

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Catania, Atsushi J. Baker, Matthew DeNucci, Nicholas Reynolds, Stavroula Kotrotsios

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. James Orwig, Mrs. Heather Logue

Press: 1

Audience: 15

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM and advised the audience that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey,

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Mr. Bilker had changes to the agenda in 13 Human Resource and Policy Committee

Mr. Baker had changes to the agenda in 14 Budget and Finance

With no further discussion motion was approved as amended 7 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Carey reported that Dianne Blicke, Teacher of the Year opened the welcome back assembly with a wonderful speech to teachers and administrators about the impact of teacher words and how important it is to value every student.

7. COMMENDATIONS

None

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Stipa and Ms. Fay gave the following report:

- Fall sports have started
- Back to School Night is September 28th at 7:00
- A Club Faire was held to highlight the clubs offered
- Homecoming and dance was a great success
- Youth night ~ all elementary schools invited

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cary gave the following reports

- We opened the school year with a presentation to all faculty and administration on Growth Mindset. The presenter, Jamie Pitcavage, was well-received and set us on a course for a positive school year.
- Congratulations to our three 2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students: David Ritchie, Kosta Tsingas, and Jenna Cooper. Congratulations to our 2018 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, David Li.
- Congratulations to our Homecoming Queen, Emely Ulu and our Homecoming King, Alex Moon.
- Watch for details about Bandarama which will be held in our high school stadium on October 14th. Our band performs around 9:00 PM and we are hosting eleven area bands beginning around 6:00 PM.
- Academic results from PSSA and Keystone Assessments from 2016-2017 will be presented at our October CIT meeting.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 882337 to attend the George Crothers Memorial School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2017-2018 school year. This is not a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement In Lieu of FAPE for Student No. 881337 to attend Lindamood Bell Academy. This agreement was prepared By Special Education Legal Counsel.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 881384 to attend Devereux Kanner, an Approved Private School (APS), for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Independent Provider contract with Bayada Home Health Care, to provide nursing services for Student No. 882337 as needed per the student's IEP for the 2017-2018 school year. This is not a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Independent Provider contract with Bayada Home Health Care, to provide nursing services for Student No. 882415 as needed per the student's IEP for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the chapter contract for the Best Buddies Program to be implemented at Paxon Hollow Middle School and Marple Newtown High School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Individual Services contract for Student No. 881337 to attend Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Student No. 880324, to attend the Melmark School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2017-2018 School year. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the agreement between the Marple Newtown School District and Westmoreland Intermediate Unit to provide web based application, checking three Medical Access Government databases to ensure employees and providers are not on excluded lists to provide Medical Access service. The total cost to the district will be \$500.00 per year. This is a new contract.

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

There was a brief discussion about this service. Mr. Driscoll explained the advantage to the district to have this service.

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Calendar

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the change of date for the high school graduation from June 12, 2018 to June 15, 2018 due to a change in the event planning at Neumann University.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.03 Donation

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to accept a donation from the Paxon Hollow Middle School PTO for an amount between \$12,000 and \$18,000 for the creation of a Maker Space in the Paxon Hollow Library Reference Room.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.04 Administrative Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Teri Werner to attend the Child Accounting Conference (ACAPA), from November 1 to November 3, 2017 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The total cost to the district will be \$936.00 which includes hotel, registration and mileage.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference (PASCD), on November 12 and November 13, 2017 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pitone is the president of PASCD so there is no cost for the conference registration. The total cost to the district will be \$230.25 which includes lodging and mileage.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.05 Disposal of Books for Paxon Hollow Middle School

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

125 - America: History of Our Nation
ISBN-13: 978-0133652697
2009 Pearson

489 - America: History of Our Nation workbook
ISBN-13: 978-0133699463
2009 Pearson

35 - A Message from Ancient Days
ISBN-13: 978-0618195534
2003 Houghton Mifflin

268 - Geography Alive! Regions and People
ISBN-13: 978-1583714263
2006 TCI

160 - Geography Alive! Regions and People workbook
ISBN-13: 978-1583714331
2006 TCI

107 - America's Past and Promise
ISBN-9780395867075
1997 McDougal Littell

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.06 Disposal of Books for Marple Newtown High School.

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

168 - Econ Alive: The Power to Choose
ISBN-13: 978-1-934534-26-7
2010 Teachers Curriculum Institute

112 - Government Alive: Power, Politics, and You
ISBN-13: 978-1-934534-01-4
2011 Teachers Curriculum Institute

168 - History Alive: Pursuing American Ideals
ISBN-13: 978-1-934534-51-9
2008 Teachers Curriculum Institute

85 - Principles of Economics
ISBN-13: 978-0-324-59113-0
2009 Cengage Learning

45 - The American Pageant, 14th Edition
ISBN-13: 978-0-547-16662-9
2010 Cengage Learning

28 -The American Pageant, 15th Edition
ISBN-13: 978-1-111-83106-6
2011 Cengage Learning

42 - Ways of the World: A Global History
ISBN-13: 978-0-312-64466-6
2010 Bedford/St. Martin's

399 - World History: Human Legacy
ISBN-13: 9780030791116
2008 Holt, Rinehart & Winston

55 - World History
ISBN-13: 978-0-495-56901-5
2008 Wadsworth Cengage Learning

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Retirement

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Stephanie Sarkissian – Reading Specialist
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: December 31, 2017
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Carolyn Paine – Secretary
Curriculum Department
Effective: June 30, 2018
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.03 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Vincent Coccia – LTS Industrial Arts/Technology Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: September 7, 2017
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 4, as amended

- 1) Denise Harmon – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: August 24, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Aljona Lamaj – Food Service Worker II
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: September 22, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Cheryl Falcone – Food Service Worker II
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: September 15, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Reason: Karen Galiffa – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: September 26, 2017
Reason: Accepted full-time position with MNMSD

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 7 – 0

13.04 Terminations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Ivy Buchanan – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: September 15, 2017
Reason: Deceased

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

Mrs. Harvey extended her sympathy to Ivy's family; she was a dedicated employee of the district for 35 years.

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.05 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Caitlyn Marcum – Middle School Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: October 23, 2017 through January 19, 2018
Reason: Medical Leave – October 23, 2017 through and including December 5, 2017
FMLA – October 23, 2017 through and including January 19, 2018
- 2) Gina Johnston – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: January 16, 2018 through April 13, 2018
Reason: Medical Leave – January 16, 2018 through and including February 5, 2018
FMLA – January 16, 2018 through and including April 13, 2018
- 3) Denise King – Gifted Support Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: August 28, 2017 through and including September 15, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments
- 4) Julie Samuels - Librarian
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: August 28, 2017 through and including October 3, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Howard McElhenny – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: August 28, 2017 through and including September 29, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments
- 2) Charles Jackson – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: August 28, 2017 through and including September 24, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments

- 3) Melissa Shelly – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: September 5, 2017 through and including
December 21, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave – September 5, 2017 through and including
September 28, 2017
FMLA – September 28, 2017 through and including
December 21, 2017
- 4) Dyan Peterson – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: September 25, 2017 through and including
October 17, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.06 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Julie Samuels - Librarian
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: October 4, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 2) Denise King – Gifted Support Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: September 18, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 3) MaryAlexis Fahnestock – Family and Consumer Science Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: September 25, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Michael DeRosa - Custodian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: September 12, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 2) Charles Jackson – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Return Date: September 25, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 3) Luke Heavens - Cook
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: October 2, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

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 and 3 as amended

- 1) Molly DiEnno – Speech Therapist
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$52,819.00 (pro-rated MA-Step 1 based upon official start date)
Effective: September 27, 2017 or start date contingent upon release from present employer
Reason: Replacing Gina Gelsomini (Resignation)
- 2) David Jackson – Middle School Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$48,352.00 (pro-rated BA+24 – Step 1)
Effective: October 19, 2017 through and including January 23, 2018
Reason: Replacing Caitlyn Marcum (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 3) Michael Pagliara – Industrial Arts/Technology Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$68,151.00 (pro-rated MA Step- 8 based upon official start date)
Effective: October 1, 2017 or start date contingent upon release from present employer
Reason: New position MNSD School Board approved 9/26/2017

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 7 – 0

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 as amended

- 1) Emma Coble – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Pupil Services
Department
Effective: September 27, 2017
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Robert Smith – Food Service Worker II
Food Services (Options Student)
Salary: \$7.25 per hour
Effective: September 27, 2016
Reason: DCIU Options Program
- 3) Holly Hannan - LTS Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 5, 2017 through and including
December 21, 2017
Replacing: Melissa Shelly (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 4) Tyler Cheyney - Equipment Mechanic
Operations Department/Transportation
Salary: \$27.88 per hour
Effective: September 27, 2017
Replacing: Brian McCormick (Resignation)
- 5) Megan Rooney - Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 27, 2017
Replacing: Daniel Lang (Resignation)
- 6) Teresa Ferry - Accounting Clerk (part-time)
Curriculum Department
Salary: \$13.79 per hour
Effective: September 27, 2017
Replacing: Deborah Boppell (Resignation)
- 7) Karen Galiffa - Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School

Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 27, 2017
Reason: Denise Harmon (Resignation)

- 8) Christine Williams - Health Room Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$11.14 per hour
Effective: October 10, 2017
Replacing: Margaret Keating (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 7 – 0

13.08 Board Policy – Second Reading

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 247 Anti-Hazing as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.09 Amended Job Descriptions

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the following job descriptions; Business Administrator, Director of Human Resources, Director of Operations, Athletic Director/Dean of Students, Middle School Assistant Principal, Coordinator of Assessment and Information Management as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 1

13.10 Position Reduction/Abolishment

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the reduction of one (1) Food Service Worker II position effective November 1, 2017.

Motion was by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Baker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.11 Position Creation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Food Service Worker I position at an hourly rate of \$14.09, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement effective November 1, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Classroom Assistant position assigned to Loomis Elementary School at an annual salary of \$11,055.00, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement effective September 27, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Industrial Arts/Technology Education teaching position assigned to Marple Newtown High School, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, due to increased curriculum offerings, effective September 27, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Temporary Secretary position assigned to the Transportation Department at a rate of \$12.83 per hour not to exceed 8 hours/day, 190 work days and June 30, 2018, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement effective October 9, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.12 Tuition Reimbursement

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.13 Salary Adjustments

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Marple Newtown Act 93 Confidential Employees salary changes effective July 1, 2017, item(s) 1 and 2. (The hourly rates for these two MNSD employees were misreported at the August 22, 2017, public meeting):

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| 1. Fred Hillard, Security Personnel | \$16.41 per hour to \$16.82 per hour |
| 2. Christopher Vandevere, Security Personnel | \$16.41 per hour to \$16.82 per hour |

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.14 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers effective September 8, 2017, item(s) 1 through 3:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1. Maureen Guyer	MNHS	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
2. Linda Duncan	Culbertson	Title I Assistant	Russell	Title I Assistant
3. Lisa Naughton	Culbertson	Title I Assistant	Loomis	Title I Assistant

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.15 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2017-2018 school year. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

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 \$10,495,211.12 Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$1,102,085.55 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$93,752.29.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for July 2017.

Informational item monthly financial reports for August 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.02 Tax Assessments

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to authorized and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 25-00-004498-00, 1600 Sproul Road, Marple Township tax assessment and exemption appeals as follows:

2015 \$5,424,000 assessment/\$8,000,000 Fair Market Value
2016 \$5,424,000 assessment/\$8,000,000 Fair Market Value
2017 \$5,200,000 assessment/\$8,000,000 Fair Market Value
2018 \$4,888,000 assessment/\$8,000,000 Fair Market Value

Aggregate annual tax dollar increase for the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Tax years:
\$253,694.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15. **FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

15.01 Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson
In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Catania gave the following report:

15.02 Advertisement for Bids

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to authorize the Administration to advertise for and receive bids for the new High School Sign Replacement Project.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.03 Change Order

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve a change order for the District Concrete Project for additional concrete and curbing work, not included in the current project, at a cost not to exceed \$28,500.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.04 Facility Use

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to permit Marple Newtown Soccer Association Under 15 Boys Soccer Team to use the High School Stadium for games on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.05 Electric Supply Contract

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to authorize the Administration to enter into an electric supply contract for the school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 through Provident Energy Consulting, LLC.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.06 Disposal of Exercise Equipment at Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the disposal of exercise equipment, three treadmills and one elliptical which are no longer used at Paxon Hollow Middle School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.07 Federal Pacific Electric Panels Replacement Project

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to authorize the Administration to hire Bonnett Associates to evaluate the district's Federal Pacific Electric Panels and to produce a specification to, where necessary, replace the panels throughout the district, at a cost of \$27,000.00.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding where the funds would be coming from to pay for this work. The money will be taken from Capital Reserve.

After a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to authorize the Administration to advertise and receive bids for the Federal Pacific Electric Panels Replacement Project.

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that there is still no budget and does not see any end in sight.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Jeff White ~ Spoke to several students over the summer, not only from Marple Newtown, but other school as well. His concern is that these students are not taking a Civics Class in school. They are unaware of the importance in voting and most don't think that they have to register when they turn 18. This is a big concern for the future of our community.

There were several community members that spoke about the class sizes in the schools. They had several questions, when will the next study be completed and presented? Are there state guidelines for the size of a class? There is a space issue at all of the school, is there a plan for that?

Response ~ The report that was done in 2014 did not raise any large concerns. It was presented to the Board that there was not much of a problem. Some programs were moved around to answer some of the space issues in some of the schools. Now there have been some disparities in the prior report brought to the Board's attention and the Board has asked for another feasibility study to be conducted. This report should be done by the end of September, once that report is reviewed by the Board they will be able to plan for the future. The Board is not aware of any state guidelines for class sizes. The Board urged the parents to stay involved, talk with your building Principal's and attend the meetings to get the up to date information.

There were representatives from Marple Junior Tiger Wrestling requesting the use of the facilities at Paxon Hollow at no cost. They would also like to get a new scale from the District. The one they had was broken by MN Wrestlers

The Board will take all the information received under advisement and will get back to them.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary