

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 14, 2013, 6:30PM
Board Room, Administration Building

AGENDA

PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. A. J. Baker, (6:55), Mr. Len Alteri, Mr. Jim Lanzalotto, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin,

Press: 0

Audience: 4

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Sack called the meeting to order at 6:32PM and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Sack asked if there were any Additions to the Agenda ~ there were none.

7. 2013-2014 Proposed Final Budget Presentation:

Mr. Driscoll gave a presentation on the Budget:

- Proposed final budget approved this month
- Final approved at the end of June
- Short fall \$445,000.
- Recap: started with a 3.75% increase in the fall
- Act 1 is 1.71%
- Explained where things have changed
- Gain some revenue
- Toll Bros. have 71 tax appeals filed, could lose some funds
- These are all legal matters
- Will receive some gaming money, this has been awarded, this is just a pass through
- Local received 82%, Federal 2%, State 16% (includes homestead money)
- Changes ~ benefits 10.49%
- Bulk of reduction ~ Medical projection down
- Bus leasing
- Twilight program
- Retirements ~ more have retired (all being replaced)

- Some temporary salaries
- Increases
- Testing materials, Keystone, PSSA, etc
- Text Book Adoptions
- Technology staffing
- Assistant Principal Middle School
- Autistic Support Teacher (New) Dr. Horowitz spoke to this; additional students have enrolled for September. Savings to the district keeping them in house rather than other schools.
- Good growth started
- Dr. Horowitz and Mr. Driscoll will be meeting with Toll Bros.
- Transfer taxes some improvement
- Small Federal reduction
- Won't know numbers until July
- Still no budget for the State
- Question as to what assessed value is the state going to let us use
- Key dates, May 28th, June 25th

There was a discussion on the busing of the High School. How many students actually ride the bus? What do we have to do based on usage? On bad weather days, some parents would prefer that their students not drive. We would not be able to cut that run. If parents opt out at beginning of year, state would say that we would have to allow them to opt back in. There is no funding from the private schools because those students are still in the district and the parents pay taxes. There was also discussions regarding technology staffing, have we looked to outsourcing this? Yes, it is very expensive. There was a discussion if the budget included a Librarian at the High School. The budget has the money there which whatever direction the Board decides to take. It was pointed out by some of the audience members the importance of one and there should be money in this budget for this position. There could be that there will both in the Library, nothing has been decided.

2. Approval of the minutes from the April, 2013:

Mr. Sack asked that the minutes be approved as presented.
There was a correction to be made to the minutes ~ tabled until June

3. Bills for Payment:

Mr. Sack asked to take to the full Board for approval a motion for:

a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund, Capital Fund, and Capital Reserve.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Financial Reports:

Mr. Sack asked to take to the full Board for approval a motion for:

- a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for March, Budget transfers for April, and May, 2013, Informational Item monthly financial reports for April.**

Will take to the full Board for approval

5. Taxpayers Assessment Appeal:

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To authorized and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on Folio No. 25-00-04413-03. Annualized tax dollar loss for the tax year 2013 would be \$7,060.00**

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. School Board Treasurer:

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To elect Denise Land as School Board Treasurer and Custodian of Student Funds.
Section 404 of the school code stipulated "...and shall annually, during the Month of May, elect a Treasurer to serve for one (1) year beginning the first day of July following the selection...."**

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. New Business:

None

9. Public Comment:

Dana Kauffman again raised concerned about the Librarian at the High School and it should be looked at very carefully.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.