

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Robert Sack, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Catania, Atsuh J. Baker, Matthew DeNucci, Nicholas Reynolds

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: 0

Audience: 13 start
6 end

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:48 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, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Sack

Student Reps. Ms. Amer, Ms. Dietrich

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

13.07 number 5 change of salary from \$24,713.00 to \$25,331.00

15.03 Renovation Projects ~ tabled motions with the exception of the motion for the renovations to Russell Elementary for the Life Skills program

Mrs. Chandless asked for an approval of the Agenda as amended.

Agenda was approved as amended 9 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Horowitz recognized the accomplishments of Rylee Power and to congratulate her on the Outstanding Achievement in Central League. Rylee's sports included Tennis, where she achieved 1st team all Central League, Basketball, where she scored 1,328 points and 1st team all Central League, and Softball where she was outstanding female athlete. She will be attending West Chester and will play Tennis and Basketball.

15.02 Presentation ~ Demographic/Capacity Studies presented by Mr. Don Bonnett and Mr. William Montgomery

Mr. Bonnet gave the following report:

- This is a 2 part evaluation ~ Student capacity at the Elementary to Middle School.
- High School not included, this was done when the recent renovations were done.
- There is a lot of data ~ he is giving a snapshot of the 14-15 school year.
- The data itself has to be digested and evaluated.
- Looked at the present condition of the schools.
- Will look at classrooms, Library, Cafeteria, Auditorium (core spaces)
- Will be looking at the next steps that need to be taken
- Enrollment potential of each school.
- Target student capacity.
- Look at the best number of students in each class
- Met with the Principals 2 or 3 times and looked at the floor plans buildings.
- Benchmarked the 14-15 school year
- Should you change your education plan, this could change.
- The middle school is evaluated differently than the elementary schools.
- He gave some examples of the number of students in the elementary school kindergarten classes.
- Once the Board has read the report, he will be available to answer any questions.

Mr. Montgomery gave the following report:

- Looked at what is presently being built in the District, both Marple and Newtown.
- He looked at each school and what the present enrollment is, what the capacity of each elementary school and the middle school would be.
- Enrollments in the report are from the report to the State in mid-October.
- There are 57 pages of the report. Will be more than happy to come back and present the report again.
- Marple has decreased, Newtown has increased, but levels out.

- He gave the present percentage of capacity of each school.
- He reported on the different developments and what schools that they may affect, example Ravens Cliff would be Loomis, the former DuPont Property would affect Culbertson. Apartments near Worrall are being marketed towards singles and retirees.
- The area which is hardest to predict would be the Don Guanella property on Sproul Road.
- The projection of 357 students would be from 2018-2021.
- Culbertson and Loomis would be the most affected. Middle School and High School would be able to handle the new students.

7. COMMENDATION

None

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Deitrich gave the following report:

- April was an eventful month. Students came back from Spring Break ready to finish the year strong,
- 50 students and 10 faculty went to the 10th LINK weekend.
- Indoor percussion won first place at band championships.
- The spring concert for band, orchestra and choir was held on April 14th.
- Michael Shelly was welcomed back to the High School who has been battling cancer.
- Girl's lacrosse had senior night.
- Choir Cabaret night was held on April 24th.
- The music department introduced a new fun fundraiser called MN Got Talent. Students from all grade levels performed. Francesca Malin won the judges vote and a band called "The District" won the audience vote. Judges included teachers from the high school and middle school and a guest judge Sara Spice who performed on the voice.
- Marple Newtown was recently ranked 31st best school in Pennsylvania
- 5 Marple Newtown seniors took honorable mention in the moody's mega math challenge.
- In May we are looking forward to college decision day, One Act Plays, Junior Prom, senior's last day and senior project.

Mrs. Chandless handed the meeting over to Mr. Bilker, Vice President, at 9:00 PM.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz gave the following report:

- We are in the last quarter of the school. She has been informed that we have students that will be honored in Spanish.
- NOPE's presentation at the High School. There was an addict that gave presentation of what drugs does to the brain. Also a law enforcement officer that would have to give the news to families about an overdose of a loved one.
- The food service department has been recognized as one of the best.

- Joined with other superintendents at a conference with the acting Secretary of Education. He spoke about the pledge of the Governor to raise the funding for education and he asked us to send documents showing what we would use the money for in our districts.
- The Gala of the Arts will be held on May 17th.
- Dr. Horowitz attended a class with Judge Capuzzi and Mr. Matthew DeNucci.
- Mr. Sereni will be attending a class at the High School as well.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 Special Meeting and March 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 804582 and Student No. 880753 to attend the Child Guidance Resource Center for Extended School Year 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 881442, to attend the Melmark School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. This is a new contract and a new placement. This student was placed in Melmark's Residential Treatment Facility and the parents reside in the Philadelphia School District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Dr. Merle Horowitz, Superintendent, to attend the PASA Women's Caucus Conference on Education in Hershey, Pennsylvania from May 3 to May 5, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$325.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 1

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Policies

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 307 Student Teachers/Interns.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 815.1 Website Use and Linking.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.03 Conferences – Administrative

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Lauren Hopkins, Assistant Principal, to attend the 2015 Women's Caucus Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from May 3 to May 5, 2015. The cost of the conference is \$325.00. The total cost to the District is \$555.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 1

12.04 Student Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Ms. Brittany Fertman, Teacher, Ms. Joelle Hedlund, Teacher, Ms. Jackie Jumper, Teacher, and Mrs. Holly O'Mahoney, Teacher, to travel with the Autistic Support and Life Skills students to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey on June 2, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$364.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Ms. Tracy Jacobson, Counselor, Mr. Mike Winterbottom, Teacher, and Mr. Brian Isselmann, Teacher, to accompany LINK students to travel to SMYMCA Camp from October 23 to October 25, 2015. The cost per pupil is \$125.00. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Carolyn Firkser, Teacher, to accompany the World Language students to travel to Ecuador from June 23 to June 30, 2016. The cost per pupil is between \$2,723-\$3,023. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

12.05 Clubs

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Spanish Club at the Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of this club is to provide students with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and awareness of the Spanish-speaking world, including language, music, dance, traditions, cuisine, etc. The club advisor is Ms. Marianna Gazzara.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.06 Donations

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the acceptance of a donation of weight lifting equipment to Paxon Hollow Middle School from the Phillies organization for use by its sports teams.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve a software donation from the Paxon Hollow Middle School Band and Orchestra Parents Association. The software is called Smart Music and will be used by the middle school music department.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.07 Adoptions

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion approve the adoption of the following textbooks:

ENGLISH: (Middle School and High School)

1. 6-8 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Hybrid Student Resource Package, 1 Year Print, 6 Year Digital, Grade 6, ISBN 9780544442412
2. 6-8 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 6, ISBN 9780544564176
3. 6-8 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Hybrid Student Resource Package, 1 Year Print, 6 Year Digital – Grade 7, ISBN 9780544442429

4. 6-8 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 7, ISBN 9780544564183
5. 6-8 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Hybrid Student Resource Package, 1 Year Print, 6 Year Digital – Grade 8, ISBN 9780544442436
6. 6-8 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 8, ISBN 9780544564190
7. Holt McDougal Literature Teacher Resources, Teacher's Edition, Grade 6, ISBN 9780547618432
8. Holt McDougal Literature Teacher Resources, Teacher's Edition, Grade 7, ISBN 9780547618449
9. Holt McDougal Literature Teacher Resources, Teacher's Edition, Grade 8, ISBN 9780547618456
10. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Class Set, Student Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 9, ISBN 9780544564480
11. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 9, ISBN 9780544564206
12. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Class Set, Student Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 10, ISBN 970844564497
13. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 10, ISBN 9780544564213
14. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Class Set, Student Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 11, ISBN 9780544564527
15. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 11, ISBN 9780544564220
16. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Class Set, Student Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 12, ISBN 9780544564565

17. 9-12 Collections 2015 & Holt McDougal Teacher Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections, Premium Hybrid Teacher Resource Package Print with 6 Year Digital – Grade 12, ISBN 9780544564237
18. Holt McDougal Literature Teacher Resources, Teacher's Edition, Grade 9, ISBN 9780547618463
19. Holt McDougal Literature Teacher Resources, Teacher's Edition, Grade 10, ISBN 9780547618470
20. Holt McDougal Literature Teacher Resources, Teacher's Edition, Grade 11, American Literature, ISBN 9780547618463
21. Aufses, Robin Dissin, Conversations in American Literature & Bedford e-Book for Conversations in American Literature, (Six Year Access), First Edition, BFW Publisher ISBN 1457695782
22. Lunsford, Andrea, Everything's An Argument with Readings 6e, High School Version & Bedford e-Book to Go for Everything's an Argument with Readings, High School Edition, (Six Year Access), Sixth Edition, BFW Publisher ISBN 1457677407

SOCIAL STUDIES: (High School)

1. Dennis Sherman. Western Civilization: Sources, Images and Interpretations (Vol. 1 and 2, packaged set) McGraw Hill, 2011 ISBN 0077898990

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.08 Equipment

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the replacement of the Keyboard Lab at Marple Newtown High School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School computer lease with HP Financial Services in the amount of \$113,641.57 per year for a term of five years.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.09 Software

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the adoption of student licenses for Typing Pal Online. This program is a web-based keyboarding tutor that offers a personalized

approach to learning keyboarding skills. The license will allow 1000 – 1499 students to use the program. The cost of the license will be \$1230.00 a year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.10 Grant

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the application for a grant as presented for the Marple Newtown High School to partner with Special Olympics to provide a unified sports program where students with learning and physical disabilities partner with regular education students.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Retirements

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Dianne Smith – Elementary Principal
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 30, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Catherine Dawson – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: August 19, 2015
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Helen Naab – Teacher of Gifted Students

Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 19, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Gordon Lang – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 16, 2015
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Ann McGrath – Food Services (Staff Worker II)
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: May 15, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.03 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Jacob Rieger – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: March 31, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 2) Isaac Fuller - Custodian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: April 13, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.04 TERMINATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Denise Glennon – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Effective: May 8, 2015
Reason: End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.05 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Heidi Jankauskas – Elementary Music Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: September 1, 2015 through January 15, 2016
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Amanda Kenney Kelly – School Psychologist
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: September 1, 2015 through January 15, 2016
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Elizabeth Treatman – Speech Therapist
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: September 1, 2015 through January 15, 2016
Reason: Child Rearing Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified leaves, item(s) 1.

- 1) Barbara Manton - Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.06 Return From Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Kerry DeFronzo – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: May 11, 2015
Returning from: Medical Leave and FMLA
- 2) Elizabeth Landes – Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: July 1, 2015
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Stephanie Murray – English Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: July 1, 2015
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Patricia Spicer – Food Services
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: May 1, 2015
Returning from: Medical Leave Without Pay

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.07 Appointments

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, item(s) 1 through 10.

- 1) Joan Beckey – Non-Instructional Assistant

Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$10.60 per hour
Effective: April 29, 2015
Replacing: Debra Collings (Resignation)

- 2) Delia Papadopoulos – Non-Instructional Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$10.60 per hour
Effective: April 29, 2015
Replacing: Deb Boppell (Accepted new position in HR Department)
- 3) Diane Kiewel – Office Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$11,639.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: April 29, 2015
Replacing: Karen Ebert (Accepted Special Education Assistant position at PHMS)
- 4) Carla Kleinschmidt – Non-Instructional Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$10.60 per hour
Effective: April 29, 2015
Replacing: Lowell Seymour (Resignation)
- 5) Denise Talley – Principal’s Secretary
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$24,713.00
Effective: July 1, 2015
Replacing: Deb Bowman (Retirement)
- 6) Debbie Collings – Bus Aide
Transportation
Salary: \$15.12 per hour
Effective: April 29, 2015
Replacing: Lowell Seymour (Resignation)
- 7) Dhimiter Cekani – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: April 29, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 8) Tiana Payne – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: April 29, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 9) Miranda Cekani – Classified Substitute
District

Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: April 29, 2015
Reason: As Needed

- 10) Christine Lohr – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: April 29, 2015
Reason: As Needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.08 Supplementary Contracts

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

- 1) Mike Colgan – Head Coach Girls Basketball
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 9, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following supplemental appointments,
item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Thomas Harker – Head Coach Girls Tennis
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,038.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year/season
Reason: Replaces Romi Power (resignation)
- 2) Mary Flounders – Intramural Basketball
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$748.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2014-2015 school year/season
Reason: Replaces Pete MacNeal (resignation)
- 3) Dominic Frassinelli – Assistant Coach Baseball
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$1,870.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2014 -2015 school year/season
Reason: Replaces Nate Tierney (resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.09 Position Reduction/Abolishment

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the abolishment of the following classified position, effective June 30, 2015:

One (1) 9.5 Month Secretary (High School)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.10 Position Creation

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Office Assistant position, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement, effective for the 2015 – 2016 school year. (High School)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of six (6) Temporary Summer Maintenance positions at a rate of \$9.00 per hour.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.11 Substitute Teacher Service Agreement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the two-year agreement, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, with Substitute Teacher Service (STS) to provide the District with qualified substitute teachers to fill absences among the District's regular professional faculty. STS will provide the substitute teachers from a pool of individuals who are certified as teachers by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and who additionally maintain any and all other certifications and clearances required by the Commonwealth for teachers.

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

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 \$1,535,716.67, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$15,414.20 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$96,601.75.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for February 2015. Treasurer's Report for March 2015, and Budget Transfers for March 2015.

Informational item monthly financial reports for March 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.04 Donation

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$6,295.00 check from Worrall PTO for a sign for Worrall Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.06 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to abate penalty on Folio 30-00-00775-76 for taxpayer in the amount of \$638.85.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.07 Taxpayer Assessment Appeal

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 25-00-04624-47. Annualized tax dollar loss for tax year 2015: \$1,619.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.08 2015-2016 Proposed Final Budget

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$75,600,000.00 and give the public notice that it is available for inspection. Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.09 Performance Audit Report

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the school district's response to the Performance Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.10 Transfer of Funds

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to transfer funds up to \$250,000.00 from to the 2014-2015 Budgetary Reserve for the purchase of vehicles, equipment and other projects to complete in 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, Chairperson

15.02 Presentation

Demographic/Capacity Studies presented by Don Bonnett and William Montgomery.

This presentation was in the beginning of the meeting.

15.03 Renovation Projects

MOTION: To approve the following prime contractors for the Main Entry Renovation Project at the High School and Paxon Hollow Middle School as the lowest responsible bidders, 1 through 4.

- 1) General Construction – Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., 717 East Washington Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380, at a cost of \$275,100.00, alternate add \$3,600.00.
- 2) HVAC – Clipper Pipe \$ Service, Inc., PO Box 148, Crum Lynne, Pennsylvania 19022, at a cost of \$85,600.00.
- 3) Plumbing – AJB Mechanical Inc., 24 Carriage Drive, Media, Pennsylvania 19063, at a cost of \$27,980.00.
- 4) Electrical – S.J. Thomas Company, Inc., 140 Bartram Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050, at a cost of \$64,850.00.

MOTION: To approve the following prime contractors for the Main Entry Renovation Project at Culbertson Elementary, Loomis Elementary, Russell Elementary, and Worrall Elementary Schools as the lowest responsible bidders, 1 through 3.

- 1) General Construction – L. J. Paoella Construction, Inc., 278 Bridgewater Road, Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015, at a cost of \$341,601, alternate add \$6,349.84.
- 2) HVAC – Clipper Pipe \$ Service, Inc., PO Box 148, Crum Lynne, Pennsylvania 19022, at a cost of \$103,200.00.
- 3) Electrical – S.J. Thomas Company, Inc., 140 Bartram Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050, at a cost of \$76,650.00.

The 2 motions above have been tabled

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the following prime contractors for the Life Skills Classroom Alterations Project at the Russell Elementary School as the lowest responsible bidders, 1 through 4.

- 1) General Construction - Donald E. Reisinger, Inc., 717 East Washington Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380, at a cost of \$106,100.00.
- 2) HVAC – Cook’s Service Company, Inc., 300 Industrial Drive, Avondale, Pennsylvania 19311, at a cost of \$32,800.00.
- 3) Plumbing – Cook’s Service Company, Inc., 300 Industrial Drive, Avondale, Pennsylvania 19311, at a cost of \$13,930.00.
- 4) Electrical – S.J. Thomas Company, Inc., 140 Bartram Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050, at a cost of \$26,650.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey gave the following report:

May 7th ~ Children's mental health fair

April 23rd ~Autistic awareness month

May 14th ~Rights to education task force at Interboro High School

May 15th, Legislative breakfast

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Acting Secretary of Education has been approve by Senate Education committee and goes to the full Senate.

Also mentioned the May 15th Legislative breakfast at the UI

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Dr. Horowitz on behalf of Mrs. Chandless ~ May 14th meetings will be moved to May 21st.

This notice will be advertised.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was a question as to why the motions for the capture systems were tabled.

It was explained that the Board wants to look at the cost again before making a final decision. They will be addressed again in 2 weeks.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary