

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2013
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President Kathryn Chandless, Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. Atsushi J. Baker, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, and Mr. John McDevitt.

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Audience: 5

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kathryn Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Leonard Altieri then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. Atsushi J. Baker and Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker. Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked to add the following to **6. Other Reports:**

OTHER REPORTS

MOTION: To approve a special education agreement for Student No. 800195.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments at this time.

6. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless requested a motion to approve a special education agreement for Student No. 800195.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

7. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Marple Newtown Non-Instructional Employees Association (MNNIEA) and the Marple Newtown School District effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

8. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Leonard Altieri requested a motion to approve CM 3 Building Solutions, Inc. 185 Commerce Drive, Suite 1, Ft Washington, PA 19034 as the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of Air Conditioning Split Systems for the Gauntlett Center at a cost of: \$55,110.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.
Mr. John McDevitt requested a comment regarding the bids from Mr. Michael Dumin. Mr. Dumin reported that two bids were received for this job; one for \$80,000.00 and this bid. He stated that this is a good price.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Several parents from Russell requested that the Board consider adding an additional Fourth Grade classroom to Russell Elementary for the 2013-2014 school year due to class size. Their concern is that the education of the students is being compromised by virtue of the size and the special needs of many of the students at that level. A discussion ensued between the parents and the Board regarding the necessity of an additional classroom.

The Board concluded that it will closely examine all the information regarding this subject, and will make a decision based upon its findings.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kathryn Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary

