

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2018
Board Room, Administration Building

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew Bilker,
Mr. Matthew Catania, Mrs. Barbara Harvey,
Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds

Administration: Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr.
Michael Dumin, Mr. Jim Orwig

Press: 0

Audience: 9

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. Driscoll 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. Driscoll asked to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for December, informational for January and Budget Transfers.

Will take to the full Board for approval

5. Incommunity Magazine:

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

When the District started with the magazine it was free. It has been going out to families in the Marple Newtown School District community. The cost of the magazine was being paid through advertisers. Is no longer profitable for the company. They want to know if we are still interest and if so if we would be willing to start contributing to the cost of production. The original amount that was requested was \$1,000.00. Mr. Larkin spoke with the company and said that we would consider \$800.00 per quarter. They have agreed. Mr. Driscoll brought to the Board for approval.

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. Donation

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval the following motions:

- a. Motion: To accept \$500.00 Grant from Exxon Mobil Education Alliance Program for the Marple Newtown High School.
- b. Motion: To accept \$824.86 check from the Maple Newtown High Class of 1982 for Robotics Club.
- c. Motion: To accept \$2,290.00 check from William Culbertson PTO for Venture Grant Culbertson Elementary School. Mr. Driscoll explained that this is for the teachers at Culbertson.
- d. Motion: To accept \$3,500.00 for Soccer equipment from Ron Klos for the boys and girls soccer teams at the Marple Newtown High School.

- e. Motion: To accept \$5,000.00 check from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rhoads. (To be determined where funds will be used) Mr. Driscoll explained that this will be used for possible computers or the Robotics Club. He will have Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads approval first.

Will take to the full Board for approval

7. Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

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

- a. Folio 25-00-02014-00 \$ 270.58
- b. Folio 30-00-01802-27 \$1,371.39

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. Equipment Purchase

- 12 Cafeteria Tables, total cost \$17,775.00, per State Co-Stars Contact #035-007. Mr. Driscoll explained that 6 tables would go to the High School, 6 tables would go to Paxon Hollow.
- Radios for Transportation, total cost \$24,985.00 per State Co-Stars. Mr. Driscoll explained that this would take all radios to digital.
- Wireless Microphones for High School Auditorium, estimate \$16,000.00. Mr. Driscoll explained that this would alleviate any back feed and again would be digital.
- Classroom furniture. Mr. Driscoll explained that he would like to purchase for those that are in need of repair or broken. Also to have extra for any new students.

Will take to the full Board for approval

9. New Business

Mr. Driscoll explained that the backdrop in the back of the room was donated by STS.

10. Public Comment

Parent was concerned that he had not received a response from the Board. He did however receive an e-mail 2 hours prior to this meeting but did not feel that his questions were answered. He did say that he had not read it through to be prepared for this meeting. He would like to know if Dr. Bompadre has a plan, would also like to know about Tablets for the students. Cell phones are no longer his concern. One to One plan and technology is. That all students would have a fair playing field if they all

had Tablets. One Tablet would not be better than another, example one student having a better cell phone than another student.

Another Parents thought that if students have Tablets there would be a fair public education for all students on nights and weekends.

11. Adjournment

Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting 7:12 PM.