 2019 instead of May 22, 2019. Also, the Reorganization meeting on December 2, 2019 will start at 6:30 PM, the motion passed 8 – 0

Yes ~ 8

Absent: Mr. Catania

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary

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

Press: 0

Audience: 6

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

There was a moment of silence in honor of President George H. W. Bush

Members present: Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey

6 members present

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

4. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was none

5. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was none

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Driscoll reported that there was a request to use the High School Performance Art Center for a memorial service for a former teacher who recently passed away. The request was also made to waive the activity fee. The teacher was Mr. Larry McGriff who was with the district for over 35 years

After a brief discussion the Board approved the request. The Board will be contacted should there be any conflict with other events.

8. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

None

9. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to reappoint Mark A. Sereni, Esquire as Solicitor in accordance with the following fee structure:

attorney time:	\$190.00/hr. (increased from \$180.00/hr.)
legal assistant time:	\$95.00/hr. (increased from \$90.00/hr.)
retainer:	\$4,000.00/yr. (no increase)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to reappoint Raffaele Puppio as Special Education Counsel in accordance with the following fee structure:

attorney time:	\$190.00/hr. (increased from \$180.00/hr.)
paralegal services:	\$95.00/hr. (no increase)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

10. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

There are no Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee items for this agenda.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report - Matthew Bilker, Chairperson

11.02 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Tara Welch – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: December 7, 2018
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Louise Guillen – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: November 12, 2018
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Emma Coble – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: November 28, 2018
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

11.03 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Alyssa Qahash – LTS Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 8, 2019
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) Ashley Balerna – LTS Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: December 4, 2018
Reason: Reassignment from PHMS to Culbertson

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Juwan Hill-Ferguson – Classified Substitute
District-wide/Food Services Department
Effective: November 27, 2018
Reason: Failed to complete required employment paperwork

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

11.04 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Brittany Sanford - Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 9, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Courtney Spinelli – School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 26, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave: January 26, 2019 through June 17, 2019
- 3) Traci Dubs - French Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 29, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave: April 29, 2019 through June 10, 2019
FMLA: April 29, 2019 through June 17, 2019

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

11.05 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Donna Sperone – Security/Safety Personnel (part-time position)
Paxon Hollow Middle School and Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$15.94 per hour
Effective: December 4, 2018
Reason: Michael Baker (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

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 3.

- 1) Kylie Kusturiss – LTS School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$53,069.00 (pro-rated; MA – Step 1)
Effective: January 30, 2019 through June 17, 2019
Reason: Replacing Courtney Spinelli (Medical Leave)
- 2) Kelly Miller – Reading Specialist
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$59,257.00 (pro-rated; MA-Step 4)
Effective: January 30, 2019
Reason: Replacing Helene Duckett (Retirement)
- 3) Ashley Balerna – LTS Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$53,069.00 (MA-Step 1; pro-rated)
Effective: January 2, 2019 through and including June 17, 2019
Reason: Replacing Brittany Sanford (Medical/FMLA/CRL)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

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 and 2.

- 1) Christine Williams - Secretary (10.5 month position)
Paxon Hollow Middle School

Salary: \$21,340.00 (pro-rated)
 Effective: December 10, 2018
 Replacing: Lisa Harrington (Resignation)

- 2) Michael Kneafsey - Grounds Worker
 Operations Department
 Salary: \$17.03 per hour
 Effective: December 10, 2018
 Replacing: David Engelbrecht (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
 Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

11.06 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers, effective December 10, 2018, item(s) 1.

Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
1. Kimberly Hewes	MNHS	Special Education Asst.	Culbertson	Special Education Asst.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
 Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

12.01 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-00240-00 in the amount of \$268.84.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
 Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-03594-00 in the amount of \$201.38.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
 Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-04902-00 in the amount of \$251.55.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-02565-01 in the amount of \$234.19.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Catania, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

There are no Facilities and Transportation Committee items for this agenda.

14. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was none

15. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was none

16. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was none

17. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A community member wanted to address her concerns with the Board on the field projects. She was there on behalf of her parents to live next to the fields. Her concerns were:

- The sound system which could be extremely loud
- There are major problems that need to be addressed
- There are up to 77 games played
- Concerned with the lighting and the speaker system
- Having both fields lit at the same time is a concern
- There is a concern about parking
- Also a concern for the older neighbors
- Question of who would be taking care of the landscape
- Is it possible to have home plate moved
- Would it also be possible to restrict the calling of the games
- Would be possible to have the speakers go towards the fields
- The neighbors feel as though they have been blindsided, not knowing the scope of the project
- Should have had a meeting with the neighbors,
- Notify the neighbors prior to planning

There was a brief discussion regarding the length of time that this planning has been on going

18. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There was none

19. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary