

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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. James Orwig, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mrs. Heather Logue

Press: 1

Audience: 11

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM and advised that the Board met in Executive session prior to this 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, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

8 members present, Mrs. Harvey absent

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Mr. Bilker had additions to the Human Resource, 13.03 Resignations, 13.04 Leaves, 13.06 Appointments, and 13.11 Memorandum of Understanding

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 8 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

None

7. COMMENDATIONS

None

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Stipa gave the following report:

- Winter Sports are on going
- Cheerleading won 9th in State
- HI-Q Team won
- Potter Cup being hosted at the High School
- Blood Drive beginning

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Driscoll wanted to thank and recognize the Operations Department for help during the recent snow storms and cold weather ~ transporting our students as well as having the buildings ready for the students and staff returning from winter break.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 Regular Meeting, December 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting, December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting, December 4, 2017 Special Meeting, and January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 881363 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841263 to attend Mill Creek as per

the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement with The Mill Creek School for Student No. 841263 to attend the Mill Creek School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 840556 to attend Hill Top Preparatory School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841813 to attend Mill Creek as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement with The Mill Creek School for Student No. 841813 to attend the Mill Creek School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 880158 to attend The Benchmark School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841730 to attend The Woodlynde School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 881419 to attend Child Guidance Resource Centers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Administrative/Teacher Conferences

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director/Coach, and the following assistant football coaches: Zach Young, Steve Giordano, Harry Gicking, Josh Crooks, Mike Willard, Scott Williams, Matt DeStefano, Bob Knapp, and Chris Boggs, to attend the Glazier Clinics Conference in Baltimore, Maryland from February 9 to February 11, 2018 and in Atlantic City, New Jersey from February 23 to February 25, 2018. The cost of transportation will be \$433.35 paid by coaches. The cost of lodging will be \$514.00 per person paid by coaches. The cost of the conference will be \$479.00 paid by the district. Total cost to the district is \$479.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director/Coach, to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from March 20 to March 23, 2018. The cost of transportation is \$104.80 paid by the district. The cost of the conference is \$500.00 paid by the district. The cost of lodging is \$580.00 paid by the district. The total cost to the district is \$1,184.80.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.03 Curricular Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, counselor, Michael Winterbottom, teacher, and Brian Isselmann, teacher, to accompany members of LINK to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, Pennsylvania from April 5 to April 7, 2018. The cost for transportation is \$25.00 per student. The cost for the activity is \$175.00 per student. All costs are covered by the students, PTO, and donations. There is

no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Siegel, Mrs. Campo and Mr. Vlahos, teachers, to accompany the Paxon Hollow Middle School grade 8 class to travel to Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 7, 2018. The cost for transportation is \$4,500.00 paid by the students. The cost for the activity is \$52.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.04 Athletic Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve a change to the PIAA Cheerleading trip on January 19 and January 20, 2018. This trip was board approved in November and Changes have been made as to the cost to the district. The team has qualified for this PIAA Competitive Spirt Championship so the cost for the hotel will be paid by the district. The total cost for transportation is \$406.00 and the cost for lodging is \$ \$1,678.32. The Total cost to the district is \$2,084.32.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.05 Clubs

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Flag Football Club at the high school. The purpose of this club is to give students the opportunity to play in a fun team environment and not worry about the physicality of tackle football. This will also be a co-ed club to give equal chance to enjoy football regardless of size, speed or gender. The club advisor is David Vosheski.

12.06 Software Purchase

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the purchase of Naiku, a data collection and assessment software at the prorated cost of \$8,322.50. The annual subscription effective July 1st will be \$19,974.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.07 Education Resource Purchase

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the purchase of SPARK, a physical education

resource for the elementary Physical Education teachers. The cost for the six-year on-line access and all printed materials is \$4,632.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Terminations

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

- 1) Kevin Truong – Food Service Worker II
Food Services (Options Student)
Effective: January 17, 2018
Reason: End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.03 Resignations

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Michael Dumin – Director of Operations
Operations Department
Effective: February 22, 2018
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Debra Hawley – Transportation Supervisor
Transportation Department
Effective: February 2, 2018
Reason: Resignation

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

The Board thanked Mr. Dumin for his service to the District

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Holly O'Mahoney – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2018
Reason: Resignation

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 resignation(s) item(s) 1 and 2 as amended.

- 1) Andrew Rote – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: January 12, 2018
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Benjamin Trexler – Security/Safety Employee
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 22, 2018
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 8 – 0

13.04 Leaves

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following administrative leave(s) item(s) 1 as amended

- 1) Carol Cary – Superintendent of Schools
District
Effective: February 5, 2018 through and including March 18, 2018
Reason: Medical

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Courtney Spinelli – School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 8, 2018
Reason: Medical Leave/FMLA
- 2) Rebecca Pullin – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2018
Reason: Intermittent FMLA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Joanne Fuller - Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 15, 2018 through March 2, 2018
Reason: Medical Leave/FMLA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.05 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Jean Dingle – Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: January 2, 2018
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

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) Melissa Shelly – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: February 5, 2018
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.06 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Samath (Sam) Vong – Network Support Technician
District
Salary: \$67,000.00
Effective: February 12, 2018
Reason: Replacing Brett Snell (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 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 through 3.

- 1) Rachel Riggs – LTS Special Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$52,819.00 (pro-rated MA Step-1)
Effective: February 14, 2018 through and including May 22, 2018
Reason: Replacing Kim Young (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 2) Lauren Crawford – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$45,559.00 (pro-rated BA Step-1)
Effective: March 1, 2018 through and including June 5, 2018
Reason: Replacing Emily Lovitz (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 3) Kylie Kusturiss – LTS School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$52,819.00
Effective: January 29, 2018 through and including June 19, 2018
Reason: Replacing Courtney Spinelli (Medical Leave/FMLA)

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

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 5.

- 1) Barbara Bieg - Food Service Worker II
Food Service Department/DCIU
Salary: \$13.00 per hour
Effective: January 24, 2018
Replacing: Jacqueline Milano (reassigned to bus aide position)
- 2) Shirley Ayers – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$25.06 per hour
Effective: January 24, 2018
Replacing: Carolyn Minnick (Resignation)
- 3) Holly Hannan - Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: February 5, 2018
Replacing: Karen Ebert (reassigned to secretarial position in MNSD)
- 4) Daniel Gross – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: TBD by assignment/Food Services
Effective: January 24, 2018
Reason: As Needed
- 5) Linda Thompson - Cook
Food Services Department/Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$14.47 per hour (5.0 hours per day)
Effective: January 24, 2018
Replacing: Luke Heavens (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.07 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

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

Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
1. Melissa Shelly	Culbertson	Special Education Asst.	Loomis	Special Education Asst.
2. Melissa DiGiacomo	MNHS	Custodian	Russell	Custodian
3. Barbara Manton	Russell	Custodian	MNHS	Custodian

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.08 Position Creation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Special Education Assistant position assigned to Worrall Elementary School at an annual salary of \$14,688.00, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement effective February 5, 2018.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.09 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. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.10 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. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.11 Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Education Association regarding the voluntary “donation” of sick days for the benefit of a member of the Marple Newtown Education Association, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 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 \$1,850,447.34 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$36,450.69.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Budget Transfers and Treasurer's Report for December 2017.

Informational item monthly financial report for December 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.04 Financial Advisor

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the agreement with NW Financial to serve as financial advisor for the Marple Newtown School District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.05 Bond Underwriter

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to authorize administration to engage Citigroup Global Markets Inc., One Liberty Place, 1650 Market Street, Suite 4303, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 to serve as underwriter for the issuance and/or refunding of the School district's General Obligation Bonds.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson

Mr. Reynolds asked for the following motions

15.02 Transfinder Professional Services

To approve the Statement of Work as presented and subject to the review and approval of final language by the Solicitor, by Transfinder Professional Services not to exceed the amount of \$13,690.00 as stated in the agreement, and to authorize the necessary transfer of funds from the budgetary reserve.

15.03 Synovia Solutions

To approve the Statement of Work as presented and subject to the review and approval of final language by the Solicitor, by Synovia Solutions not to exceed the amount of \$27,244.80.00 as stated in the agreement, and to authorize the necessary transfer of funds from the budgetary reserve.

15.04 Vehicle Removal from Inventory

To authorize the trade-in of the following two (2) vehicles at a combined total value of \$6,500.00:

Vehicle #1:	2010 Dodge Caravan	VIN# 2D4RN4DE8AR487318
Vehicle #2:	2010 Dodge Caravan	VIN# 2D4RN4DFXAR487319

Motions were made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15.05 Policy 707 Fee Waiver

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to waive Policy 707 fees associated with the rental of space to Girls on the Run at the Culbertson Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15.06 Facility Usage

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve Delaware County Community College to hold their Nursing School Graduation at the High School Auditorium on Monday, May 14, 2018 from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15.07 High School Fields Renovation Project

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to move forward with the High School Fields Renovation Project based on option G with Turf and lights on both fields without the field house.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that the Department of Education approved the submitted plan for Every Student Succeeds

18. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A parent was concerned with the use of Cell phones at the High School. He wanted to know what and if there is a policy. Questioned if the teachers are trained in advising students of the pros and cons of Cell phones and if there are boundaries in school. To make it more fair, for students who do not have an up to date cell phone, could we have students given or have a one to one program where each student is given a Chrome book. This way each student would be equal in learning and you can’t snapchat on the Chrome book. This parent also had a concern that the music trailer was no secured.

Response: E-mail your concerns and this will address at the Curriculum and Instruction (CIT) meeting next week

A concern with the turnover of the administration ~ will plans stop?

Response: Turnover of the administration will not stop any plans. The Superintendent was on the agenda as required by school code.

Can a map be put on the website for kindergarten registration so that parents that are new to the district will know what school to go and registered.

Response: This can be done.

A question from a parent regarding a comment made by the Board President that we have the best teachers yet our scores are down. If you compare to other schools who bus more students than we do, they also spend more money per student and their scores are higher. What can we do to get our scores up?

Response: There is the need of so much more information needed to be able to compare with other districts. For example we bus to a large number of private schools, and some of our budget figures are fixed.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary