

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Present

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

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

Press: 0

Audience: 6

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:56 PM and stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Budget and Finance Meeting.

1. Additions to the Agenda

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

There was none

2. Approval of Minutes

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

With no further discussion, the minutes were approved

3. Informational/Discussion Items

Mr. Reynolds asked for the motion be taken to the full Board for approval

A. Recommendation for the motion to approve Winter Engine – Generator Service, Inc., for one year preventive maintenance agreement in the amount of \$7,845.00.

Will take to the full Board for approval

B. Discussion: Bonnet & Associates

- 1) Lower Fields Project
- 2) Culbertson and Loomis Elementary renovations

Mr. Medica gave the following report:

Fields Project

- Have approval of planning commission
- This just to refresh what was presented in October
- Showed the layout of the fields
- Spoke with neighbors about the netting ~ agreed to remove a portion of the netting
- Showed detail of field house
- On track to move forward
- Will start project once baseball season is over

Culbertson

- Go back to the planning commission on January 24th
- Board of Supervisors on January 28th
- Showed site plan
- There was a change to the parking lot
- Discussed Act 34 ~ 20% of project
- Will have adjusted cost at January Regular meeting
- Outside of the building will look all the same
- Cafeteria will be bigger – moving the stage
- The health suite will be moved
- Will have dedicated Music room
- Alternate bid has additional classroom
- Storage room near playground
- Some Classroom have ADA bathroom ~ all hallway bathrooms will be ADA compliant. All classrooms will have student dedicated lockers
- Timeline would be over 2 summers ~ summer of 2019, completed for September 2020 start

Loomis

- Planning commission this month
- Board of Supervisors in February
- Wider parking lot with extra parking on side of school
- Cafeteria expansion – extra seating
- Dedicated conference room
- Enclose main office area
- Dedicated Music room ~ presently used as the faculty room

- Faculty room would be in the new addition
- Update appliances in the cafeteria
- Classrooms would be the same as Culbertson
- Work done over 2 summers – would be using 4 additional modular classrooms
- Will work with Principal to relocate students during construction

4. Transportation

Updates:

A. Stokes Equipment (snow scraper system) update

Mr. Dodds reported that there was a \$500.00 increase in cost. Footer to be put in, shipped in mid-February

B. Conversations continue with representatives from Wolfington Company regarding the bus lease for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Dodds reported that the conversation is ongoing, talking about onboard camera system what that would look like

C. Status of 2019-2020 bus routes

Mr. Dodds reported that the process is on time and going well. Elementary is almost done

D. Presentation of district-wide communications needs (Mr. Mark Dodds and Mr. Barry Williams)

Mr. Dodds and Mr. Williams gave a brief presentation on the Simulcast network.

Mr. Dodds reported that this would work well with the school buses. That the Principal/Secretary's in the schools would be able to communicate directly with the bus driver should students miss a bus or if the buses are going to be delayed. This would elevate any middle person and save time.

Mr. Williams reported that this system would be a huge help with security. He would be able to communicate for example directly to Dr. Kane at Paxon Hollow. He gave an example of when we had the snow earlier in the school year, he was unable to communicate with Mr. Beltrante who was at the front of the school while he was in the back of the school. Both were

trying to make sure that students were dismissed safely and they could not communicate with one another using a cell phone or the present radio's being used.

5. Other Business

There was none

6. Public Comment

Several residents in the Culbertson Elementary School area spoke, raising their concerns about the renovations. Some area of concern is the field and how much of that will be taken away. Also a major concern is the Storm Water Management. They were also concerned that the neighbors were not notified of the renovations that were planned. They are concerned that the gym will be do small, and the traffic on Goshen Road will not get any better. They were not supportive of this project as it is presented.

One parent spoke and said that he was in support of the new renovations, that the traffic pattern would improve so that the Principal would not be out on Goshen Road directing traffic. He also stated that the School Board has been planning these renovations for a long time and information has been on the website.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.