

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: **Board:** President David McGinley, Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, 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: 130

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

President David McGinley called the meeting to order at 7:29 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 McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. David McGinley and Mr. Robert Sack.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Mr. McGinley asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mrs. Kathryn Chandless then asked for an addition to Section **13. Human Resources and Policy** as follows:

13.03 RETIREMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional retirements, items 10 through **12.**

**12) Mildred Seeds – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: June 18, 2013**

Reason: Retirement (24 Yrs.) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.

With no further additions or revisions, motion passed, 9-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

Mr. McGinley asked for public comments dealing with agenda items only.

Ms. Suzanne McCutcheon, Newtown Square parent, thanked the retiring teachers for their service to the district and the community and for making education an enjoyable experience for all the students with whom they came into contact.

Mr. James Lanzalotto echoed the thanks expressed, and thanked the attending crowd for being at the meeting. He implored community members to get involved to make the educational experience everything it needed to be for the best interests of the students.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was no report.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was no report.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Student representatives spoke about the following activities which had or will occur in the district: The Powderpuff football game raised 800 for breast cancer research; Spirit Week plans are made; Adopt-A-Child is ready with presents for needy children for the holiday; "*A Christmas Carol*" will be presented from December 13-15, 2012; and there will be an Open House at the High School on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 10-1.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Merle Horowitz elaborated on the Open House at the High School this upcoming Saturday (December 1, 2012). She invited community members and their families to attend and take the tours of the newly renovated building. Dr. Horowitz also spoke about the Future Business Leaders of America leadership conference. Four hundred to four hundred fifty students attended from 13 regional districts. She expressed her thanks to Anita Stum and the student officers of the FBLA club for their dedication. Dr. Horowitz then expressed thanks to Mrs. Kim Polonsky for spearheading a Marple Newtown School District relief effort to benefit victims of super storm Sandy.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2012 Regular Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841454, to attend the Devereux Day School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Melmark, Inc., an Approved Private School (APS) for Extended School Year (ESY) services for Student No. 870070.

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

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Melmark, Inc., an Approved Private School (APS) for Extended School Year (ESY) and School Year services for Student No. 870073.

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

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Melmark, Inc., an Approved Private School (APS) for School Year services for Student No. 234800.

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

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreements between Marple Newtown School District and Melmark, Inc., and Approved Private School (APS) for Extended School Year (ESY) and School Year services for Student No. 841697.

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

Mrs. Sherry McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreements between Marple Newtown School District and Melmark, Inc., an Approved Private School (APS) for Extended School Year (ESY), School Year and Residential services for Student No. 880000 and Student No. 840170.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.
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 asked for a motion to approve the following teachers: Karen Siegel, Dean Vlahos, Michelle McAlea, and Mary Flounders to accompany Paxon Hollow Middle School 8th grade to travel to Hershey Park on June 6, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The cost per student is \$57 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

12.03 Policy

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to waive the first reading of and approve on final reading Policy No. 122 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.
Mr. McGinley asked if it was proper to waive the first reading. Mrs. Galbraith responded that the action was brought to Mr. Mark Sereni, Solicitor, who supported it.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to waive the first reading of and approve on final reading Policy No. 123 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

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

12.04 Calendar

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve students at Marple Newtown High School, who are not taking a Keystone exam during the winter session of the 2012-2013 school year, to follow a late start schedule on the following dates: December 5th, 11th, and January 9th.

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the three (3) half days: April 9th, 10th, and 11th, to become full days for Marple Newtown High School due to high school students no longer taking the PSSA exams.

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

12.05 New Graduation Requirement

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve a new graduation requirement as follows: Students are required to attain proficiency, as defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Keystone exams. Current interpretation would be Proficient or higher on the Algebra I and Literature Keystone exams. Students who do not eventually achieve a score of Proficient or higher will participate in a district based remediation program prior to graduation. Any policy developed

by the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the Keystone exams and graduation requirements will supersede the district policy.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

Mr. Fred Dewey shared that this is another example of the Commonwealth forcing teachers to teach to a test, and if we don't vote for it, we lose funding.

Mr. McGinley asked if this is another test that must be passed before a student can graduate.

Mrs. Galbraith responded that students must be proficient to graduate, and that this will take the place of PSSA tests.

Dr. Horowitz stated that students will have the opportunity to take the test up to four times, and that project-based assessments will be put into place.

Mr. Sack asked if the state was waiting for PDE to give permission to replace PSSA's with the Keystone tests. Dr. Horowitz responded in the affirmative.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Kathryn Chandless, Chairperson

13.02 RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the revision of the Retirement Incentive Plan for eligible Marple Newtown Education Association (MNEA) bargaining employees, approved October 24, 2012. The plan is revised to require an effective date for retirement to be not sooner than June 18, 2013, but not later than August 16, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

13.03 RETIREMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirements, items 1 through 12.

- 1) Sandra Curson – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (36 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 2) Jane Mayer – Elementary Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (40 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 3) Frances Carr – Biology Teacher
High School

Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (15 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.

- 4) Kathleen Vetter – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (8 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 5) Lynne Corle – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (25 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 6) Joan Blaschak – Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (12 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 7) Deborah Havrilla – Health/Physical Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (23 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 8) A. Edward Hine – Industrial Arts/Technology Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (15 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 9) Maureen Meyer – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (43 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 10) Marcia Cole –Quigley – Elementary Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Effective: June 18, 2013
Reason: Retirement (43 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.
- 11) Katherine Peterkin
Paxon Hollow
Effective: August 13, 2013

Reason: Retirement (11 Years) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.

12) Mildred Seeds – Elementary Teacher

Culbertson Elementary

Effective: June 18, 2013

Reason: Retirement (24 Yrs.) in accordance with the Retirement Incentive Plan for MNEA.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

Mrs. Galbraith stated that there are a lot of teachers with a lot of years' experience leaving. While the district is sorry to see them go, we also thank them for their service and wish them well in the future.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

13.04 RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following administrative resignation, item 1.

1) Victoria Morris – Supervisor of Special Education

Pupil Services

Effective: January 2, 2013

Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignations, items 1 and 2.

1) Linton Williams – Psychologist

Russell Elementary/Pupil Services

Effective: December 7, 2012

Reason: Personal

2) Ashlyn Marabella – Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher

Paxon Hollow

Effective: November 30, 2012

Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation, item 1.

- 1) Nicole Scali – Part-time Technology Assistant
Russell Elementary
Effective: November 7, 2012
Reason: Personal

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

13.05 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Julie McFarlane – Physics Teacher
High School
Effective: January 22, 2013 through June 18, 2013
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Steven Smilk – Mathematics Teacher
High School
Effective: September 24, 2012 through November 21, 2012
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay
Effective: November 26, 2012 through December 21, 2012
Reason: FMLA
- 3) Elizabeth Reese – Music Teacher
High School
Effective: January 22, 2013 through June 18, 2013
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave

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

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave, items 1 and 2.

- 1) Brian Paine – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: September 4, 2012 through December 6, 2012
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay (Revised end date)
- 2) William Davis – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary
Effective: January 2, 2013 through June 18, 2013

Reason: Leave Without Pay

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

13.06 NEW POSITION

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless 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 Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

13.07 RETURN TO WORK

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified personnel to return from leave, item 1.

- 1) Conchetta McCloskey – Title I Assistant
Russell Elementary
Effective: September 18, 2012
Reason: Return from Leave Without Pay

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

13.08 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Jamie Micewski – Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher
B.A.-Elementary/Special Education: University of North Carolina at Wilmington;
Certification: Elementary; 0 Yrs. Experience
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$42,646.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 22, 2013 through June 18, 2013
Reason: Replaces Victoria Herr (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 2) Christopher Carson – LTS Physics Teacher
B.S.-Temple University: Education; Certification: Physics; 0 Yrs. Exp.
High School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 22, 2013 through June 18, 2013

Reason: Replaces Julie McFarlane (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)

- 3) Jeremy Creighton – LTS Mathematics Teacher
B.S. – Mathematics: Widener University; Certification: Mathematics 7-12;
0 Yrs. Experience
High School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: October 21, 2012 through December 21, 2012
Reason: Replaces Steven Smilk (Medical Leave/FMLA)

- 4) Aileen Rimando – LTS .6 Music Teacher
B.S.M-Music: Temple University; Certification: K-12 Music Education; 0 Yrs. Experience
High School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: January 22, 2013 through June 18, 2012
Reason: Replaces Elizabeth Reese (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)

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

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Kyle Johnson – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: November 28, 2012
Reason: As Needed

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

13.09 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following tuition reimbursement, in accordance with MNEA negotiated agreement.

- 1) Heidi Jankauskas – Music Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Amount: \$468.00
Reason: Revised Payment for “Music in Special Education”

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

13.10 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts, item 1 through 2.

- 1) Peter MacNeal – Assistant Coach- Wrestling
Paxon Hollow
Effective: October 22, 2012
Reason: Personal

- 2) Michael Warrick – Assistant 9th Grade Football Coach
High School
Effective: September 23, 2012
Reason: Personal

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for 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. Jamie Mariano.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

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 \$1,507,711.85, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$329,426.88, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$28,397.70 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$104,309.12.

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

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to authorize the Business Administrator, with approval of the Superintendent, to release checks for payments during the month of December as needed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Mariano.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for September 2012, budget transfers for October and November 2012 and Treasurer's Report for September 2012.

Informational item monthly financial reports for October 2012.

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

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve the June 30, 2012 Audit report as presented by Major and Mastro, LLC.

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

14.04 Advertising

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve the placement of advertising next to the scoreboard in the Marple Newtown High School Gymnasium, as presented.

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

14.05 Policy

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 610 PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BIDDING/QUOTATION.

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

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – John McDevitt, Chairperson

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. 454, Supply modesty panels for the Auditorium custom consoles, at a cost of \$836.90.
2. CM No. 27, One bay of Banners was deleted to address conflicts with the fire protection design, at a credit of (\$495.07).
3. CM No. 99, Premium time differential cost for weekend work on 6/12/10 thru 7/24/10, at a cost of \$9,278.03.

4. CM No. 202, Eliminated support steel for folding partitions in rooms A112/A114, at a credit of (\$5,141.55).
5. CM No. 263, Steel modifications at old elevator due to unforeseen condition, at a cost of \$34,372.66.
6. CM No.294, Additional steel in gym due to a conflict with acoustical ceiling panels, at a cost of \$5,922.28.
7. CM No. 298, Credit for Gym ceiling revisions, at a credit of (\$2,181.30).
8. CM No. 366, Backcharge to Guy M. Cooper for Wohlsen assisting in clean-up in Library due to sprinkler leak, at a credit of (\$311.14).
9. CM No. 366, Cost for Wohlsen personnel assisting in clean-up in Library due to sprinkler leak, at a cost of \$311.14.
10. CM No. 389, Credit for Landscape Maintenance that is required by contract, but not performed by Wohlsen or their subcontractor, at a credit of (\$12,479.11).
11. CM No. 459, Metal framing needed under bridge A236, to install metal soffit, that was not included in the contract, at a cost of \$3,893.31.

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

Mr. John McDevitt asked for a motion to approve change orders for the Marple Newtown District Administration Office Renovation and Addition Project, item 1.

1. CM No. 30, A credit for work eliminated by sketch SK-A310.2 & SK-A310.3, at a credit of (\$4,632.56).

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

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

Twenty four concerned parents and community members then spoke to the Board regarding the following concerns:

- That no new programs be cut from the curriculum;
- That the Board look into the possibility of re-instating programs cut in the past (i.e. elementary foreign languages);
- That a hard look be taken at a 0% tax increase if that means impacting services;
- That the Board actively seek out new resources;

- That the district do whatever it has to do to maintain a good reputation with colleges;
- That the district emphasize leadership and time management skills to students;
- That the Board knows no vocal minority spoke for the majority regarding the community wanting a 0% increase;
- That the community be able to collaborate with the School Board to accommodate the Act 1 index and work to find all exceptions;
- The Board realizes that just because parents don't attend Board meetings, it doesn't mean they don't care about their children's education;
- That all programs should be preserved to keep buyers interested in moving to Marple Newtown;
- That students should be given a chance to experience all they can to get a better idea of what they want to do in the future;
- That the Board keeps in mind that people have moved here to give their children the Marple Newtown educational experience, please make it worthwhile.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith thanked the community for coming to the meeting, and stated that the intention of the Board is to do the best it can for the students and families of the district. She urged as many people as are able to attend the budget meetings and let their voices be heard.

Mrs. Jamie Mariano stated that hearing the concerned community members tonight reinforced the positive aspect of being on the Board – the opportunity to hear concerns, and act on behalf of community members. She reinforced that voices were heard, and will resonate when making decisions.

21. ADJOURNMENT

President David McGinley adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary