

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania**

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 11, 2013 6:30PM
Board Room, Administration Building**

AGENDA

PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Leonard Alteri, Mr. Jim Lanzalotto, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith

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

Press: 0

Audience: 9

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Sack called the meeting to order at 6:35PM and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the April and May 2013:

Mr. Sack asked that the minutes be approved as presented.
With no discussion the minutes were approved

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 and Capital Fund.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Financial Reports:

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

a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for April, Budget transfers for May and June 2013, Informational item monthly financial reports for May.

Will take to the full Board for approval

5. 2013-2014 Final Budget Adoption:

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

a. Motion: To adopt the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget for the Marple Newtown School District in the amount of \$70,350,000 as presented on Form PDE 2028 and to utilize the necessary retirement grandfathered debt exceptions as approved by PDE.

Mr. Driscoll gave a brief presentation

- Same presentation as in the past with some minor changes
- Culbertson ~ Autistic Support Teacher
- Librarian/Online Coordinator ~ one in the budget waiting to see if the other is added, that is why the \$150,000. is listed
- A positive increase is the local revenue
- Won a nice tax appeal
- There are still some tax appeal out there
- There is no State budget yet, there are 3 different ones out there right now
- Not sure any figures at this time
- Lost some Federal funding ~ Title 1 program the most affected
- 2.88% tax increase
- Still may close the gap with some projections

Dr. Horowitz stated that there will be a Bill proposed to allow the School Districts to open their budgets once the State has been approved budget if necessary.

Mr. Driscoll continued:

- Final adoption is on June 27, 2013. This is due to a new 30 day requirement. A Final adoption must be 30 days from the adoption of the proposed Final Budget being approved. Will factor in this requirement next year.
- Could tighten up on Approved Private Schools without affecting any student services.
- Will take advantage of the time we have left to tighten up on the numbers.

b. Motion: To approve the 2013 Annual Tax Levy Resolution as presented.

Will take to the full Board for approval

c. Motion: To approve the 2013 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as presented.

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. Tax Payers 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

7. Donations:

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

a. Motion: To accept \$1,000.00 award from Franklin Mint to Judith Haines at Culbertson Elementary School

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. Designation of Depositories

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

a. Motion: To approve the following Financial Institutions for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as required by School Code:

**T. D. Bank
Pennsylvania Local Investment Government Trust (PLGIT)
Pennsylvania District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)**

Will take to the full Board for approval

9. July Bills for Payment:

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

a. Motion: To authorized the Business Administrator, with the approval of the Superintendent, to release check for payment during the month of July and August as needed.

Will take to the full Board for approval

10. Fund Balance:

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

a. Motion: To commit Fund Balance for current Capital Projects and approve the necessary transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund in 2013-2014

Will take to the full Board for approval

11. New Business

None

12. Public Comment

A discussion took place with the audience and members of the Board. Wanted to know if the budget is going to pass? There is no way of saying whether it will be, but cannot speak for the full Board. The district can always put in for more positions if needed after the Budget is passed. The Librarian was also a topic of conversation. The Librarian position exists. Both positions (Librarian and Online Coordinator will be in the final budget.)

Dr. Horowitz gave the following report for the online coordinator ~ as of right now there are 20 students registered for online courses. There is going to be 9 different schools throughout our region participating in the program. The coordinator will be responsible for grades, contacting students and teachers. Doing the registration for all the students, filling out reports to the State and be the person to manage this program. There are major subjects along with electives. There are 3 teachers from our district that will be teaching at least one of the online courses. We hope to reach out to the cyber/charter school students to be part of our program. The program is offered to grades 9 to 12. The coordinator will also be the go to person for the other teachers for entering their grades, contacting parents if needed, meeting with the students, etc.

PIAA rules are the same for cyber school students in order to play a sport.

There will be training for this coordinator as well as profession development.

****Some of the discussion was not heard due to the microphones not being used.**

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM