

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Robert Sack, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Bilker, Matthew Catania, Atsuh J. Baker, Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Matthew DeNucci

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 7

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Sack

Mr. DeNucci arrived prior to the Budget Presentation.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the proposed Preliminary Budget for 2015-2016 as presented on form PDE 2028 pursuant to Act 1 of 2006, and to authorize the Business Administrator to publish public notice that it is available for public inspection and that it will be officially adopted on February 10, 2015.

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

Mr. Driscoll gave the following presentation:

- Release for public inspection
- PDE recommends 4 votes
- Post notice in paper and on website
- Next vote 2/10/15
- 2/26/15 referendum exceptions
- 3/5/15 date to submit exceptions to PDE
- Proposed final adoption on 4/28/15
- Final vote on 6/23/15
- Act 1 index is 1.9%
- Exceptions ~ approaching point that we have an increase in the debt service. Thinking that we may get an exception for the about of the debt service, not sure yet. Special Ed and Retirement are straight forward. Don't think that we will get the Special Ed exception, can estimate the retirement much better.
- Revenue ~ Account change on IDEA revenue. We get the funds through the IU and cannot record as Federal money. We have to show a local revenue.
- Also, the homestead rebates. We don't know if money is available from year to year. We will know on April 1st.
- Don't see another increase in transfer taxes.
- Local revenue funds most of the budget.
- Will get an update of assessed values at the end of February.
- State revenue is a small amount.
- Looks at an average for delinquent taxes
- Expense ~ Benefits and Salary are the largest part of our expenses.
- Numbers will change once we get the department budgets.
- Highest tax increase would be 3.3%
- This is just the kickoff, we have months to work on this budget, going through workshops, going to do staffing analysis.

- Don't see any changes in the medical, or any change in the Express Scripts.
- Have not seen any retirements as of yet.
- There is a one page summary in front of the Board. This can be referred to if you have any questions.
- If there are any questions give Mr. Driscoll a call or an e-mail.

After a brief discussion the motion passed 8 – 0

7. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary