

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: **Board:** Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Ms. Sherry McAuliffe, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Ms. Jamie Mariano and Mr. John McDevitt.

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 4

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

Vice-President Nancy Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Fred Dewey then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe, Mr. Robert Sack, Mrs. Jamie Mariano, Mr. James Lanzalotto and Mr. John McDevitt.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Robert Sack.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments at this time.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was no report.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was no report.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Mr. Chen reported that September 21, 2012 was Youth night at Marple Newtown High School, and all in attendance had a good time. Homecoming will be October 1, 2012. Back to School night will be October 3, 2012. Many school spirit activities are planned such as the upcoming Powderpuff game.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Merle Horowitz reported that Marple Newtown School District is off to a terrific 2012-2013 school year. The High School renovation is nearing completion, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the Fall. *Spotlight on Marple Newtown* launched on the new website in the previous week, and the new software, Infinite Campus, is moving along very well. Worrall Elementary honored September 11 with a Peace Pole project, sponsored by the ELL Department, recognizing and celebrating diversity.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012 Regular Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Robert Sack.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the Private School Tuition Agreement 2012-2013 between Marple Newtown School District and Child Guidance Resource Centers (CGRC) for Student No. 803891 and Student No. 841947.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson

12.02 Field Trips

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the following field trips:

- Collin Hannan, Teacher, and Brian Isselmann, Teacher and four members of Student Council to attend the Ignite 2012-PASC 76th State Conference in New Castle, PA on November 1-3, 2012. The students will be staying with host families in the New Castle Area. The cost per pupil is \$110 and \$40 for the bus. There is no cost to the district.
- To approve Mike Colgan, Girls Basketball Coach and the basketball team to attend a tournament in Orlando, Florida on December 12-16, 2012. The

cost per pupil is \$400 which will be paid by fundraising. There is no cost to the district.

- To approve Dr. Toni Himes, Supervisor, Andrea Fiorentino, Reading Specialist, Helene Duckett, Reading Specialist, and Meredith Marks, Reading Specialist to attend the International Dyslexia Conference in Baltimore, MD on October 24-25, 2012. The total cost to the district is \$1,565.00 for registration and mileage paid by Title II.
- To approve Brian Isselmann, Teacher, Tracy Jacobson, Counselor, and Mike Winterbottom, Teacher to attend LINK with 50 students to South Mountain YMCA on October 26-28, 2012. There is no cost to the district.
- To approve Dr. Michael Karpyn, Teacher, to attend the PA Council for Social Studies Conference in Bethlehem, PA on October 12, 2012. Dr. Karpyn was invited to speak about MNHS involvement in the National History Day program. The total cost to the district is \$175.00.
- To approve Dr. Stephen Subers, Principal, Andrea Fiorentino, Reading Specialist, and Dorie Martin, Reading Specialist to attend the PASCD Annual Conference in Hershey, PA on November 18-20, 2012. The total cost to the district is \$702.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

12.03 Disposal of Textbooks

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to dispose of 250 copies for grades 6-12 of the following textbooks: En Espanol, Publisher: McDougal Littell, Copyright: 2004, ISBN #0-618-25057-3.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

12.04 Gift from Worrall Elementary School PTO

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to accept \$6,000.00 from Worrall Elementary School PTO to purchase eight (8) iPads, eight (8) protective cases, and eight (8) \$100.00 application cards for each iPad.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

12.05 Student Clubs/Activities

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the following Student Clubs and Activities:

- Cinema Society Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to expand knowledge of the different genres and styles of film that have grown over the years. The club advisor is Mike Winterbottom.
- To approve the Beatnik Society Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to have students appreciate the written arts. The club advisor is Lisa D'Annunzio.
- To approve the Environmental Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to raise environmental awareness to the new recycling program and bring "green" activities to students who care about the environment. The club advisor is Liz Landes.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Kathryn Chandless, Chairperson

13.02 RESIGNATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

In lieu of Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignation, item 1.

- 1) Elizabeth Holt – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services
Effective: September 10, 2012
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Christa Trimarelli – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: August 31, 2012
Reason: Personal

- 2) Michael Shemeld – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: August 23, 2012
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.03 LEAVES

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave, item 1.

- 1) Brian Paine – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: September 4, 2012 through October 19, 2012
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.04 NEW POSITIONS

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Special Education Assistant position, in accordance with the current MNESPA Bargaining Agreement, to meet IEP needs.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.05 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Ashlyn Marabella – Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher
B.S. - Education: West Chester University; Certification: Special Education K-12/Mathematics 7-9/Science 7-9; 1 Yr. Experience
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$42,646.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: August 30, 2012 through January 18, 2012
Reason: Replaces Dana Locher (Child Rearing Leave)

- 2) Helen Cline, R.N. – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: September 10, 2012
Reason: As Needed

- 3) Eric Houck – Special Education Teacher
B.A.-History: Cabrini College; B.A.-Special Education: Alvernia College; Certifications:
Elementary K-6, Special Education N-12; 0 Yrs. Experience
High School
Salary: \$45,109.00
Effective: September 12, 2012
Reason: Replaces Susan Wingfield (Retired)

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 7.

- 1) Karen Ebert – Non-Instructional Assistant
Loomis
Salary: \$ 10.34 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2012
Reason: Replaces Lisa Leone (Resigned)

- 2) Ellen Salamone – Food Services Substitute
Food Services
Salary: \$8.00 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2012
Reason: As Needed

- 3) Mary Louise Donohue – Food Services Substitute
Food Services
Salary: \$8.00 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2012
Reason: As Needed

- 4) Rodney Simmons – Food Services Substitute
Food Services
Salary: \$8.00 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2012
Reason: As Needed

- 5) Ashley Dreyer – Substitute Custodian
Operations
Salary: \$14.38 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2012
Reason: As Needed

- 6) Jannie Tatum – Instructional Assistant – ELL
District
Salary: \$10.80 per hour
Effective: September 18, 2012
Reason: Replaces Lisa Siracusa (Reassigned)

- 7) Maura Cullen – 12 Month Secretary
Pupil Services
Salary: \$24,337.00
Effective: October 1, 2012
Reason: Replaces Helen Averill (Resigned)

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.06 SALARY CHANGES

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Administrative salary changes effective July 1, 2012, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following salary changes, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Heather Lyon – Reading Specialist
Culbertson Elementary
From: \$79,597.00
To: \$81,632.00
Reason: Corrected Column Movement –Achieved Masters+ 60, Step 13

- 2) Holly O’Mahoney – Elementary Teacher
From: \$47,849.00
To: \$45,109.00
Reason: Salary Correction-Achieved Bachelor’s + 24 (PC), Step 1

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.07 REASSIGNMENTS

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following classified reassignment, item 1.

- 1) Gillian Gannon
From: Special Education Assistant
To: Behavior Health Worker
Pupil Services
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 18, 2012
Reason: Replaces Kimberly Colsher (Resigned)

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.08 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve tuition reimbursement, in accordance with
MNEA negotiated agreement, as attached.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

13.09 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts,
items 1 through 3.

- 1) Ashley Callinan- Coach- Girls' Lacrosse/Girls' Soccer
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: August 27, 2012
Reason: Personal
- 2) Solange Pierlott – Team Leader- 7th Grade
Paxon Hollow
Effective: August 28, 2012
Reason: Personal
- 3) Christopher Penney-Assistant Coach – JV Football
Paxon Hollow
Effective: August 30, 2012
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Robert Sack asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2012-2013 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Fred Dewey, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,598,527.60, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$1,783,099.85, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$131,701.50 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$88,126.34.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for July and August 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

14.04 Donations

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to accept donations for the Raise the Bar Program and to expand the budget accordingly:

Bonnett Associates Incorporated
Active Image Media
Advanced Chiropractic Center
Michael K. Molinaro

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
Mr. Dewey then thanked the contributors.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

14.05 Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on Folio Number 30-00-02526-56. Annualized tax dollar increase to the School District for tax year 2012 is \$697.41.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

14.06 Capital Fund

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to commit an additional \$1,000,000.00 of excess fund balance to the capital reserve fund balance and to authorize the transfer of funds during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – John McDevitt, Chairperson

Mr. John McDevitt asked Mr. Michael Dumin to give an overview of the progress in the High School renovation.. Mr. Dumin stated that the Auditorium and the Lobby were left to complete. A test of safety systems would take place on September 26, and inspection would take place by the end of the week, at which time the district should receive an occupancy permit. All but minor items will be finished by Back to School night.

15.02 Facilities

Mr. John McDevitt asked for a motion to approve change orders for the Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project, items 1 through 11.

1. CM No. 293A, Install a CMU column cover in the food court area, at a cost of \$2,162.88.
2. CM No. 354, Additional exit signs required in the football/LAX locker room, at a cost of \$1,846.50.
3. CM No. 381, Drywall soffit required at window in Passage A200A, at a cost of \$1,476.56.
4. CM No. 384, Power to existing FCU's to remain in vestibule A150A, at a cost of \$1,695.14.
5. CM No. 407, A modified connection detail was required at each end of the gym extension, at a cost of \$833.12.
6. CM No. 408, Joist modifications required for cord reinforcing at TRU-12, at a cost of \$2,515.39.
7. CM No. 431, GWB was laminated on the south wall of B113 after the removal of sound panels, at a cost of \$555.89.
8. CM No. 433, Closure above doors in vestibule A150A, at a cost of \$1,394.77.
9. CM No. 406, Shaft wall installed above doors to stairs where the wall was identified as a 2-hour fire separation, at a cost of \$5,583.32.
10. CM No. 388, Backcharge for sprinkler repairs due to frozen pipe that was due to thermal break not being installed per contract documents, for a credit of (\$2,324.00).
11. CM No. 388, Sprinkler repairs due to frozen pipe that was due to thermal break not being installed per contract documents, at a cost of \$2,324.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Jamie Mariano and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

Mr. John McDevitt asked for a motion to approve the Administration to produce specifications,

advertise, and receive bids for replacement windows and doors for the sections of the Gauntlett Center that have not been replaced during the current renovation project.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

Mr. John McDevitt asked for a motion to approve the Administration to produce specifications, advertise, and receive bids for an asbestos abatement necessary to demolish the existing windows and doors for the sections of the Gauntlett Center that have not been replaced during the current renovation project.

Motion was made by Mrs. Jamie Mariano and seconded by Mr. James Lanzalotto.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

Mr. John McDevitt asked for a motion to approve the Administration to produce specifications, advertise, and receive bids for air conditioning split system units to be installed by the District's Maintenance Department in the occupied spaces, except the gym, for Leisure Services and Kids Stop.

Motion was made by Mrs. Jamie Mariano and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

Mr. John McDevitt asked for a motion to approve the disposal of the School District Police Vehicle.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was no report.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no report.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments at this time.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments at this time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Nancy Galbraith then adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary