

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President Kathryn Chandless, Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mrs. Jamie Mariano (by phone) 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: 27

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

President Kathryn Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Robert Sack then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Jamie Mariano (by phone), Ms. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt 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. Robert Sack. Mrs. Chandless then requested the following additions to **6. OTHER REPORTS:**

6.2 RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER

Motion: To accept the resignation of Mr. David McGinley from the position of School Board Director, effective February 12, 2013.

6.3 RATES OF COMPENSATION

Motion: To approve the rate of compensation for the Marple Newtown School District Tax Collector as follows:

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	\$3.85/parcel
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	\$3.90/parcel
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$3.95/parcel
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017	\$4.00/parcel

6.4 CONSULTANT

MOTION: To authorize and direct the administration to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to issue an opinion on the advisability of the Marple Newtown School District joining the Delaware County Self Insurance Trust. Cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

- Mrs. Suzanne McCutcheon requested that the Board vote to approve the preliminary budget, and requested that the entire Board remain for the Budget Committee to plan effectively. She also thanked the Board for volunteering its time for the benefit of the district.
- Mrs. Dana Kauffman also requested that the Board pass the preliminary budget. She implored the Board to find and apply Act 1 exceptions to relieve PSERs increases. She stated that the focus of the finalized budget needs to be on programs and academics. Mrs. Kathryn Chandless responded that the community, through PTO's have input on a priority list of programs it would like to see in the budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

6. OTHER REPORTS

6.1 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless requested a motion to adopt the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$70,600,000.00 as presented on PDE 2028, Pursuant to Act 1 of 2006. The Board authorizes and directs the Administration to pursue exceptions under Act 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. James Lanzalotto.

A roll call vote was requested:

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

Nays: Mr. John McDevitt

Abstentions: 0

Motion passed, 6-1-0.

6.2 RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless requested a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. David McGinley from the opposition of School Board Director, effective February 12, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith stated that, without Dave McGinley, we wouldn't have the High School renovations complete. His legacy is evident when you drive down Media Line Road. He deserves our deep gratitude.

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless added that Mr. McGinley did great things while he was a Board member, and that everyone wishes him the best.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. John McDevitt.

A roll call vote was requested:

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

Nays: Mrs. Jamie Mariano

Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed, 6-1-0

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Motion was made by Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mr. James Lanzalotto.

Mr. Lanzalotto stated the need for an impartial third party to assist the Board in making this important decision. He said that the Board owes it to the community to do its homework, and get the best possible outcome.

A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mr. John McDevitt, Mrs. Jamie Mariano, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Robert Sack

Nays: Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith

Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed, 5-2-0

7. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Kathryn Chandless adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary