

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 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: Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Heather Logue

Press: 0

Audience: 14

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge from the previous meeting

3. PRESENT

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Mrs. Chandless had an addition to Budget and Finance 7.05

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 8 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

6.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

6.02 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Carolyn Minnick – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: December 6, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Luke Heavens - Cook
Food Services Department
Effective: January 5, 2018
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

6.03 Leaves

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Andrea Tamaccio – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: January 9, 2018 through March 5, 2018
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

6.04 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Christopher Oakes – Mathematics Curriculum Supervisor
Curriculum Department
Salary: \$107,000.00
Effective: January 16, 2018 or start date contingent upon release
from present employer
Reason: Replacing Richard Slonaker (Reassignment)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

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.

- 1) Jessica Austin – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$45,559.00 (pro-rated BA – Step 1)
Effective: January 31, 2018 through and including June 19, 2018
Reason: Replacing Kelly Keffer (Child Rearing Leave)

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

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 through 3.

- 1) Catherine Gallagher - LTS Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: January 3, 2018 through and including April 20, 2018
Replacing: Lauren Flood (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 2) Karen Ebert - Secretary
Marple Newtown High School/Guidance Department
Salary: \$24,157.00
Effective: January 15, 2018
Replacing: Beth Morgan (Resignation)
- 3) Andrew Rote – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: TBD by assignment/Pupil Services
Effective: January 3, 2018
Reason: As Needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

6.05 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers effective January 2, 2018, item(s) 1.

Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
1. Jennifer Boyce	PHMS	Special Education Asst.	Culbertson	Special Education Asst.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

6.06 Administrative Contract

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion in order to fulfill the Board's obligation under School Code Section 10-1073(b), to provide notification that the Board will consider candidates for the position of Superintendent because the current three-year employment agreement of the Superintendent is set to expire at the end of its term on June 30, 2018.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

6.07 MNEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Education Association (MNEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Several Board members thanked the MNEA negotiation team.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson

7.02 Bills for Payment

In the absence of Mr. Baker, Mrs. Chandless gave the following report:

ATTACHMENTS 1, 2 & 3

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$3,268,989.11, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$8,829.50 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$108,829.64.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

7.03 Monthly Reports

ATTACHMENTS 4, 5 & 6

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October 2017 and November 2017, Treasurer's Report for November 2017, and Budget Transfers for November 2017.

Informational item monthly financial reports for December 2017.

7.04 Act 1 Resolution

ATTACHMENT 7

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to adopt the resolution, pursuant to Section 311 of Act 1, limiting the increase in the rate of tax for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to no more than the index of 2.4%, as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the School District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

7.05 Carol H. Gilbert Consulting

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the agreement, pending final review of the Solicitor, with Carol H. Gilbert, Consulting, 628 Elm Street, East Earl, Pennsylvania 17159 to provide services for Interim Food Service Director at a rate of \$600.00 per day.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was a question regarding the contract of Dr. Cary.

Response: Mr. Sereni explained that the School Code has changed. That the contract with Dr. Cary is due to expire and in order for the candidate to start on July 1, 2018, the position needed to be open to the current Superintendent or any other candidate for the 150 day School Code period.

There was a question regarding 7.05 Carol H. Gilbert, Consulting

Response: Mr. Driscoll explained that this is being done to help with the transition of the retiring Food Service Director.

There was a question regarding Cell phone use at the High School.

Response: Cell phone policy is #237. There will be a discussion at the CIT meeting on January 16th.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday	January 16, 2018	Curriculum, Instruction & Technology	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	January 23, 2018	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: All Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meetings are held in the Board Room at the Marple Newtown School District Administration Building.

The Human Resources Committee meets at the Marple Newtown School District Administration Building in Rooms 205-206.