

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
FACILITY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2020
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Dr. Heather Logue

Press: 0

Audience: 9

Mr. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM and stood on the Pledge from the previous meeting

1. Additions to Agenda

There was none

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reynolds asked for the minutes to be approved

With no further discussion minutes for August were approved

3. Informational/Discussion Items

Informational:

1.) Culbertson and Loomis Elementary Update

Mr. Gallagher explained that things are wrapping up for both renovations. They are both 95% complete and working on punch lists. Thanks to Mr. Wigo and Ms. Smythe, and all the teachers for their cooperation during these renovations.

The Board thanked Mr. Gallagher for all the hard work. Dr. Kane hopes to be able to have a Ribbon Cutting Event.

2.) Lower Fields turf renovation project

Mr. Gallagher explained that they did a walk through today. He is expecting maybe 45 bids to come in. Bids are due by next Friday at 1:00. He has reviewed the numbers with the Architect and will be presenting them to the Board.

3.) District wide visitor management system – Covid-19 screening

Mr. Gallagher explained that the present system is not working, looking at 3 different systems, the Covid Team would like to this in our County Grant ~ waiting for approval.

4. Transportation

Informational:

- 1) Bus routing continues to be a challenge. As more students return to school, we need to continue to ensure adherence to the Health and Safety Plan protocols for students riding a school bus.
- 2) All parents and students, K-12, have received notification of their child's bus information as of Thursday, October 8.
- 3) At this moment, we are transporting to 116 different schools. This time last year, we were transporting to 110 schools on a daily basis.
- 4) Recently, we received notification from the Pupil Services Department that two MNSD students require transportation needs in order to be in compliance with their IEP placements. As a result, we need to purchase two new vans as presented in the below motion. We will also need to hire two van drivers and two transportation aides.
- 5) Current transportation fleet:
 - 88 Total Transportation vehicles
 - 37 (full size 72 passenger)
 - 30 (micro 30 passenger; 5 of these are Wheel Chair Lift buses)
 - 9 (mid-size 48 passenger buses; 5 of these are Wheel Chair Lift buses)
 - 12 (vans), 8 (7 passenger vans), 4 (9 passenger vans)
- 6) Current number of students being transported by MNSD vehicles as of October 12, 2020:
 - o Total Students = 5,084 o Total Non-Pub Students = 1,676
 - o Total Public Elementary Students = 1443 Culbertson Elementary Students = 430
 - Loomis Elementary Students = 371 Russell Elementary Students = 304 Worrall Elementary Students = 338
 - o Paxon Hollow Middle Students = 854
 - o Marple Newtown High School Students = 1,111

Transportation Vehicle Purchase

MOTION: To approve the purchase of the following vehicles in the total amount of \$74,064.00 from Pacifico Marple Ford, and to approve the necessary transfer from budgetary reserve effective November 1, 2020. Prices are in accordance with Co-Stars Contract No. 026-097: Quantity (2) = 2020 Ford Transit - AWD Passenger Vans – Transportation

Mr. Orwig explained that the above motion is needed to transport students. Overall things are going great

5. Other Business

There was none

6. Public Comment

There was none

7. Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.