

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

**Board:** President Kathryn Chandless, Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. Atsushi J. Baker, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, 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:** Mrs. Leslie Krowchenko

**Audience:** 24

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

President Kathryn Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Leonard Altieri then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. Atsushi J. Baker and Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe. Mrs. Chandless then asked for any revisions or additions to the agenda.

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested the following revision to **13. Human Resources and Policy:**

**13.09 Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust**

**Motion:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution for the Marple Newtown School district becoming a "Participating School Entity" in the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust (the "Trust") pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the corresponding Participation Agreement and Trust Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Marple Newtown School District solicitor. As a condition of the Marple Newtown School District's becoming a "Participating School Entity" in the

Trust, the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Education Association, the Marple Newtown Educational Support Professionals Association, and the Marple Newtown Non-Instructional Employees Association must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding participation in the Trust. Marple Newtown School District's becoming a "Participating School Entity" in the Trust is further conditioned on a minimum number of eligible entities representing at least 5,000 contracts entering into a Participation Agreement with the Trust no later than May 31, 2013.

Mr. Leonard Altieri asked for the following changes and additions to **15. Facilities and Transportation:**

**Motion:** To approve change orders for the Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project Items 1, 6, and 8.

**Motion:** To approve the open change order settlement agreement between the Marple Newtown School District and Wohlsen Construction as presented, subject to the review and approval of the final language by the Marple Newtown School District solicitor.

With no further revisions, 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**

Dr. Merle Horowitz announced that the Marple Newtown High School Hi-QA Team , under the guidance of advisor Elizabeth Landes, made it to finals again this year. The competition was close between Haverford, Penncrest and Marple Newtown, who finished in third place by only 6 points difference. Dr. Horowitz then presented certificates to the students on the Hi-Q team, and introduced advisor Elizabeth Landes, who announced that the team won a trophy and cash prize of \$2,000.00 which will go to the good of the students in Marple Newtown High School.

**7. COMMENDATIONS**

There were no commendations.

**8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

The week prior to the meeting was Spirit Week in the High School. Various activities such as Hawaiian shirt day marked each day of the week celebrating pride. The Senior class held a fundraiser called "Kiss the Seniors Good-bye", at which Hershey kisses were sold. Nominations for Student Council for the 13-14 school year will be held, with winners announced May 2, 2013. The men's track team went to Districts, and on May 11 the first Arts & Crafts Fair will be held at the High School.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Merle Horowitz reported that on April 12 the High School participated in the U.S. Hometown Diplomats Program. The guest speaker was David Murren, 1975 graduate and former Foreign Services Officer and Public Affairs Officer in Africa. Dr. Horowitz also announced that the Hi-Q banquet was held that same evening.

She visited Paxon Hollow to see as demonstration of the new computer drafting equipment, where a 6th grade girl demonstrated how it worked.

She then announced that, after a four year hiatus, the Tiger Foundation will hold the Gala of the Arts on May 18. Tickets will be available on-line.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2013 Regular Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

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

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

**11.01 Student Discipline**

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve the Adjudication of Student No. 840725, as presented. A poll of the Board showed that all members had either been in attendance or read the transcripts of the hearing.

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

**11.02 Agreements**

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

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

Mr. James Lanzalotto requested a motion to approve Student No. 802960 to attend the Devereux Day School, an approved private school.

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

**11.03 School Liaison Reports**

Culbertson Elementary School – Mrs. Kathryn Chandless reported that students had finished a very rigorous PSSA testing schedule. There will be a “Moms and Muffins Day on May 10<sup>th</sup> . Culbertson is sponsoring fundraiser for JDRF where a dollar is contributed

for each mile walked around the school. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Evening of the Arts, including the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert and Field Day will be May 31st.

Loomis Elementary School – Mr. A. J. Baker stated that PSSA’s were also taken at Loomis, and that April 24 is bring your child to work day. He also said that the Book Fair will be held from April 29 through May 3, May 10 is Kindergarten Orientation Day, and May 15 is the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert. Field Day will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, and author Peggy Parish (Amelia Bedelia) will be coming to the school on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. May 30<sup>th</sup> will be the Talent Show

Russell Elementary School – Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe reported that Russell is almost finished with PSSA testing. Breakfast Buddies was a great success, and the Fun Fair in February had a good response. The PTO is using money towards Smart Boards. April 27<sup>th</sup> is Donate Hair day, a ponytail event.

Worrall Elementary School – Mr. Robert Sack reported that April 8<sup>th</sup> was prep day for PSSA’s and thanked the PTO for buying lunch. Students are creating a tribute to Sandy Hook, “Mother Nature’s Nook for Sandy Hook”, honoring the students of that school. Each grade level is starting a project geared for its level, such as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Native American projects and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade research projects.

Paxon Hollow Middle School – Mr. James Lanzalotto reported that 125 students are in Algebra I this year in Paxon Hollow, and will be taking the Keystone tests. April 26<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day, and a tree will be dedicated to Alyssa Standen.

Marple Newtown High School – Mr. John McDevitt Reported that Reading Olympics will be April 29<sup>th</sup>, where students read competitively. The second edition of “Eye of the Tiger” Newsletter was published. The baseball season is exciting, and showing extreme good sportsmanship.

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

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

**12.02** Master Agreement

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve a new Master Agreement and e-Signature Pilot with the Department of Education governing the use of state and federal grant money by our LEA for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

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

**12.03** District Calendar

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the 2013-2014 District Calendar as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mr. Atsushi Baker.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

#### **12.04 Field Trips**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve Mr. Ray Gionta, teacher/coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Football team to attend East Stroudsburg University for camp on June 27-29, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$280.00 including transportation and camp. There is no cost to the district.

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve Mr. Mike Massimo, teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Band to Hershey Park on May 24, 2013. This trip will include performing and evaluation by nationally recognized adjudicators. This trip replaces an already Board approved trip to Virginia Beach which was cancelled due to outside conflicts and financial reasons. The total cost per pupil is \$75.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

#### **12.05 Student Clubs/Activities**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School Golf Team/Club. The purpose of the club is to teach students the fundamentals of golf. The club advisors are Mr. T.J. Gretchen and Mrs. Trudy Riddell.

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

#### **12.06 Disposal of Equipment**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to dispose of the following World Language equipment:

- 1) 7 Small portable cassette recorders GE (3), Panasonic (4)
- 2) 2 Small portable cassette recorders with radio SONY
- 3) 1 Samsung Compact DVD/CD Player with remote; Multi Progressive Scan, DivX certified, MP3/MNA/JPEG Playback
- 4) 12 Panasonic RQ-2102 Portable cassette recorders
- 5) 1 GE Model 3-5027A
- 6) 1 Small portable cassette recorder

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

**12.07 Textbook Adoptions**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following Language Arts textbooks at a cost of \$1,197.92:

- 1) The 3 AM Epiphany, by Brian Kiteley, Writer's Digest Books ISBN9781582973517
- 2) The Making of a Story, A Norton Guide to Creative Writing, by Alice LaPlante ISBN9780393337082
- 3) Save the Cat, by Blake Snyder, Wiese, Michael Productions ISBN113:9781932907001

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following World Language textbooks at a cost of \$44,443.25:

**SPANISH ADOPTION (2013-14) Glencoe Publishing**

- 1) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Student Edition ISBN 9780076604517
- 2) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Student Edition Class Set w/e-Studio 6yr. Subscription ISBN 9780076630530
- 3) ASI SE DICE Level 1 High School Spanish Studentworks ISBN 9780078886362
- 4) ASI SE DICE Level 1 High School Spanish Workbook & Audio Activities ISBN 9780078883699
- 5) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Pre-AP Workbook Student Edition ISBN 9780078889400
- 6) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Teacher Wrap Around Edition ISBN 9780076604272
- 7) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Teacherworks Plus CD-Rom ISBN 9780078886324
- 8) ASI SE DICE Level 1 High School Spanish Teacher Classroom Resources ISBN 9780078881831
- 9) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Audio Program ISBN 9780078889363
- 10) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Interactive Chalkboard CD-Rom ISBN 9780078886447
- 11) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Vocabulary & Culture DVD ISBN 9780078910357
- 12) ASI SE DICE High School Spanish Grammar Video DVD ISBN 9780078910340
- 13) ASI SE DICE Level 1 Interactive Examview CD-Rom ISBN 9780078886409

**FRENCH ADOPTION (2013-2014) Holt McDougal, *Bien Dit!* Level ©2013**

- 1) Student Edition Level 2 ISBN 9780544020382
- 2) Student One Stop DVD-ROM Level 2 ISBN 9780547897318
- 3) Cahier d'Activites Level 2 ISBN 9780547951812
- 4) Cahier de Vocabulaire Grammaire Level 2 ISBN 9780547951843
- 5) Teacher's Edition Level 2 ISBN 9780547871721
- 6) Assessment Program Level 2 ISBN 9780547871745
- 7) Differentiated Practice and Assessment ISBN 9780030940934
- 8) Grammar Tutor Levels 1-3 ISBN 9780547951836
- 9) Audio CD Program Level 2 ISBN 9780030882449
- 10) DVD Tutor Level 2 ISBN 9780030796470
- 11) Teacher's 1 Stop Planner Level 2 ISBN 9780547897226
- 12) On Rappe! And Grammavision DVD Level 2 ISBN 9780547509662

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following Middle School Science Grades 6, 7, 8 Interactive Textbooks 2011, Pearson, that are Student Edition 7-Year Fulfillment at a cost of \$81,527.60:

- 1) Inquiry and Technology ISBN 9780133734973
- 2) Earths Structure ISBN 9780133734874
- 3) Earths Surface ISBN 9780133734867
- 4) Water Air and Weather ISBN 9780133735192
- 5) Astronomy and Space ISBN 9780133734829
- 6) Ecology and Environment ISBN 9780133734881
- 7) Cells and Heredity ISBN 9780133734843
- 8) Diversity of Life ISBN 9780133734850
- 9) Chemistry ISBN 9780133734836
- 10) Forces and Energy ISBN 9780133734928
- 11) Sound and Light ISBN 9780133735168

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Integrated Science Textbooks at a cost of \$26,169.00:

- 1) Earth Science Spaulding & Namowitz 2005, Holt McDougall ISBN 9780618499380

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Biology Textbooks at a cost of \$36,527.40:

- 1) Miller Levine Biology 2014, Biology.com 6 Year Student License, Pearson ISBN 9780133242003
- 2) Miller Levine Biology 2014 Foundation, Student Edition Biology.com 6 Year Student License, Pearson ISBN 9780133242010

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following AP Environmental Textbooks at a cost of \$9,062.50:

- 1) Miller Spoolman Living in the Environment 17<sup>th</sup> Edition, Cengage ISBN 780538735346

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following Physics Textbooks at a cost of \$9,929.70:

- 1) Glencoe Physics Principles & Problems 2013, McGraw-Hill Education ISBN 780076592524

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

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith requested a motion to approve the adoption of the following AP Biology Textbooks at a cost of \$7,648.20:

- 1) Campbell: Biology in Focus AP Edition 2014, Pearson ISBN 9780133102178

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

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

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

#### **13.02 RETIREMENTS**

##### PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Sherry Nash – Elementary Teacher  
Russell Elementary  
Effective: June 27, 2013  
Reason: Retirement (28 Yrs.)
- 2) Linda Leidy – Elementary Teacher  
Russell Elementary  
Effective: June 30, 2013  
Reason: Retirement (19 Yrs.)

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri 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 retirements, items 1 through 2.



- 1) Lydia Foreman – Secretary  
High School  
Effective: June 28, 2013  
Reason: Retirement (36 Yrs.)
- 2) Donald Spielman – Maintenance Worker  
Operations  
Effective: June 28, 2013  
Reason: Retirement (27 Yrs.)

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mr. Robert Sack.  
Mrs. Nancy Galbraith stated that Mrs. Candy Foreman is very special and will be missed.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

### 13.03 RESIGNATIONS

#### CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Joanne Matteucci – Special Education Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary  
Effective: April 12, 2013  
Reason: Personal
- 2) Abdulkarim Diarra – Custodian  
Operations  
Effective: April 18, 2013  
Reason: Personal
- 3) Caren Gorman – Secretary  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: April 1, 2013  
Reason: Personal

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

### 13.04 TERMINATIONS

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the termination of employees no longer available or active in the District, as follows.

Mary Passaro – Classified Substitute  
Effective: April 1, 2011

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 – H/PE Teacher  
High School  
Effective: August 27, 2013 through January 17, 2014  
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Victoria Herr – Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary  
Effective: August 27, 2013 through January 17, 2014  
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave

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

#### CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified leaves, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Thomas McKenna – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: February 4, 2013 through June 18, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay (Revised End Date)
- 2) Dyan Peterson –Special Education Assistant  
Culbertson  
Effective: March 13, 2013 through May1, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay  
Effective: May 1, 2013 through June 17, 2013  
Reason: FMLA
- 3) Karen Ebert – Non-Instructional Assistant  
Loomis Elementary  
Effective: April 15, 2013 through June 17, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay
- 4) Marianna Hamilton – Special Education Assistant  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: April 1, 2013 through April 29, 2013  
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay  
Effective: April 29, 2013 through May 10, 2013  
Reason: FMLA

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Robert Sack.  
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 returns from leave, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Emily Speer – Mathematics Teacher  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: 2013-2014 School Year  
Reason: Return from Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Elizabeth Reese - .5 Music Teacher  
High School  
Effective: 2013-2014 School Year  
Reason: Return from Child Rearing Leave

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

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

#### **CLASSIFIED**

- 1) William Stokes – Grounds Worker  
Operations  
Effective: March 21, 2013  
Reason: Return from Medical Leave Without Pay - Revised end date

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

### **13.07 APPOINTMENTS**

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 5.

- 1) Beth Cope – Theme Editor  
High School  
Salary: \$15.00 per hour  
Effective: April 3, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Katelyn Graham (Resigned)

- 2) Rodney Simmons – Part-time Custodian  
Operations  
Salary: \$14.39 per hour  
Effective: April 1, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Christopher Vassallo (Reassigned)
- 3) Michael McCaw – Grounds Worker  
Operations  
Salary: \$14.79 per hour  
Effective: April 1, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Daniel McCormick (Reassigned)
- 4) Ann Gullborg – Substitute Food Services Worker  
Food Services  
Salary: \$8.00 per hour  
Effective: April 24, 2013  
Reason: As Needed
- 5) Victoria Bear – Special Education Assistant  
High School  
Salary: \$13,640.00  
Effective: April 29, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Linda Yarnell (Terminated)

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

### **13.08 ROTH 403(b) PLAN**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to make available to eligible employees a Roth 403(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 Mr. Robert Sack and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

### **13.09 DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' HEALTH CARE TRUST**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution for the Marple Newtown School district becoming a "Participating School Entity" in the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust (the "Trust") pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the corresponding Participation Agreement and Trust Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Marple Newtown School District solicitor. As a condition of the Marple Newtown School District's becoming a "Participating School Entity" in the Trust, the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Education Association, the Marple Newtown Educational Support Professionals Association, and the Marple Newtown Non-Instructional Employees Association must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding participation in the Trust. Marple



Theresa McInaw–Assistant

Julie Long–Assistant

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

### **13.11 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS**

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe requested a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Tricia Dyal – Coach – Cheerleading  
High School  
Effective: April 2, 2013  
Reason: Personal
- 2) Justine Tomasetti – Assistant Coach – Cheerleading  
High School  
Effective: April 2, 2013  
Reason: Personal
- 3) Mary Beth Tomasetti – Assistant Coach – Cheerleading  
High School  
Effective: April 2, 2013  
Reason: Personal

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 \$1,127,241.74, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$229,271.11, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$140,617.51 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$114,903.28.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
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 February 2013, budget transfers for April 2013, Treasurer's Report for March 2013.

Motion was made by Mr. Leonard Altieri and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Harvey.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

*Informational item monthly financial reports for March 2013.*

**14.04** Taxpayers Assessment Appeal and Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on Folio No. 30-00-00429-29. Annualized tax dollar loss for tax year 2013 would be \$7,521.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to abate penalty on the following properties:

Folio No.: 25-00-01420-24\$275.00  
Folio No.: 30-00-00048-80\$712.01

Before the motion could be made, a discussion was held regarding splitting the two properties for the purposes of voting.

A motion to split the listings was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to abate penalty on the following properties:

Folio No.: 25-00-01420-24\$275.00

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to abate penalty on the following properties:  
Folio No.: 30-00-00048-80\$712.01

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
A roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Atsushi Baker, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt

Nays: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith Mr. James Lanzalotto

Abstentions: 0

Motion passed, 6-3

**14.05** Donation

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to accept \$500.00 from Ocean Petroleum LLC for educational grant.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
Mrs. Nancy Galbraith thanked the Ocean Petroleum LLC.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

**14.06** 2013-2014 DCIU Special Education Agreements

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Special Education Agreement between Marple Newtown School District and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit No. 25 in the amount of \$637,363.00.

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

**14.07** 2013-2014 Delaware County Technical Schools Budget Resolution

Mr. Robert Sack requested a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the 2013-2014 Delaware County Technical Schools Budget in the amount of \$11,574,273.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Harvey and seconded by Mr. Leonard Altieri.  
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

**15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**15.01** Committee Report — Leonard B. Altieri, III, Chairperson

**15.02** Facilities

Mr. Altieri requested a motion to approve change orders for the Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project, items 1 through 3.

1. CM No. 487, Provide power to four (4) door operators for Accessibility access, at a cost of \$4,195.63.
2. CM No.385, Additional microphone jack and receptacle added to the home side of the gym, at a cost of \$2,175.00.
3. CM No. 435A, Provide power to select door hold opens, at a settlement of zeroing out the remaining allowance hours and turning over a used switch gear, previously approved for disposal.

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

Mr. Altieri requested a motion to approve giving the old main switch gear from the Gauntlett Center, which was approved for disposal at the August 28, 2012 Regular Board meeting, to Goldhorn Electric as part of the settlement of CM No. 435A.

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

Mr. Altieri requested a motion to approve the open change order settlement agreement between



the Marple Newtown School District and Wohlsen Construction as presented, subject to the review and approval of final language by the Solicitor.

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

Mr. Altieri requested a motion to authorize and direct Administration to seek bids for the replacement of interior railings at Worrall Elementary.

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

Mr. Altieri requested a motion to approve Bonnett Associates, Inc., 220 Baldwin Towers, Eddystone, PA 19002 to assist the District with recommendations and budget figures for numerous items on the Proposed Capital Projects List at a cost of no greater than \$35,000.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith. A discussion ensued on the priority list for Capital Projects. Mr. Dumin suggested that some projects (i.e. HVAC evaluation at all schools and oil tank replacement at Loomis Elementary) be moved to immediate consideration. Mr. McDevitt questioned whether another engineering firm might do evaluations at a more cost effective rate. Mr. McDevitt and Mr. Lanzalotto expressed concerns regarding cost changes over the length of time it would take for these projects to be completed. Mrs. Chandless offered the option to consider items under Section 1 on the list for evaluation now, and items under Sections 2 and 3 to be taken under consideration later on the timeline. A more precise list of priorities will be discussed at the next facilities meeting on May 14, 2013.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-1, with Mr. John McDevitt voting against the motion.

**16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith thanked the Board for approving the Budget and the Health Care Trust motion.

**17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mrs. Barbara Harvey announced several bills currently under discussion in Pennsylvania legislature.

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

There was no report at this time.

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

1. A parent requested that the Board look carefully at keeping the Librarian position(s) in the district. As an employee of Bryn Mawr College, it is evident that a Research Instructor is necessary for student growth and advancement.
2. Mrs. Dana Kauffman requested the Board look to a Health Care analyst to decide whether joining the Trust is the best for the district. MR. Lanzalotto responded that research had been done, and the Trust is the best option.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

There were no comments at this time.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kathryn Chandless adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Mr. Joseph Driscoll, School Board Secretary**