

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012  
BOARD ROOM MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** **Committee:** Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. James Lanzalotto

**Board:** Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. John McDevitt

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

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 3

**1. Call to Order:**

Mr. Dewey called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2012:**

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

**3. Business Office/Finance Reporting**

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

Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund, Capital Fund, and Food Service Bills.

- Budget Transfers ~ June 2012
- Financial Reports for July 2012, not final, informational
- Treasurer's Report ~ May and June 2012

Will take to full Board for approval

**4. Community Budget Recommendations**

Mr. Driscoll explained this is the results of the Community Budget Committee ~ an update of what has been worked on over the summer ~ progress on activity

Mr. Mike Larkin presented the following:

- School Media, located in Minnesota
- Kid Friendly advertizing
- Ads change every 3 months
- 55 graphic ads
- We would have final say on ads

- Could earn up to \$50,000 per year
- Showed example of ad on locker
- Could be on tables, floors, walls, etc.
- Shared a fact sheet which was on back of presentation
- Any damage would be at their cost ~ there would be no cost to the district
- Different size wraps? Not sure but will check
- Could this be disruptive ~ concern Elementary and Middle School
- All installation done by the company
- Nothing on buses. They have done it, but this is not approved by PennDot
- Paid on a quarterly basis
- Has been done in our area ~ Pennsbury
- Can do some on our own ~ this would not interfere with the company, not inclusive
- Students have input on design? Probably not but can check into
- Brick program ~ paths and walkways ~ \$75.00 to \$95.00 per brick, will continue to research
- Athletic advertizing space ~ target money for future projects, example replacement of the turf
- Culinary Art Sponsorship
- Press Box Sponsorship
- Game Tickets ~ Custom on back of ticket ~ printed by Nuss printing would cost \$240.00. Advertising income would be \$1,000.00. This was approved
- Also have interested parties for advertising for Basketball, both girls and boys
- Using the Six Pillar's of Athletic ~ sponsor for each Pillar

Mr. Dricoll explained the Bus leasing/Buyback update

- There are 3 companies that handle this
- Traditional Lease rather than buyback
- Lease for 3 or 4 years
- On a buyback the cost included are repairs, inspections, tires, brakes, etc
- We repair seats, we don't clean, cheaper to have company to handle that
- The longer you have the bus, the cost of repairs increase, we only do small repairs
- Would have to increase staffing bur a few
- Don't have the funds to be able to start of own the buses
- Will continue refine and will continue to update the Board

## **5. Donations**

Motion: To accept \$2,000.00 Mini Grant for Paxon Hollow Middle School called PA Project Learning Tree Green School Project.

To accept \$4,000.00 from J. P. Mascaro & Sons recipient of the Respect Program Education Grant (Worrall)

To accept \$25,000.00 for the Allan Jones Fitness Center at the High School

Mr. Driscoll gave a brief description of each of the donations

Will take to the full Board for approval

## **6. June 30, 2012 Audit**

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- Year not closed yet
- Audit coming in September
- Income ~ just about right
- Expense side better than thought
- Fund balance to Capital Fund
- Prepared to keep Capital Funds for future project

## **7. 2013-2014 Budget**

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- Preliminary early in February
- Public inspection in January
- Not pressed for time this year
- More information on time in September
- Act 1 index maybe 1.6%, will know more late September
- State Budget, overall not bad
- Accountability Block Grants did not go though

## **8. Furniture and Equipment – Capital Fund**

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- TV Studio the largest expense, in house news cast fed by Student production ~ can be installed in house
- Funds coming from FF & E
- Bleachers, lower field need to be replaced, both baseball and softball, remove old ones; have bleachers for home and away teams. Bleachers presently do not meet regulations. Walkway needs railings
- Backstop, continue to solve problems, hitting homes, needs to be moved forward, trying to put cage inside what is presently there.
- Acoustical Shell, projects sound out, better sound, cost \$25,000. to \$35,000.
- There still would be \$300,000 in FF &E.

- Still work in TV Studio, would need to move equipment to be able to hold a class in the future.
- Gauntlett Center ~ Huge amount of time spent on trying to get Archival storage organized. Need a system. Looking at warehouse, need to do more research

**9. New or Additional Business**

None

**10. Public Comment**

None

**11. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

**\*\*This minutes were taken from notes only**