

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 10, 2018
Board Room, Administration Building

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. John McKenzie

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

Press: 0

Audience: 6

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions to the Agenda

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

There was none

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker asked that the minutes be approved as presented.

With no discussion the minutes were approved.

3. Bills for Payment

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund. Note: Food Service/Capital Fund Bills will be presented with the final voting agenda.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Financial Reports

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for February, informational for March and Budget Transfers.

Will take to the full Board for approval

5. Donations:

- a. Motion: To accept \$11,000.00 of equipment from the Marple Newtown Music Parent Association consisting of 4 Octave Set of Schulmerich Handbells, Video Monitor System for the Performing Arts center consisting of 4 Display Video Monitors, HMDI Splitter and Amplifier, Cat 6 Cabling and Mounting Hardware for the use at the High School.

Mr. Driscoll explained that Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Lee are working with Mr. Massimo and Mr. Vogel on the installation of the equipment .

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. 2018-2019 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

- a. Motion: To approve the resolution regarding the 2018-2019 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget in the Amount of \$9,133,557.00.

Mr. Driscoll explained that we are required to vote on the annual budget. Our portion is approximately \$69,000.00

Will take to the full Board for approval

7. 2018-2019 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Agreements

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To approve the agreement regarding the 2018-2019 Special Education Agreement in the amount of \$19,836,255.00. This amount is County wide.

Mr. Driscoll explained that our portion is about \$700,000.00 and the corrected amount will be on the School Board Minutes.

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. 2018-2019 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget

- a. Motion: To approve the resolution regarding the 2018-2019 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget in the amount of \$13,664,047.00

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is tuition based. Depends on the number of students that attend.

9. 2018-2019 Proposed Final Budget

- a. Motion: To adopt the 2018-2019 Proposed Final Budget and give the public notice that it is available for inspection.

Mr. Driscoll gave the following presentation:

- Voted to not exceed the Index
- Limited to 2.4% tax increase
- There will be changes in the next couple of months
- No Special Education cost increase
- PSERS exception if phasing out
- Explained the Revenue, Local, State, and Federal as well as the Homestead Credit
- No State budget
- Increase in PSERS which is shared with the State
- Tuition ~ other LEA Responsibilities for programs and services example at Devine Providence and Mellmark
- Transfer tax and interim tax
- Interest earnings are finally coming back
- Assessment growth
- Explained Expenses, biggest being Salaries and Benefits. Additional positions, contractual salaries, supplementals. There have been some savings in benefits. PSERS getting to the top of the projected increase. The Debt service and Special Education cost.
- Some additions to Security
- Health care is holding firm
- Leaving prescriptions are self-funding and leaving alone at this time

- Start to build debt service for future cost
- Board to vote in 2 weeks to put budget out for public inspection
- 2 meetings remaining to changes
- Final vote in June

Will take to the full Board for approval

10. Public Comment

There was a question regarding the Transportation Budget. Are you still being conservative?

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- Fuel cost is down
- Added some expense ~ GPS and other things
- Additional bus lease
- Most cost have been offset by with reduction of fuel
- Budget is based on current level of service

There was a question about the Capital Reserve ~ is it allocated for anything.

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- We allocate as we go
- Examples would be the field project and renovations
- The fields will be paid in cash
- End of the year normally put in three million, but is not always the case.
- Will be looking at a closer projection soon

11. Adjournment

Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.