

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: Mrs. Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 70 for Teacher recognition ~ 7 for full meeting

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. James Lanzaletto, 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. Sack, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
Mrs. McAuliffe had two (2) additions to the Agenda
Human Resources and Policy Committee 13.05 and 13.06
Agenda was approved as amended 8 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None at this time

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Horowitz explained that there was award established by the Franklin Mint Credit Union and the Daily Times Excellence in Education along with the IU. She was proud to

present the Marple Newtown School District Teachers of Excellence award to the following teachers:

Culbertson, Brittany Fertman, Loomis, Deborah Meehan, Russell, Maria Botos, Worrall, Linda Rosenberg, Paxon Hollow, Mary Anne Hrin, High School, Christine Roy (she was unable to attend, she is with a select group of students at a Science Symposium.

All six nominations were sent to a group of retired Superintendents. They review the applicants from the entire state. She was proud to announce that Brittany Fertman will represent Marple Newtown for the State and Teacher of the year is Maria Botos and she will be honored at the May 20th meeting of the Broomall Rotary.

7. COMMENDATIONS

None at this time

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Exciting things happening at the high school

- Marple Newtown Teachers/Staff compete against the Harlem Wizards March 29th.
- 25th National History Day Competition ~ Several students won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and will move on to the State Competition.
- Eye of the Tiger newsletter is now on the website.
- Colin Van Son was named National Merit Finalist.
- Sixteen students are traveling to France for the student exchange program.
- Spring sports have started, you are welcome to come out and see some of the games.
- Second College essay writing workshop will be March 29th
- Spring Concert April 2nd
- Link weekend April 6th to the 8th
- FBLA state conference April 7th to the 9th
- Second Senior project meeting will be April 29th and 30th
- SAT's will be held at the High School on May 2nd.
- More information about all events taking place can be found on the website.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz started her report by recognizing Colin Van Son, National Merit Finalist, Colin shared with the Board his plans are to go to college in the fall, give back to the community, become a father. Give his children a great education as he has had and be great parent just like his.

Dr. Horowitz then invited all to the Harlem Wizards game on March 29th. This is co-sponsored by the joint PTO. All 1300 tickets have been sold. She is going to be the water girl for the Faculty and Staff at the game.

Dr. Horowitz then introduced Dr. Larry O'Shea from the Delaware County IU to give a presentation on the budgets that the School Board needed to approve.

Dr. O'Shea gave a presentation on how the 3 budgets are prepared. He answered several questions from the Board. The Business Manager from the IU also gave a brief

presentation on other budgets that are prepared and also answered questions from the Board.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 Special Meeting and the February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Student Number 841589 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, 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

In the absence of Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. Altieri gave the following report.

12.02 Athletic Training Services Agreement

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Athletic Training Services agreement for Marple Newtown School District with ATI Physical Therapy. The total cost for a period of five years, from 2014-2019 will be \$21,000.00 for Marple Newtown High School and \$7,000.00 for Paxon Hollow Middle School. Billing will be sent on a monthly basis from September through June of each year. This is subject to the review and approval of the final language by the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

12.03 Special Education Plan

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Special Education Plan as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

12.04 District Calendar

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the revision of the 2013-2014 Marple Newtown School District Calendar as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.05 Field Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Ms. Carolyn Firkser, Teacher and six Marple Newtown High School students to travel to Costa Rica from June 24 to July 2, 2014. The total cost per pupil will be approximately \$2,700.00. 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

12.06 Student Clubs/Activities

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Model United Nations Club at the Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to give students the chance to experience the inner workings of international relations and to sample a career in politics or diplomacy. The club advisor is Mr. Doug Killough.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.07 License Agreement

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the contract between Villanova University and Marple Newtown School District for the commencement event being held on June 12, 2014. The total cost to the District for this event is \$10,825.00.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

1.

1. Suzanne Mecouch – Science Coordinator
District
Effective: June 30, 2014
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandelss, seconded by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirement, item 1 and 2.

1. Beverly Blumberg – Elementary Teacher 2nd Grade
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: June 20, 2014
Reason: Retirement
2. Kathleen M. Calabrese – Teacher of Gifted Students
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 20, 2014
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

13.03 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

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

1. Becky Pullin – Elementary Teacher 5th Grade
Russell Elementary School
Effective: May 18, 2014 through Opening Day of the
2014-2015 School Year
Reason: Maternity Leave

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 8-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following change in classified leave dates, item 1.

1. Laura Hancock – Bus Driver
Transportation
From: March 22, 2014 through May 4, 2014
To: March 12, 2014 through April 28, 2014
Reason: Adjusted Maternity Leave Dates

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.04 APPOINTMENTS

CLASSIFIED

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

1. Ann Marie Goldbeck – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 4, 2014
Salary: \$13,640 (pro-rated)
Reason: Replaces positions created by McGee/Yarnell resignations

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

13.05 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2013-2014 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 Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the additional supplemental appointment as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.06 Salary Change

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the salary for the Superintendent, effective July 2, 2013 in the amount of \$200,128.

Motion made by Mr. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Baker
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 \$2,578,679.22, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$31,087.02 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$84,753.90.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
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 January 2014, Treasurer's Report for January 2014, and budget transfers for February 2014.

Informational item monthly financial reports for February 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.04 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept a telescope to the Marple Newtown High School Astronomical Society by Dr. Richard Fruncillo.

Motion made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$5,766.67 from Russell PTO for the purchase of two Smart Boards.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.05 2014–2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the 2014-2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit budget in the amount of \$8,015,245.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

14.06 2014–2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Agreements

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the 2014-2015 Special Education Agreement in the amount of \$716,900.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

14.07 2014–2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Vocational-Technical Budget

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the 2014-2015 Delaware County Technical Schools Budget in the amount of \$11,952,008.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Discussion Item: First reading of Policy 707 Use of School Facilities

Mr. DeNucci explained that the Board will table this discussion until the next committee meeting.

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

18. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Brangiel spoke and was very concerned that his wife received a call stating that his daughter was not in school. He took his daughter to the bus stop and was worried that she was not in school. His biggest concern is that the number for the school is not on the website, his wife was in an airport in Texas and was helpless in calling anyone. Again, his greatest concern is that he could not speak to a live person. He did say that he spoke to Mr. Flood and how well he handled this situation.

His other concern is that he does not think that the district has come far enough in technology. He does not feel as though the Board has a plan for technology and thinks that a year a half is too long to bring the schools up to date. He invited the Board to visit Garnet Valley to see what the technology looks like.

There was a brief discussion between the Board and Mr. Brangiel concerning this issue.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary