

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless, Vice President, Nancy Galbraith, Robert Sack, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, James Lanzalotto, Atsuh J. Baker, Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Matthew DeNucci

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: Mrs. Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 36 start
22 meeting

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge from the Special Meeting

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci (by phone), Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. James Lanzalotto (by phone and voted on the budget only), Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Robert Sack

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

There were changes to the agenda number 13 Human Resources and Policy Committee and number 14 Budget and Finance

Agenda was approved as amended 8 - 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were several comments made by the audience

One commented on the selection of a candidate for the Board, it is clearly not a popularity contest, appointment should be the most qualified. A person that can take the place of Mr. Lanzalotto, the only person that would be able to come in and know the ins and outs would be Ellen Tranas.

Another commented on the wall ball wall at Loomis, chunks now missing, if voting please pass, also appoint a candidate that have students in the schools. Need more representation from someone that has students in the schools. As for the budget hoping to have more money for the schools, having no funds is hard to invest in the schools, please increase so that we don't have any problems.

Another comment was regarding the waiving the facilities fees – please vote against this – it was explained that all of the fees were not being waived. That this organization is a volunteer group in our schools, they are paying for the staff. Comment was on the budget. 0% increase in the budget is a mistake. Should not being using Fund Balance to balance the budget. .88% tax increase is a great. Just ask that you don't take from the Fund Balance.

Another comment on the appointment of the vacancy of Mr. Lanzalotto. Ellen Tranas is the most qualified for this position and they would hope that she would be voted in to replace Mr. Lanzalotto.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

None

7. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Horowitz stated that she works with over 700 employees every single day. That includes the bus drivers who transport our students to schools every day. This also includes all of the support staff and professional staff. Several months ago she received a communication from a parent that she had never received before. They wanted to fund an award that would be given out each year to a person in the district that made a difference in the life and education of their son. She had never heard this before and she checked with the Board and the Solicitor to see if this is okay. She was very proud to join Nancy Galbriath and Jim Orwig, Principal at Culbertson to present this award. She requested that the parents join her along with Donna Schmidt who was receiving this first time award.

The parents spoke briefly about their son Matthew who has learning support needs. They felt that Culbertson would be the best fit. The most important thing was who was going to be his one on one. They knew when they met Donna, she was the one for Matthew. His experience has been great at Culbertson, but they know that Donna played a major part in him having this experience. They could not thank Donna enough for what she has does every day with Matthew. Donna was extremely appreciative of this award and thanked everyone.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

None

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz said that we had a wonderful end of the school year with Kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade promotions and of course the graduation ceremony on June 12th at Villanova University. We finished in record time, 1 hour and 3 minutes, thanks to Mr. Puckett, High School Principal. Thanks to all of the School Board members that were there that night. The Eye of the Tiger newsletter in June recognized the ROAR program. ROAR stands for Recognizing Our Academic Responsibility. Each season the athletic department calculates the grade point averages for each sports program. The fall season girls' tennis had the highest GPA 96%, in the winter girls indoor track 96%, and in the spring girls lacrosse and softball tied with a GPA 94%. Congratulations to all these student athletes. Also, she wanted to congratulate the students who were the French and Spanish National winners.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the proposed adjudication of Student No. 880830.

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Extended School Year Agreement for students attending Extended School Year at The Vanguard School Summer 2014. The list of students was previously listed and approved on the May Board Agenda.

Motion made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems and Marple Newtown School District for intervention services, consultation/technical assistance, liaison, assessment and other appropriate agency services in support of the

Student Assistance Program (SAP). This contract is in effect for one (1) year from September 8, 2014 to June 12, 2015.

Motion made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Student No. 880795 to continue to implement the special education services which have been provided to Student for the 2013-2014 school year through the last student day of school in June, 2014. The Student shall not be entitled to continued special education services for any period beyond the last student school day of June 2014.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841947 to attend the Child Guidance Resource Center as a new placement for June of the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Extended School Year Agreement for student attending Extended School Year at The Pathway School Summer 2014. The student was previously listed and approved on the May Board Agenda.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Student No. 840170, to attend the Melmark School, an Approved Private School (APS), for Extended School Year Summer 2014. (This is a contract renewal, not a new placement.) One contract, Extended School Year only.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the following student 840943, to attend the Green Valley School for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson

12.02 Textbooks

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the following Music Textbooks approved by the School Board on May 27, 2014.

MUSIC PRODUCTION: (High School)

- 1) Dittman, Timothy A., Audio Engineering 101—A Beginner's Guide to Music Production. Elsevier Inc. 2012 ISBN 978-0-240-81915-0

ORCHESTRA: (Middle School and High School)

- 1) Kolar, Henry, (Arranged by). Variables, Nine Flexibly Scored String Etudes for Study and Performance. Neil A. Kjos, Publisher, ISBN 0849769086 (score plus parts)
- 2) Anderson, Gerald et. al. Harmonized Rhythms for String Orchestra. Neil A. Kjos, Publisher, ISBN 0849733502. (Teacher's edition plus parts)
- 3) Essential Technique 2000 for Strings, Book 2. Hal Leonard, Publisher, ISBN 9780634052637 (Teacher's edition plus parts)
- 4) Essential Technique 2000 for Strings, Book 3. Hal Leonard, Publisher, ISBN 9780634069260 (Teacher's edition plus parts)
- 5) Advanced Technique for Strings: Technique and Style Studies for String Orchestra. Hal Leonard, Publisher, ISBN 9780634010504 (Teacher's edition plus parts)

CHOIR: (Middle School and High School)

- 1) Leavitt, John. Essential Musicianship, Book 1, Hal Leonard, Publisher, ISBN 9780793543298 (Teacher and student editions)
- 2) Leavitt, John. Essential Musicianship, Book 2, Hal Leonard, Publisher, ISBN 9780634007880 (Teacher and student editions)
- 3) Leavitt, John. Essential Musicianship, Book 3, Hal Leonard, Publisher, ISBN 9780793580170 (Teacher and student editions)

PIANO LAB: (Middle School and High School)

- 1) Rudolph, Tom. Alfred's MusicTech Series: Book 1: Playing Keyboard. Alfred Music Publisher, ISBN 073904074X

- 2) Lancaster, E. L., Piano 101: Short Course. Alfred Music Publisher. Publisher, ID 17179
- 3) Bastien, James, Older Beginner Piano Course. Neil A. Kjos, Publisher, ISBN 0849750296

BAND: (Middle School and High School)

- 1) Pearson and Nowlin, Tradition of Excellence, Comprehensive Band Method Book 2, Neil A. Kjos, Publisher. Publisher ID W62F (Score and Parts)
- 2) Pearson and Nowlin, Tradition of Excellence, Technique & Musicianship, Neil A Kjos, Publisher. Publisher ID W64F (Score and Parts)

INSTRUMENTAL, CHORAL, AND GENERAL MUSIC (Middle School and High School)

- 1) Woolstenhulme, Rhythm and Dictation. Neil A. Kjos, Publisher. Publisher ID L64 T (Teachers edition and student texts)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the following World Language textbooks approved by the board on May 27, 2014.

FRENCH ADOPTION (2014-2015) → *Bien Dit!* Level 2 (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt ©2013)

- 1) Hybrid Value Basic Bundle 6 Year Level 2
ISBN 9780544020382
- 2) Student One Stop DVD-ROM Level 2
ISBN 9780547897318
- 3) Cahier d'Activites Level 2
ISBN 9780547951812
- 4) Cahier de Vocabulaire Grammaire Level 2
ISBN 9780547951843
- 5) Teacher's Edition Level 2
ISBN 9780547871721
- 6) Assessment Program Level 2
ISBN 9780547871745
- 7) Differentiated Practice and Assessment
ISBN 9780030940934

- 8) Grammar Tutor Levels 1-3
ISBN 9780547951836
- 9) Audio CD Program Level 2
ISBN 9780030882449
- 10) DVD Tutor Level 2
ISBN 9780030796470
- 11) Teacher's 1 Stop Planner Level 2
ISBN 9780547897226
- 12) On Rappe! And Grammavision DVD Level 2
ISBN 9780547509662
- 13) Holt Allez, viens! Intermediate Reader Joie de Lire Level 2
ISBN 9780030656279

SPANISH ADOPTION (2014-2015) → *Así se dice* Level 2 (McGraw Hill ©2012)

- 1) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Student Edition Class Set (25) W/E-Studio 6-year Subscription
ISBN 978-0-07-660453-1
- 2) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Student Edition Class Set (5) W/E-Studio 6-year Subscription
ISBN 978-0-07-663054-7
- 3) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Studentworks Plus CD-ROM
ISBN 978-0-07-888637-9
- 4) ASI SE DICE Level 2 High School Spanish Workbook & Audio Activities
ISBN 978-0-07-888382-8
- 5) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Pre-Ap Prep & Practice Workbook Student Edition
ISBN 978-0-07-888942-4
- 6) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Teacher Wraparound Edition
ISBN 978-0-07-660428-9
- 7) ASI SE DICE Level 2 High School Spanish Teacherworks
ISBN 978-0-07-888633-1
- 8) ASI SE DICE Level 2 High School Spanish Teacher Classroom Resources
ISBN 978-0-07-888185-5
- 9) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Audio Program
ISBN 978-0-07-888937-0
- 10) ASI SE DICE Level 2 Interactive Chalkboard CD-ROM
ISBN 978-0-07-888645-4

- 11) ASI SE DICE Level 2 High School Spanish Vocabulary & Culture Video DVD
ISBN 978-0-07-891036-4
- 12) ASI SE DICE High School Spanish Grammar Video DVD
ISBN 978-0-07-891034-0
- 13) ASI SE DICE Level 2 High School Spanish Examview
ISBN 978-0-07-888641-6

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.03 Elementary Science Curriculum

MOTION: To approve the purchase of the following Science Curriculum Textbooks approved by the School Board on May 27, 2014.

- 1) Upgrade of the current elementary science curriculum materials. This includes upgrades for three kits at each grade level, 1-5. Included in each kit upgrade is a revised teacher's manual and revised student investigation guides: Science, Technology and Children, Teacher Editions, Science, Technology and Children, Student Investigation Guides.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.04 Technology

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the lease of desktops and mobile computers for Culbertson Elementary School, Loomis Elementary School and the Marple Newtown High School at a reduced cost of \$130,607.70 a year for five years.

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

There was a brief discussion; the District is getting more materials for less money. There will be 150 tablets at the High School.

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the School Messenger Custom Mobile Application for iOS and Android. The fee for the annual hosting, license and support is \$3,396.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.05 Field Trips

Mrs. Galbriath asked for a motion to approve the following Field Trips

Mr. Chris Vogel, Teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Choir to New York City on August 6 and August 7, 2014 to watch the Broadway performance of the Musical, Matilda. The students participating in this trip are currently involved in the Spring Musical Production. The total cost per pupil is \$110.00. There is no cost to the District.

Ms. Kerren Vosheski, Cheer Coach, to accompany the Cheerleading Squad to Pine Forest Camp in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania on August 19 through August 22, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$245.00. There is no cost to the district.

Mr. Mike Massimo, Teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Band to Camp Canadensis in Canadensis, Pennsylvania on August 23 through August 26, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$250. There is no cost to the District.

Mr. Mike Massimo, Teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Band to Hershey, Pennsylvania for the Championship Performance Evaluation on November 8 or November 9, 2014. Trip is paid by student activity fee.

Mr. Mike Massimo, Teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Band to Atlantic City, New Jersey for the Miss America Parade on September 13, 2014. Trip is paid for by student activity fee.

The Marple Newtown High School Athletic Teams' trips as needed per schedule in accordance with P.I.A.A.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Chairperson

13.02 RETIREMENT

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirement, item 1.

- 1) Robert McCormick – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 30, 2014
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement, item 1.

- 1) Ellen Moy – Food Services Worker
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 13, 2014
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.03 RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following administrative resignations, items 1 and 2.

- 1) Kevin Baldwin – Food Services Manager
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: July 1, 2014
Reason: Personal
- 2) Kevin Conway – Deskside Technician
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 24, 2014
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional resignations, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Lindsay Koch – Gifted Support Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 18, 2014
Reason: Personal
- 2) Dr. Lara Munch – Spanish Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: July 1, 2014
Reason: Personal
- 3) Craig Riley – Counselor
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 25, 2014
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 and 2.

- 1) Jaclyn Purcell – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 18, 2014
Reason: So as to accept teaching position at Loomis Elementary.
- 2) Kathleen McGee – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 18, 2014
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.04 TERMINATIONS

ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the termination of the following coaches, items 1 through 3.

- 1) David Belson – Second Assistant Coach for Boys Lacrosse
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 24, 2014
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) Paul Ramagano – Boys Basketball Coach
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 24, 2014
Reason: End of Assignment
- 3) Robert McDonald – Assistant Diving Coach
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 24, 2014
Reason: End of Assignment

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.05 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional leaves, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Elizabeth Treatman – Speech Therapist
Loomis Elementary School
From: November 12, 2014 to June 17, 2015
Reason: Maternity/Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Holly O'Mahoney – Autistic Support Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
From: August 26, 2014 to November 16, 2014
Reason: Maternity/Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Michael Reinhart – Science Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
From: May 15, 2014 to June 18, 2014
Reason: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the correct start date of the maternity leave for the following professional, item 1.

- 1) Rebecca Pullin – 5th Grade Teacher

Russell Elementary School
From: May 19, 2014
To: May 21, 2014

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.06 POSITION CREATION

Prior to the motions it was made clear that there are no cuts, these are new positions.

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of a Wilson Reading Specialist position to meet the administrative needs in specialized reading strategies in the District effective July 1, 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of a .5 Pupil Services Secretary position to meet the increased administrative needs in the District effective July 1, 2014.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of an Autistic Support Teacher position to meet the administrative needs in special education at Paxon Hollow Middle School effective July 1, 2014.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of an Autistic Support Aide position to meet the administrative needs in special education at Paxon Hollow Middle School effective July 1, 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of a .5 Secondary Mathematics Teacher position to meet the administrative needs in mathematics at Marple Newtown High School effective July 1, 2014.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of an Elementary Food Services Coordinator as part of the Food Services Department reorganization.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the creation of three new Food Service staff positions at Culbertson Elementary School, Loomis Elementary School and Worrall Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.07 APPOINTMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the start date of the following administrative appointment, item 1 and 2.

- 1) Christopher Brown – Transportation Supervisor
District
Effective: June 23, 2014
- 2) Michelle Meehan – Elementary Food Service Coordinator
District
Salary: \$34,000.00
Effective: August 1, 2014
Reason: New Position

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 9.

It was requested that these motions be separated 1 through 5, item 6 on its own, then 7 through 9

- 1) Danielle Marchese – Wilson Reading Specialist
District
Salary: \$54,328

Effective: July 1, 2014
Reason: New Position

- 2) Nicole Zulli – Autistic Support Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646
Effective: August 26, 2014
Reason: New Position
- 3) Keith Belson – English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$42,646
Effective: August 26, 2014
Reason: Replaces Lisa D'Annunzio (Resigned)
- 4) Jaclyn Purcell – 5th Grade Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646
Effective: August 26, 2014
Reason: Replaces Vicki Herr (Resigned)
- 5) Marielle Martino – School Psychologist
District
Salary: \$62,421
Effective: August 26, 2014
Reason: Replaces Maria Toglia (Resigned)

Motion made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

- 6) Christopher Gicking – 1st Grade Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$67,299
Reason: Replaces Karen Lebo (Retired)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 1

- 7) Paula Funsten – Language Arts Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$52,301.00
Effective: August 26, 2014
Reason: Replaces Martha Comer (Retired)
- 8) Marianna Gazzara – Spanish Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00
Effective: August 26, 2014

Reason: Replaces Dr. Lara Munch (Resigned)

- 9) Sophie Cross – Gifted Education Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$47,849.00
Effective: August 26, 2014
Reason: Replaces Lindsay Koch (Resigned)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to clarify the status of the appointment of the following professional, item 1.

- 1) Claudia Derian – Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Status: Long Term Substitute
Effective: April 14, 2014 to June 18, 2014

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 5.

- 1) Ralph Salamone – Substitute Custodian
District
Salary: \$14.75 per hour
Effective: June 25, 2014
Reason: Seasonal Vacation Coverage
- 2) Joseph Blaisse – Substitute Custodian
District
Salary: \$14.75 per hour
Effective: June 25, 2014
Reason: Seasonal Vacation Coverage
- 3) Steve Kroberger – Substitute Custodian
District
Salary: \$14.75 per hour
Effective: June 25, 2014
Reason: Seasonal Vacation Coverage
- 4) Chris Vandever – Substitute Custodian
District
Salary: \$14.75

Effective: June 25, 2014
Reason: Seasonal Vacation Coverage

- 5) Denise Gualberti – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.82 per hour
Effective: June 25, 2014
Reason: Replacing Mike Cipresso (Deceased)

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

ADMINISTRATIVE REASSIGNMENTS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following administrative reassignments effective for the 2014-2015 school year, items 1 and 2.

- 1) Zahida Halani
From: Food Service Manager – Loomis Elementary School
To: Food Service Manager – Marple Newtown High School
Reason: Kevin Baldwin Resignation
Salary: \$24,000.00
- 2) Delores Palazzo
From: Food Service Manager – Worrall Elementary School
To: Food Service Manager – Paxon Hollow Middle School
Reason: Rose Campbell Retirement
Salary: \$22,000.00

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbriath

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL REASSIGNMENTS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional reassignments effective for the 2014-2015 school year, items 1 through 5.

- 1) Denise King
From: 2nd Grade Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
To: Gifted Support Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
Reason: Kathleen Calabrese Retirement
- 2) Patrice Cutler
From: 1st Grade Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
To: ELL Teacher – District
Reason: Janet Daly Retirement
- 3) Meredith Gerhardt

From: 1st Grade Teacher – Russell Elementary School
To: 1st Grade Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
Reason: Backfill of Patrice Cutler (see above)

4) Deborah Meenan

From: 4th Grade Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
To: 2nd Grade Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
Reason: Backfill of Denise King (see above)

5) Jennifer Philipp

From: Kindergarten – Worrall Elementary School
To: 2nd Grade Teacher – Worrall Elementary School
Reason: Beverly Blumberg Retirement and Collapse of K Position

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL TRANSFERS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional transfer effective for the 2014-2015 school year, item 1.

1) Emily Lovitz

From: Special Education Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
To: 4th Grade Teacher – Loomis Elementary School
Reason: Backfill Deborah Meenan (see above)

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.08 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2014-2015 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

13.09 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) 2014

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel for the 2014 Extended School Year (ESY) Program as attached. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment.

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

With no further discussion motion was passed 8 – 0

13.10 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursements in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.11 TENURE

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to record in the records of the Board the attainment of tenure and the awarding of a Professional Employee Contract to the following Temporary Professional employee who has been certified by the Superintendent of Schools as having completed three (3) years of satisfactory service in the Marple Newtown School District in accordance with Section 1108 of the School Code, item 1.

- 1) Andrew Morgan
Achieved: June 17, 2013

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

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 \$2,630,570.98, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$75,784.38, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$11,500.00, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$93,221.65.

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

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 April 2014, Treasurer's Report for May 2014, and budget transfers for May/June 2014.

Informational item monthly financial reports for May 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.04 2014-2015 Final Budget Adoption

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget for the Marple Newtown School District in the amount of \$72,900,000.00 as presented on form PDE 2028.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With some discussion motion passed 8 – 1

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Tax Levy Resolution as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With some discussion motion passed 7 – 2

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the 2014 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.05 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$8,127.30 donation from Loomis Elementary PTO for Loomis Elementary School playground equipment.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

14.06 Designation of Depositories

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the following Financial Institutions for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as required by School Code.

- 1) TD Bank
- 2) Pennsylvania Local Investment Government Trust (PLGIT)
- 3) Pennsylvania District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

14.07 July Bills for Payment

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to authorize the Business Administrator, with the approval of the Superintendent, to release checks for payment during the month of July and August, as needed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.08 Fund Balance

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to commit Fund Balance for current Capital Projects and approve the necessary transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund in 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.09 Bus Leasing

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the lease agreement with Santander Leasing, LLC for the replacement of Bus #54 beginning July 2, 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.10 Advertising

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Premier Orthopedics as an advertiser on the High School Filed Press box in the amount of \$3,500.00 pending final contract review of the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

15.02 Facilities

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Delaware County Historical Society use of the Performing Arts area at the High School on Saturday October 4, 2014 with two exceptions to Policy 707, they may bring in their own sound system and the Usage Fee will be waived.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the purchase and installation of five sets of new doors in the Gauntlett Center gym. The cost for this project will be split with the Marple Newtown Leisure Services. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$5882.50.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Dr. Merle Horowitz, Superintendent jointly with Michael Dumin, Director of Operations, to approve change orders that do not exceed \$20,000.00 for Board Approved Capital Projects during the months of July and August 2014. Any change orders that do exceed \$20,000.00 may be approved by Marple Newtown School District Board through an email consensus of five or more affirmative responses.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Project Change Order CM #364 for Wohlsen's masonry contractor to patch the brick that was removed to install new louvers, at a cost of \$959.75.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to accept Johnson Controls Inc., 5757 North Green Bay Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209 as the lowest responsible bidder for the Chiller Compressor Replacement Project at Russell and Worrall Elementary Schools at a cost of \$92,529.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to accept Ellis Construction Inc., 1003 Wilson Avenue, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania 19342, as the lowest responsible bidder for the Wallball Wall Project at Loomis Elementary School at a cost of \$37,800.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

16. BOARD DIRECTOR POSITION

RESIGNATION

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Jim Lanzalotto effective June 24, 2014.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Sereni explained the process of the appointment, Mrs. Chandless would call for nominations of a candidate, and once the nominations are done she will ask for a motion for the nominations to be closed. Once a candidate receives 5 affirmative votes they are appointed. No further votes will take place. Mrs. Chandless wanted the audience to know that the person appointed they would be formally sworn in at the Regular Board meeting in August. She also again reminded the audience about the e-mails received 25 for Mrs. Tranas, and 60 for Mr. Catania.

Mrs. Chandless asked for nominations for the appointment of School Board Director.

Mrs. McAuliffe, Mr. DeNucci nominated Mr. Matthew Catania

Mrs. Harvey nominated Mr. Jason Vetter

Mrs. Galbraith nominated Mrs. Ellen Tranas

Mr. Altieri nominated Mr. Bob Jacobs

Mrs. Chandless asked for the motion to close nominations.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Matthew Catania to the Board of School Directors effective June 25, 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With some discussion motion passed 6 - 2

17. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

18. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

19. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

20. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kathleen McGee asked Mr. Altieri about the .5 Math Teacher at the High School. They were being hired for the class sizes and helping students that may be struggling in math. Dr. Horowitz explained that this position is to reduce class size and help students with the Keystone examines.

Joan Tobin, spoke of the cuts that have been made in the schools in the past couple of years. Foreign Language at the elementary level, German at the Middle School and High School, Math Specialist at all the schools, Library assistants, field trips eliminated, parking at the high school. When you have the ability to raise taxes to bring back some of this programs the Board does not vote to do so.

Beth DiCicco had been part of the budget committee. As a member of that committee they feel that they are not heard. No meeting since October. Please arrange for continuing meetings. Really would like to bring these meetings back.

Dr. Horowitz explained that the meetings should be started in the fall. Not required by PDE for a Strategic plan so we will be doing it on our own.

There was a brief discussion about the computers. Two elementary schools will be getting new computers, the other two will get them when their lease is up.

Question on the wall at Loomis. Will be put back out to bid this winter.

Question about the Math program with grant is it being used.

Dr. Horowitz advised that it has been being used in the schools now.

Also, are we looking at the Science program?

Dr. Horowitz advised that it is being looked at.

Parent questioned about the Foreign Language program, has the Administration requested the program to come back. What is the process?

Mr. Altieri explained the process.

Dr. Horowitz explained that we are hiring a Wilson Reading Specialist. Having a specialist in the elementary schools is extremely important. It is important to have students be proficient in reading prior to entering Paxon Hollow. Once we have that we would ask for the Foreign Language program back, but right now our focus is Reading.

21. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

22. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary