

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2013
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Atsushi J. Baker and Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

Press: Mrs. Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 72

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

Vice-President Nancy Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Leonard Altieri then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Atsushi J. Baker and Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker. With no revisions, motion passed, 6-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments at this time.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Merle Horowitz announced this year's Teachers of Excellence, stating that candidates were nominated by all building principals. This year, the following teachers have been nominated: from Culbertson, Ms. Judy Haines, from Loomis, Ms. Stephanie DeLiberty; from Russell, Ms. Meredith Marks; from Worrall, Ms. Anna Trimarelli; from Paxon Hollow, Ms. Dorie Martin; and from Marple Newtown High School, Ms. Galen Mooney-Carboni. From these winners, Ms. Judy Haines will move forward to the County level, at a ceremony on April 18, 2013.

Dr. Horowitz then announced that for the fourth time, the Broomall Rotary Vocational Award is given to a deserving member of the Marple Newtown School District faculty. Past district

winners have been Dr. Stephen Subers, Ms. Linda Peoples and Ms. Tracy Paine. This year, the honor is given to Ms. Stephanie DeLiberty of Loomis. Stephanie will be honored by the Rotary on April 16th, along with her principal, Ms. Christine White.

Dr. Horowitz then announced that Wanda McDaniel Award, sponsored by the Women's Caucus, is given to an inspiring administrator. This year, Ms. Dorie Martin, of Paxon Hollow is the recipient.

Finally, Dr. Horowitz announced that the Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award was given to Laryssa Dragonetti of Loomis.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There were no commendations.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

It was reported that the annual blood drive was a great success, with more than 110 pints of blood donated. The book drive raised over fifteen thousand dollars that was then donated to needy children in Delaware County. The Penn Ridge Exchange was a success, with over 500 students in all grades at the high school shadowing each other. The Interact Club raised over \$2,200.00 for ACS. A new fundraiser will showcase on May 10- the Mr. Marple Beauty Pageant. Candidates will create and upload video entries over Spring Break.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Merle Horowitz reported that March 6, 2013 was Youth Awards night in which students received awards in such arrears as art, writing and history. On March 8, 2013, Loomis Elementary received the 2013 International Reading Association's Exemplary Reading Program Award, after a rigorous review. Dr. Horowitz finished her report by announcing that Marple Newtown School District was selected as one of the best in Music Education by NAM Foundation, which recognizes advances in Music Education. She stated that she is very proud of the district, and the community should be too.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2013 Special Meeting, February 26, 2013 Regular Meeting and March 12, 2013 Special Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a roll call to affirm who had attended or read the transcripts of the following student actions. All Board members in attendance had either attended the hearings or read the transcripts.

Mrs. Galbraith then requested a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication for Student No. 880346, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.

A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Atsushi Baker, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Mrs. Galbraith then requested a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication for Student No. 801702, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.

A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Atsushi Baker, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Mrs. Galbraith then requested a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication for Student No. 840231, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.

A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Atsushi Baker, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Mrs. Galbraith then requested a motion to approve Student No. 841048 to attend Green Valley Academy (GVA), a private academic school, as per the "In Lieu of FAPE Agreement".

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

Mrs. Galbraith then requested a motion to approve Student No. 841453 to attend Green Valley Academy (GVA) a private academic school, as per the "In Lieu of FAPE Agreement".

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

Mrs. Galbraith then requested a motion to approve the One-To-One Service Agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Elwyn D/B/A The Davidson School, an approved private school for Student No. 840214.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

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 Dr. Mike Karpyn, teacher, and Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School students that are participating in the Pennsylvania National History Day Finals at Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, PA on May 3-4, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$50.00. There is no cost to the district.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve Dr. Toni Himes, Supervisor, Ms. Christine White, Principal, Mrs. Helene Duckett, teacher, Ms. Denise King, teacher, and Ms. Danielle Ashworth, teacher, to attend the International Reading Association Conference in San Antonio, TX on April 18-21, 2013. They will be accepting the PA Exemplary Reading Program Award and will also attend conference sessions. The total cost to the district is \$5,598.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

12.03 Student Clubs/Activities

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the Ice Hockey Club at the Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of the club is to provide an ice hockey team for Paxon Hollow Middle School students. The club advisor is Mr. Ron Braverman.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Chairperson

13.02 RETIREMENTS

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Francis Werner – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: June 17, 2013
Reason: Retirement (10 Yrs.)

- 2) Linda Wren – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary
Effective: June 17, 2013
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mr. Atsushi Baker and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.03 RESIGNATIONS

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Raymond Cwierniewicz – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: March 15, 2013
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.04 LEAVES

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified leaves, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Teresa Baxter – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Effective: February 1, 2013 through April 1, 2013
Reason: Leave Without Pay - Revised end date
- 2) Dyan Peterson – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson
Effective: March 13, 2013 through April 30, 2013
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay
- 3) Karen Ebert – Non-Instructional Assistant
Loomis Elementary
Effective: January 8, 2013 through April 12, 2013
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.05 RETURN FROM LEAVE**ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

- 1) Peter Simiriglio – School Security
Operations
Effective: April 1, 2013
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay - Revised end date

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.06 APPOINTMENTS**PROFESSIONAL**

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

- 1) Rosalie McKernan-O'Brien – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services Department
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: September 3, 2013
Reason: As Needed

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Joseph D'Orazio – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.26 per hour
Effective: March 11, 2013
Reason: Replaces Kenneth Scalella (Resigned)
- 2) Mary Miller – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.26 per hour
Effective: March 13, 2013
Reason: Replaces Louis Caruso (Resigned)
- 3) Julie Fruncillo – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: March 13, 2013

Reason: As Needed

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.07 REASSIGNMENTS

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Daniel McCormick
From: Grounds Worker
To: Maintenance Worker (Low Voltage Systems)
Operations
Salary: \$25.77 per hour
Effective: March 18, 2013
Reason: Replaces Dennis Donohue (Resigned)

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.08 ESY PROGRAM – 2012-2013

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel as Coordinators of the ESY Program at a rate of \$31.00 per hour, effective February 22, 2013 through July 31, 2013.

Jeffrey Kuciapinski
Brittany Fertman

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.09 SECTION 457(b) PLAN

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to make available to eligible employees a Section 457(b) Plan. At no cost to the district, this plan provides the benefit of allowing participating employees the opportunity to maximize their retirement savings.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

13.10 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

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

- 1) Emily Devoe – Assistant Coach – Girls’ Lacrosse
Paxon Hollow
Effective: February 21, 2013
Reason: Personal
- 2) Sky Dumont – Assistant Coach – Boys Track & Field (Track Events)
High School
Effective: February 25, 2013
Reason: Personal
- 3) Coleen Dever – Assistant Coach – Girls Track & Field (Track Events)
High School
Effective: March 6, 2013
Reason: Personal
- 4) James Jenson – .5 Coach – Cross Country
High School
Effective: March 6, 2013
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested 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. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Robert Sack, Chairperson

Mr. James Lanzalotto substituted for the absent Mr. Robert Sack.

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,258,841.25, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$52,314.40, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$51,540.52 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$100,025.90.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker..
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve monthly financial reports for January 2013, budget transfers for March 2013, Treasurer's Report for February 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

Informational item monthly financial reports for February 2013.

14.04 Donations

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to accept \$18,000.00 worth of fin tube radiation from Goshen Mechanical.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

14.05 2012-2013 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve the Resolution concerning the 2013-2014 Delaware County Intermediate Unit budget in the amount of \$7,770,552.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith thanked the Board.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

14.06 Consultant Agreement

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide the independent opinion as to the advisability of the district entering into the Delaware County Healthcare Trust.

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.

Mr. Lanzalotto explained that the purpose of this motion is to guide the Board regarding the significant issue of health care. Few of the Board members are well versed in insurance, and the Board owes it to the taxpayers to do their homework.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**15.01 Committee Report – Leonard B. Altieri, III, Chairperson****15.02 Facilities**

Mr. Leonard Altieri requested a motion to approve the Addendum to the Designated Person Contract with Environmental Control Systems, Inc. which extends the current contract through June 30, 2015; the annual retainer will be waived.

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

With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

Mr. Leonard Altieri requested a motion to approve Mike Dumin and Linda Sweeney to attend the *Elements of Transportation* workshop on April 16, 2013 in Kulpsville, PA at a cost not to exceed \$310.00 for the workshop registration fee.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-0

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

Various audience members congratulated the teachers recognized this evening.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments.

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice-President Nancy Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary