

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

**Board:** President Kathryn Chandless, Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mrs. Jamie Mariano 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.

**Press:** Leslie Krowchenko

**Audience:** 28

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

President Kathryn Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Fred Dewey then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Jamie Mariano, Ms. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. David McGinley and Mr. Robert Sack.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless requested a motion to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

Mrs. Chandless asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. James Lanzalotto requested the following addendum to **11. OTHER REPORTS:**

**MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Fred Dewey from the position of School Director, effective January 31, 2013.

**MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Janie Mariano from the position of School Director, effective February 13, 2013.

With no further changes, motion passed 9-0.

**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**

Dr. Merle Horowitz honored the members of the School Board for School Board Directors Recognition Month by awarding them each a certificate. She explained that Directors donate time and effort in service to the district, and expressed appreciation on behalf of the schools, administration, and the community for all the work our Board does. Thomas Gretchen, President of MNEA and Tracy Baker, President of MNESPA, then awarded the Board of Directors with a token of appreciation from their respective bargaining units for the work and dedication the Board has put forth on behalf of the district and its residents.

**8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

Ms. Ketrotsios and Mr. Chen reported that the Variety Show, directed by Mr. Chris Vogel and Mr. Mike Massimo, will run from January 31 through February 1, 2014. The following day, Marple Newtown High School will hold the Mr. Marple contest, donating a percentage of the profits to LINK and to needy families. The Drama Club donated \$1,000.00 to the Senior class from coffeehouses that have been held. The Student Council will be selling roses and candygrams on Valentine's Day. A blood drive will be held on February 25, and March 12 begins a student exchange program where MNHS students will shadow students from Penn Ridge.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Merle Horowitz stated that the PA Department of Education Secretary Ron Tomalis was seeking a waiver from No Child Left Behind, so that targets may remain the same. Pennsylvania is one of six states in the nation not to have already applied for this waiver. The U.S. Department of Education has given verbal approval to accept the Keystone tests in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Loomis Principal Christine White instituted the inaugural afternoon of serviced last Friday, which allowed students to make items for people in need. January 25, 2013 will be Youth NBA Night, where girl and boy basketball games will be played to honor Ray Gionta.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Mrs. Jamie Mariano requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 Regular Meeting and the December 3, 2012 Reorganization/Regular Meetings and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. John McDevitt. With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve the revised Calendar of Meetings for 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve Student No. 880203 to attend the Vanguard School, an approved private school.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve the Adjudication of Expulsion by Consent for Student No. 880329.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
The Board was polled regarding their attendance/reading the transcripts of the hearing. All members except Mr. Fred Dewey had either been in attendance or read the transcripts. A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mr. Robert Sack, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto,  
Mrs. Jamie Mariano, Ms. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. David McGinley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Mr. Fred Dewey

Motion passed 8-0-1.

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve the Adjudication of Expulsion by Consent for Student No. 840381, the Adjudication of Expulsion by Consent for Student No. 803115 and the Adjudication of Expulsion by Consent for Student No. 802869.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
The Board was polled regarding their attendance/reading the transcripts of the hearings for Students Numbers 840381, 803115, and 02869. All members had either been in attendance or read the transcripts. A roll call vote was requested for all three (3) of the cases:

Ayes: Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Jamie Mariano, Ms. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. David McGinley.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passed, 9-0.

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to accept the resignation of Fred Dewey from the position of School Director, effective January 31, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.  
Mrs. Kathryn Chandless requested that Mr. Dewey reconsider, and then thanked him for all his hard work during his tenure on the Board. Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and Mr. James Lanzalotto echoed Mrs. Chandless' statement.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to accept the resignation of Janie Mariano from the position of School Director, effective February 13, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe. Mrs. Kathryn Chandless Stated that she wished Mrs. Mariano could stay on the Board longer, but she understood her reasoning for the resignation. Mr. John McDevitt thanked Mrs. Mariano for her help with facilities, and for always voting for what was best for the students. He stated that she would be missed, which Mr. Lanzalotto echoed. With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

## **12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **12.01 Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson**

### **12.02 Field Trips**

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

- Dennis Reardon, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Conference at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA on March 13 - 15, 2013. The total cost to the district is \$500.00;
- The MNHS Cheerleading Team to attend the Reach the Beach Nationals in Ocean City, MD to compete on a national level on February 22-24, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$62.00. There is no cost to the district;
- Paxton Hollow MS teachers: Mary Harper, Karen Pantle, Dean Vlahos, Nate Tierney to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education/Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals Conference in State College, PA on February 24-26, 2013. The total cost to the district is \$1,100.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano. With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **12.03 Student Clubs/Activities**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the following student clubs/activities:

- The Paxton Press Club at Paxton Hollow Middle School. The purpose of the club is to provide a venue for Paxton Hollow students to showcase their journalist abilities and to have their voices heard. The club advisors are Dorie Martin, Jennifer Null and Michelle McAlea;
- The Student Support Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to help students and families who are experiencing some sort of financial hardship. The club advisors are Jen Cipollone and Tracy Jacobson;
- The MNHS Robotics Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to help shape students' minds toward engineering and robotics. The club advisor is Don Sloat.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano. With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

## **13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**13.01** Committee Report – Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Chairperson

**13.02** BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEM – DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTHCARE TRUST

Dr. Merle Horowitz introduced Mr. Larry O’Shea of the Intermediate Unit and Mr. Tom Beaumont of Gallagher Benefits, who spoke to the Board regarding a self-sponsored Health Care Consortium. A lengthy discussion ensued, as Board members voiced their concerns regarding several topics, such as risks, benefits, rates, costs, and incentives to stay. Mr. Shea and Mr. Beaumont could offer no guarantees regarding future costs and/or savings, but did offer to compile data from past years assist the Board in making its decision to join. Mr. McDevitt emphasized that there were many variables to be considered in making this decision, and underscored the need for more information. Mr. Robert Sack asked if other districts had already made a decision, to which the presenters responded that no one had definitively decided. Further discussion will ensure in committee meetings.

**13.03** RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following administrative resignation, item 1.

- 1) Dr. Raymond McFall – Principal  
High School  
Effective: February 4, 2013  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following professional resignation, item 1.

- 1) Gillian Gannon – Behavior Health Worker  
Culbertson Elementary  
Effective: December 21, 2012  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Naktaria Portias – Cafeteria Cook  
High School  
Effective: December 19, 2012  
Reason: Personal
- 2) Anne Gjoka – Food Services Substitute  
Food Services  
Effective: January 14, 2013  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

#### **13.04 TERMINATIONS**

##### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following professional termination, item 1.

- 1) Jeremy Creighton – LTS Mathematics Teacher  
High School  
Effective: December 21, 2012  
Reason: End of Assignment

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

#### **13.05 LEAVES**

##### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following professional leaves, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Jaclyn Vilmerding Health/Physical Education Teacher  
High School  
Effective: January 22, 2013 through June 18, 2013  
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Emily Speer – Math Teacher  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: December 17, 2012 through February 28, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave with Pay  
Effective: March 1, 2013 through May 23, 2103  
Reason: FMLA  
Effective: May 24, 2013 through June 18, 2013  
Reason: Child Rearing Leave (Revised dates)

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified leave, items 1 through 6.

- 1) Chanda Pastris – Cafeteria Worker  
Food Services  
Effective: December 3, 2012 through December 21, 2012  
Reason: Leave Without Pay
- 2) Brian Paine – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: December 6, 2012 through January 1, 2013  
Reason: Extension of Medical Leave Without Pay
- 3) Howard McElhenny – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: November 27, 2012 through January 11, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay
- 4) Teresa Baxter – Cafeteria Worker  
Food Services  
Effective: December 12, 2012 through March 1, 2013  
Reason: Leave Without Pay
- 5) Thomas McKenna – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: February 4, 2013 through March 20, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay
- 6) Jane Follosco – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: January 28, 2013 through March 1, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

**13.06 RETURN FROM LEAVE**

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following professional return from leave, item 1.

- 1) Steven Smilk – Mathematics Teacher  
High School  
Effective: January 2, 2013  
Reason: Return from FMLA

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **13.07 NEW POSITION (REVISED)**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Part-time Special Education Assistant position, in accordance with the current MNESPA Bargaining Agreement, to meet IEP needs. This position replaces the (1) Full-time Special Education Assistant position previously approved November 27, 2012.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **13.08 APPOINTMENTS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following administrative appointment, item 1.

- 1) Heather Logue – Supervisor of Special Education  
M.Ed. - Cabrini College; Certification: Elementary/Special Education K-12/ Reading Specialist/English as a Second Language/Educational Leadership;  
4 Yrs. Supervisory Experience; 10 Yrs. Teaching Experience  
Salary: \$113,885.00  
Effective: TBD  
Reason: Replaces Victoria Morris (resigned)

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 8.

- 1) Joseph Wassell – Homebound Instructor  
B.S. – Biology: Neumann University; Certification: Biology 7-12/  
Chemistry 7-12/Mathematics 7-12; 0 Yrs. Experience  
Pupil Services  
Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
Effective: January 2, 2013



- Reason: As Needed
- 2) Robin McCarthy – .5 LTS Health/Physical Education Teacher  
 B.S. - Health and Physical Education: West Chester University; Certification: Health/Physical Education; 4 Yrs. Experience.  
 Salary: \$21,323.00 (Pro-rated)  
 Effective: January 22, 2013  
 Reason: Replaces Jaclyn Vilmerding (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
  - 3) Glenn Rosenfeld - .5 LTS H/PE Teacher  
 B.S. - Kinesiology: West Chester University; Certification: Health and Physical Education; 4 Yrs. Experience  
 High School  
 Salary: \$26,150.50 (pro-rated)  
 Effective: January 22, 2013  
 Reason: Replaces Jaclyn Vilmerding (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
  - 4) Nicole Ainslie – Behavior Health Worker  
 Culbertson Elementary/Russell Elementary  
 Salary: \$47,849.00  
 Effective: January 2, 2013  
 Reason: Replace Gillian Gannon (Resigned)
  - 5) Jennifer Gossman – School Psychologist  
 M.S.-School Psychology: Millersville University; Certification: School Psychologist K-12; 8 Yrs. Experience  
 Russell Elementary  
 Salary: \$58,367.00.00  
 Effective: TBD  
 Reason: Replaces Linton Williams (Resigned)
  - 6) Julia Weathers – Homebound Instructor  
 B.S.-Mathematics; Certification: Mathematics 7-9, Elementary; 0 Yrs. Experience  
 Pupil Services  
 Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
 Effective: January 7, 2013  
 Reason: As Needed
  - 7) Marcia Cole-Quigley – Homebound Instructor  
 Certification: Elementary; 43 Yrs. Experience  
 Pupil Services  
 Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
 Effective: December 1, 2012  
 Reason: As Needed
  - 8) Mary Flounders – Homebound Instructor  
 Certification: Elementary/Mid-Level Math/Mid-Level English/Special Education K-12; 3 Yrs. Experience  
 Pupil Services  
 Salary: \$31.00 per hour

Effective: November 15, 2012  
Reason: As Needed

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 10.

- 1) Christina Gray – Part-time Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services  
Salary: \$11.04 per hour  
Effective: December 12, 2012  
Reason: New Position
- 2) Rose Pearce – Substitute – Food Services/Custodial  
Food Services/Operations  
Salary: According to Assignment  
Effective: January 2, 2013  
Reason: As Needed
- 3) Suzanne Carini – LTS Special Education Assistant  
Russell Elementary  
Salary: \$13,640.00 (Pro-rated)  
Effective: January 2, 2013  
Reason: Replaces William Davis (Leave Without Pay)
- 4) Patrick Durnin – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Salary: \$22.26 per hour  
Effective: January 14, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Rose Cardelli (Resigned)
- 5) Catherine Regan – Bus Aide  
Transportation  
Salary: \$14.39 per hour  
Effective: January 22, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Claire McLaughlin (Resigned)
- 6) Kenneth Scaella-Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Salary: \$22.26 per our  
Effective: January 14, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Robert Shoemaker (Voluntary reclassification)
- 7) Blaine Vogel – Bus Driver  
Transportation

- Salary: \$22.26 per hour  
Effective: January 14, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Charles David (Retired)
- 8) Ashley Dreyer – Classified Substitute  
District  
Salary: According to Assignment  
Effective: January 7, 2013  
Reason: As Needed
- 9) Rodney Simmons – Substitute Custodian  
Operations  
Salary: \$14.38 per hour  
Effective: January 8, 2013  
Reason: As Needed
- 10) Patricia Malin – Cafeteria Worker  
Food Services  
Salary: \$11.54 per hour  
Effective: January 23, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Ann Gjoka (Resigned)

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### 13.09 REASSIGNMENTS

#### CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified reassignments, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Theresa Atkinson  
From: Bus Aide  
To: Van Driver  
Salary: \$21.77 per hour  
Effective: December 17, 2012  
Reason: Replaces Gail Chapman (Retired)
- 2) Robert Shoemaker  
From: Bus Driver  
To: Van Driver  
Salary: \$20.77  
Effective: December 17, 2012  
Reason: Voluntary reassignment to replace Brian Paine (Reassigned)

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **13.10 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve tuition reimbursement, in accordance with MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **13.11 ACT 93 AGREEMENT**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the Administrative Compensation Plan for Act 93 Confidential Employees and the Marple Newtown School District effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **13.12 INTERIM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the appointment of Stanley Piecara, effective February 11, 2013, to provide supervisory and operational services at Marple Newtown High School. Services will be provided on an interim basis at a rate of \$500.00 per day. These services are needed due to the resignation of Dr. Raymond McFall, effective February 4, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
Mrs. Nancy Galbraith welcomed Mr. Piecara back to the District. Mr. David McGinley confirmed that Mr. Piecara's start date is February 4, 2013.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **13.13 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS**

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Christine Heffernan – Assistant Coach – Girls' Track & Field  
High School  
Effective: November 30, 2012  
Reason: Personal
  
- 2) Mary Flounders – Student Council Advisor  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: November 29, 2012  
Reason: Personal

- 3) William Cawley – Assistant Baseball Coach  
High School  
Effective: January 14, 2013  
Reason: Personal
- 4) Brian Muldowney – JV Assistant Baseball Coach  
High School  
Effective: January 14, 2013  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2012-2013 school year. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

#### **14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

##### **14.01** Committee Report – Robert Sack, Chairperson

##### **14.02** Bills for Payment

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$3,882,638.43, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$658,906.71, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$238,047.57 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$167,587.46.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

##### **14.03** Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October and November 2012, budget transfers for November, December 2012 and January 2013, Treasurer's Report for October, November and December 2012 and Budget Expansion.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

*Informational item monthly financial reports for December 2012.*

**14.04 Preliminary Budget Adoption**

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve the proposed Preliminary Budget for 2013-2014 as presented on form PDE 2028 pursuant to Act 1 of 2006, and to authorize the Business Administrator to publish public notice that it is available for public inspection and that it will be officially adopted on February 12, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Jamie Mariano and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

Mr. David McGinley stated that this process usually resulted in elimination of items, never of finding a way to put things back in. He stated that the district is putting money in the bank, but not for the benefit of the students. Mr. Joseph Driscoll responded that while the process is not perfect, it is designed by Act 1 requirements. Passing the preliminary budget will move the process ahead so discussions may begin on modifications.

A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Jamie Mariano, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.

Nays: Mr. David McGinley, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. James Lanzalotto

Abstentions: 0

With no further discussion, motion passed 6-3-0.

**14.05 Donations**

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to accept \$7,412.00 from Culbertson PTO for Venture Grants. To accept \$8,000.00 from Loomis Elementary PTO for two (2) Smart Boards and other technology.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

**14.06 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty**

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve the request of abatement of penalty to the following folio's as listed.

Folio No. 25-00-01253-68	\$407.80
Folio No. 30-00-02880-00	\$559.65
Folio No. 30-00-01721-81	\$628.40

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

Mr. Robert Sack stated that the Board might look into guidelines for decisions in cases such as these for the future. He and Mrs. Nancy Galbraith stated that they hate to vote yes.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

**14.07 Sprint Nextel Contract**

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve the settlement agreement with Nextel Communications as reviewed by the solicitor.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

#### **14.08 Policy**

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve Policy No. 610, Purchases Subject to Bidding/Quotation, based on recent changes in state law, second and final reading.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

### **15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

#### **15.01 Committee Report – Fred Dewey, Chairperson**

#### **15.02 Facilities**

Mr. Fred Dewey requested a motion to approve change orders for the Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project, items 1 through 21.

1. CM No. 475, Supply and install a dry sprinkler head in the observation dome, at a cost of \$573.00.
2. CM No. 35, A hardener was mixed in the concrete instead of painting the floors, at a credit of (\$7,500.00).
3. CM No. 45, Expansion loops shown on the contract documents determined to be unnecessary were deleted, at a credit of (\$8,478.00).
4. CM No. 187, A filter pack was installed on the face of the south wall of electrical room C017 which eliminated a section of ductwork and the required hand excavation, at a credit of (\$2,238.00).
5. CM No. 98, Demolition of existing material in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor LGI rooms that was not identified on the contract documents, at a cost of \$4,000.00.
6. CM No.194, Tack board modifications in rooms A203 and A205, at a cost of \$400.00.
7. CM No. 269, Existing surface-mounted HVAC equipment to be removed and void patched that were not addressed on contract documents, at a cost not to exceed \$35,369.00.
8. CM No. 284, Modifications of existing purlins and connection alterations as approved by the structural engineer, at a cost of \$3,786.04.
9. CM No. 288, Credit for not refinishing the wood floor in the Trainer's room C109, at a credit of (\$800.00).
10. CM No. 317, Deleted the floor finishes in the janitor closets, at a credit of (\$109.28).
11. CM No. 320, Deleted the foundation for the knee wall at the ramp in corridor C153, at a credit of (\$1,250.00).
12. CM No. 358, Deleted the painting of the face brick in the greenhouse and stair ST-4, at a credit of (\$3,500.00).
13. CM No. 378, Revisions at door 2/C014 per RFI 01-217, at a cost of \$545.16.
14. CM No. 390, A credit for portion of an existing wall to remain that was to be demolished and a 4" CMU veneer added to conceal an existing concrete beam in corridor B125B, at a cost of \$8,393.28.

15. CM No. 413A, Revised composition of stage flooring due to existing sleepers that were discovered when existing floor was removed, at a cost of \$2,542.02.
16. CM No. 429, Power to HVAC equipment in the vestibules of the Auditorium that was not addressed in the contract documents, at a cost of \$1,936.37.
17. CM No. 436, Credit for HVAC work not performed under prop storage room, at a credit of (\$1,405.00).
18. CM No. 441, Power to HVAC equipment in various locations that was not addressed in the contract documents, at a cost not to exceed \$8,828.03.
19. CM No. 466, Revised the hardware for door 1/B216 due to the specified door hardware and specified door not being compatible at a cost of \$174.23.
20. CM No. 480, Replace actuator on condenser water to each chiller, at a cost not to exceed \$9,474.00.
21. CM No. 481, Additional control wiring for the low alarm in the fume hoods, at a cost of \$9,945.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Fred Dewey requested a motion to authorize the Administration to hire Professional Roofing Services, 9 Fairview Ave., Middletown, DE 19709 to re-evaluate, produce bid documents, and act as the Construction Manager for the roofing project at the Culbertson Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Fred Dewey requested a motion to authorize the Administration to hire Pottsgrove Glass Co. Inc., 480 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473 as the lowest responsible bidder for the Window Replacement Project at the Gauntlett Center at a base bid of \$219,900.00 and to accept the alternate bid GC-1 to replace all exterior doors not included in the base bid for an additional \$48,700 at a total cost of \$268,600.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Robert Sack.  
Mr. John McDevitt requested information regarding secure doors for the old section of the Gauntlett Center, and plans for the gym. Mr. Michael Dumin responded that Mr. Rich Ehnou had a plan for the entrances and reception area during the day, and that the plan for the gym right now is to repaint the walls and re-do the floors and ceiling.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

## **16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith announced that Dr. Raymond McFall will be a new Assistant Executive Director at the Intermediate Unit. Mrs. Galbraith also stated that the IU is working very hard on matters related to the health consortium.

## **17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was no report.



**18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

President Kathryn Chandless awarded Mr. Fred Dewey a golden bell, honoring a long standing tradition, as thanks for his service to the Marple Newtown School District Board of Directors.

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no comments from the audience.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Fred Dewey stated that it has been his pleasure to serve on the Board, and that the reason he is leaving is because he is moving. He thanked the Board members, Administrators, teachers, students and parents for their support of him, and hoped that he has made a difference in the District.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith stated that it was wonderful to be able to host the Potter Cup.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kathryn Chandless adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary**