

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2021
Via: Zoom

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, 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, Mr. Neil Evans

Press: 0

Audience: 18

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Chandless asked for a moment of silence for 2 employees who passed away this month.

1. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions, Mr. Driscoll want to let the Board know that the voting meeting will be held next week and that there would be some additional assessment appeals and student activities on the agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes for November

Mrs. Chandless asked for the approval of the minutes for November.

With no discussion minutes were approved

3. Bills for Payment

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the full Board for approval

A. Motion: To approve and authorized payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$5,970,112.67, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$97,776.38, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$795,828.90, Food Service bills in the amount of \$28,969.20.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Financial Reports

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the Board for approval

- A. Financial reports for October and November, informational for December, Treasurer's Reports for July, August, September, October, and November, and Budget Transfers.

Mr. Driscoll explained that they are getting caught up on a lot of the work and hopes to be all caught up by the end of February.

Will take to the full Board for approval

5. Actuarial Services

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the Board for approval

- A. Motion: To approve the agreement with Conrad M. Siegel, Inc. and Pennsylvania Trust to provide actuarial services for GASB 45 in the estimated amount of \$7,250.00.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is a motion every couple of years. We receive special pricing and need this for our year-end services. Pricing has been steady for many years.

6. Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the Board for approval

- A. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-05017-00 in the amount of \$248.05.
- B. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-04799-00 in the amount of \$90.69.
- C. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-01837-45 in the amount of \$281.53
- D. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-02518-76 in the amount of \$132.53.
- E. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalties on Folio 25-00-05006-00 in the amount of \$218.43 and Folio 25-00-04199-00 in the amount of \$18.22.
- F. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-02889-00 in the amount of \$385.52.

G. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-02916-04 in the amount of \$564.01.

Mr. Driscoll explained that due to this unusual year some of the issues have been the mail, closing issues, one being that they were not in the house due to a flood. These requests have been pre-screened and are all legitimate request.

Will take to the full Board for approval

7. Rates of Compensation

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the Board for approval

A. Motion: To approve the rate of compensation for the Marple Newtown School District Tax Collection as follows:

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$4.82/parcel
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	\$4.94/parcel
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	\$5.06/parcel
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026	\$5.18/parcel

Mr. Driscoll explained that these are elected positions every 4 years, that we pay part along with the townships paying part.

Will take to the Board for approval

8. Preliminary Budget 2021-2022

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the Board for approval

A. Motion: To adopt a Resolution not to exceed the Act 1 Index.

Mr. Driscoll gave the following brief presentation:

- Index for 2021-2022 is 3%
- New Assessment values will be used
- The rules have changed which limits us to the Index to the Index of the prior year. Our Index this year will be 2.60%
- We will need to take action next week
- Explained Revenue, reassessment ~ growth/development, and appeals
- State Subsidy ~ Homestead credit due out April 15th. Question is if the Pandemic has had an impact on this.
- PSERS ~ we pay 50%

- Additional considerations ~ Labor Agreements and staffing level, Medical at first look there no increase, Special Ed/Tuition costs, retirement and new initiatives.
- Using the Act 1 exceptions could backfire on us, not a 100% certain, all of this is new. County and Township do not have this problem, Act 1 only pertains to us.
- Keeping the 2.6% increase would give us time.
- Having the accurate assessment value is extremely important.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to take to the full Board for approval the Resolution not to exceed the Index.

9. New Business

There was none

10. Public Comment

Community member asked about the increase in compensation for the tax collectors.

Mr. Driscoll explained that they are elected to office every 4 years; serve both the School District and the Townships. Law reads that before February 15th a request in a change of compensation must be made and approved. This motion is not approved yet, that will take place next week and must be done then unless we have a special meeting before February 15th.

The community member asked how many parcels there are.

Mr. Driscoll did not have that information readily available, but would be more than happy to have the community member contact him and he would be able to give that information to them.

11. Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.