

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

Board: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. Matthew Catania,  
Mr. Nicholas Reynolds

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: 1

Audience: 14

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Driscoll called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Driscoll led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. PRESENT**

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mr. Reynolds

4 present with 1 vacancy

**4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

**4.01** Board Secretary Joseph Driscoll calls for:

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

Mr. Bilker nominated Mr. Leonard Altieri

Mr. Driscoll called the vote.

Roll Call vote ~ Mr. Altieri ~ Yes, Mr. Bilker ~ Yes, Mr. Catania ~ Yes, Mr.  
Reynolds ~ Yes

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

**5. BOARD SECRETARY READS CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS**

Mr. Driscoll read the certificates of election for the newly elected members.

**6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Mr. Altieri, President Pro Tem introduced The Honorable Barry C. Dozor who simultaneously will administer the Oath of Office and the Loyalty Oath to A. J. Baker, Kathryn V. Chandless, Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, and Barbara S. Harvey.

The Loyalty Oath was administered to Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Kathryn V. Chandless, Mr. Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, and Mrs. Barbara S. Harvey

The newly sworn-in board members took their seats at the board table.

**7. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT FOR 2018**

**7.01** President Pro Tem calls for:

Mr. Altieri asked for nominations for President for 2018 (no second needed)

Mr. Bilker nominated Kathryn Chandless for President for 2018

Mr. Altieri called the vote

Roll Call vote ~ Mr. DeNucci ~ Yes, Mr. Reynolds ~ Yes, Mr. Baker ~ Yes, Mr. Catania ~ Yes, Mr. Bilker ~ Yes, Mrs. Chandless ~ Yes, Mr. Altieri ~ Yes, Mrs. Harvey ~ Yes

Mr. Altieri, President Pro Tem declared Mrs. Kathryn Chandless elected President for 2018.

**7.02** Mrs. Chandless newly elected President assumed the chair.

**8. ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2018**

**8.01** Newly-elected President calls for:

Mrs. Chandless asked for nominations for Vice President for 2018 (no second needed)

Mrs. Chandless nominated Mr. Matthew Bilker

Mrs. Chandless called the vote

Roll call vote ~ Mr. DeNucci ~ Yes, Mr. Reynolds ~ Yes, Mr. Baker ~ Yes, Mr. Catania ~ Yes, Mr. Bilker ~ Yes, Mrs. Chandless ~ Yes, Mr. Altieri ~ Yes, Mrs. Harvey ~ Yes

**8.02** Mrs. Chandless, President declared Mr. Matthew Bilker elected Vice President for 2018.

**9. APPROVAL OF THE 2018 MEETING CALENDAR (Majority Vote)**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2018.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
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MINUTES**

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Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: 1

Audience: 14

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**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 8 – 0

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

None

**4. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

None

**5. COMMENDATIONS**

None

**6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

None

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

**8. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

None

**9. OTHER REPORTS**

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

Attorney time: \$180.00/hr. (increased from \$175.00/hr.)  
Legal assistant time: \$90.00/hr. (increased from \$85.00/hr.)  
Retainer: \$4,000.00/yr. (increase from \$3,000.00/yr.)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

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

Attorney time: \$180.00/hr.  
Paralegal services: \$95.00/hr.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**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** Terminations

**PROFESSIONAL**

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

- 1) Michelle Hilferty – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 30, 2018  
Reason End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**11.03 Leaves**

**PROFESSIONAL**

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

- 1) Caitlyn Marcum – Middle School Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: January 22, 2018 through June 19, 2018  
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Kelly Keffer – Elementary Teacher  
Russell Elementary  
Effective: January 29, 2018 through June 19, 2018  
Reason: Child Rearing Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**11.04 Return from Leave**

**PROFESSIONAL**

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

- 1) Holly O'Mahoney – Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Return Date: January 29, 2018  
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**CLASSIFIED**

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

- 1) David Kurkian – Maintenance Worker  
Operations Department  
Effective: December 1, 2017  
Reason: Returning from FMLA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**11.05** 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 2.

- 1) David Jackson – Middle School Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$48,352.00 (pro-rated BA+24 – Step 1)  
Effective: January 24, 2018 through and including June 19, 2018  
Reason: Replacing Caitlyn Marcum (Child Rearing Leave)
  
- 2) Christine Kuscavage – Substitute Nurse  
District – Pupil Services Department  
Salary: \$20.00 per hour  
Effective: December 5, 2017  
Reason: As needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 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.

- 1) Holly Hannan - LTS Special Education Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)  
Effective: January 2, 2018 through and including February 2, 2018  
(extended assignment)  
Replacing: Melissa Shelly (Medical Leave)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**11.06** Extended School Year (ESY) 2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2018 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  
Pupil Services Department  
Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
Effective: February 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018  
Reason: 2018 ESY Program

2) Nina Shahikian – ESY Coordinator  
Pupil Services Department  
Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
Effective: February 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018  
Reason: 2018 ESY Program

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**12. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$508,955.22 and Capital Reserve fund bills in the amount of \$11,000.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

**13. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

**14. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

None

**15. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

None

**16. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

None

**17. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**18. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None



**19. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary