

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012
BOARD ROOM MINUTES**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless

Board: Mr. David McGinley, Mr. John McDevitt (7:07PM)

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

Press: 0

Audience: 4

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Dewey called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2012:

Mr. Dewey asked that the minutes be approved as presented.
With no discussion the minutes were approved.

3. Business Office/Finance Reporting

Mr. Dewey asked to take to the full Board for approval a motion for:

- Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund bills
- Financial Reports for July, August, 2012

Mr. Driscoll explained that everything should be caught up by the Regular Meeting. The Audit is finished. Will make presentation at the November Budget and Finance Meeting. No issues or findings. AFR (Annual Financial Report) due to the State October 31st.

Will take to full Board for approval

4. Advertising

- School Media Agreement
- Committee
- Placement Locations
- High School Gym
- Policy

Mike Larkin explained with School Media Agreement ~ went over contract, will take to Solicitor once Board okays ~ there were a few questions, most were answered ~ have to supply a list of our advertisers so that they are not contacted by School Media. Dr. Horowitz as spoke to the Superintendent of Pennsbury, they are between ads, but agreed that we could come and take a look. Mr. Larkin continued to explain that the ads are on a 3 month rotation and cover 10% to 20% of the district space ~ gym at the High School, both scoreboards are booked (B & E Sportswear) ~ The committee would consist of 3 to 5 people for School Media, they would be the ones to approve the ads. Suggestions, Fred Dewey, Dr. Horowitz, Parent, Teacher, Dr. Bompadre, Principal (Elementary) Principal/Designee (Secondary). Mr. Larkin continued that an Advertising Policy would be prepared for the Board. Mr. Driscoll explained that he is in the process of writing the policy.

5. Donations

Motion:

- Raise the Bar
- Crown Trophy

Mr. Driscoll explained that Mr. Reardon has a program to support the Athletic Program.

- Culbertson Elementary School donation and installation of a sign to place in front the school.

Mr. Dumin has been working with the PTO from Culbertson, PTO will purchase the sign and the installation will be done in house. Should not be much for the sign permit. Timing on the lighting will be the same as the parking lot. Should have no effect on the neighbors.

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. Bus Buyback Program

Will be covered in #8

7. Sprint Nextel Settlement

Mr. Driscoll explained that the agreement has been fixed.

8. 2013-2014 Budget Process

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- Format has been changed
- Account Standards for next year
- Change to a Financial Statement (2013)
- Title 9 mandates retro active to 7/1/12 ~ track every sport, by gender for supplies, capital ~ expand data base ~ Not concerned, we are good with Title 9
- Annual report to PDE for Title 9
- Explained some of the budget codes
- Report value of employee health care on W2's
- Updated the community budget

- Bus Fleet, to own is difficult at this time
- Buyback vs. Leasing ~ no financial impact at this time
- Will stay with buyback at this time
- Hold buses as long as we can
- Touched on natural gas
- Lower Marion has Natural Gas, no lease, no buyback, double cost for the bus, vehicles good for 15 years, after that not worth putting in new tanks, difficult to maintain
- Student Activity Fee
- Facility usage fee
- Act 1 ~ 1.7%
- Exception ~ PSERS
- Lost funds in Federal dollars and Title 1 money
- 1/27/13 Vote to Adopt not to exceed
- 2/12/13 Budget and Finance meeting make a voting meeting
- April and May proposed and final and go to June if necessary
- Dr. Bompadre explained that they are working closely with building administrators with the goals to make it the entire administration. Look where to make reductions, show any impact that how it will affect the other schools in the district. Meeting next week on how they would make changes in their budget. Can ask questions and supply feed back. Through the process where are we going? Then present to the Board an “A” version, show impact. Then show “B” version. Having the Principals attend the meetings and if there are any questions they can be asked and explain.

A lengthy discussion took place about having an 0% increase.

Talked about adding an extra hour to the next meeting so that this can be discussed further. One question, Dr. Horowitz, increase in Pension cost. What would the cost be for us? Mr. Driscoll explained that there is an off set of the 50% from the state, could be estimated \$750,000. The exception would be about \$650,000.

Mr. Dewy explained that we will continue discussion in 4 weeks.

9. New or Additional Business

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM

Minutes taken from notes and the tape. The tape did go blank at one point.