

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 13, 2015
Board Room, Administration Building

MINUTES

**PRESENT: Committee: Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania,
Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Matthew DeNucci**

**Board: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs.
Barbara Harvey, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless**

**Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr.
Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin**

Press: 0

Audience: 6

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM, and stood on the Pledge from the Special Meeting.

1. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Baker asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

Mr. Driscoll explained there is a motion for additional tax appeals to take to the Board Meeting in January. It is a settlement for a tax appeal. It is about 42,000.00

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

- a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund.

Mr. Driscoll explained that some of the bills had been paid in December when there was no regular Board meeting.

There was a question about the large payments for Express Scripts.

Mr. Driscoll explained that there is more money going out. There are drugs that we are getting hit with where our payment went up \$100,000. Mr. Driscoll explained that there is stop-loss insurance on large claims, Medical and Prescription, meaning that if there are claims over \$250,000.00 the stop-loss insurance covers that amount. This is per claimant.

Could premium increase? Mr. Driscoll explained yes, but it would be spread out over all the districts in the Trust.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

4. Financial Reports:

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

- a. Motion: to approve Financial Reports for October and November. Informational for December 2014. Treasurer's report for October and November 2014, Budget Transfers.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

5. PA E-Z Pass

Mr. Driscoll explained the use of the E-Z Pass would be for bus drivers of Student Activities. The drivers do not always have cash to pay tolls. The E-Z Pass would be signed out from Transportation. Looking to purchase seven. Should it be lost or stolen it can always be cancelled.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

6. Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

- a. Folio 30-00-01313-04 \$2,077.24

Mr. Driscoll gave the Board the letter. The tax collector didn't get the check. He believes that the taxes have been paid on time in previous years.

There was a brief discussion ~ some members of the Board felt that this should not go to the Board for approval. There is no proof that the taxes would actually paid. Some felt that we should take the taxpayers word and he said he sent the money, but the check was never cashed. Others do not want to set a precedent that others will ask the same for the request, return of monies.

Mr. Driscoll explained that he had another request from Alliance Bank. Folio number 30-00-01192-02. The check was sent but was never cashed.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

7. Preliminary Budget Adoption

- a. Motion: To adopt the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$75,700.00 as presented on form PDE 2028, Pursuant to Act 1 of 2006. The Board authorizes and directs the Administration to pursue exceptions under Act 1.

This was passed during the Special Board Meeting held prior to the Budget and Finance meeting, January 13, 2015. There will be another vote on February 10th.

8. Donations:

Mr. Baker asked to take to the Board for approval

- a. Motion: To accept \$2,000.00 from Thomas P. Gorski for High School Swim Team equipment.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this donation is for touch pads in the pool.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

9. New Business

Took care of with the addition of the tax appeal.

10. Public Comment

None

11. Adjournment

Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM