

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Marple Newtown High School Auditorium
Minutes

Board: Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. David Dezzi, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Vice President, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire (by phone)

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

Press: 0

Audience: 17

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance and advised the audience that the Board met in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

3. PRESENT

Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco

7 Board members present

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Kane made the following statement:

Thank you to our teachers and staff for planning and preparing for our students to return to school full time. We are grateful for our students who have happily returned to our schools this past two weeks.

A big thank you to our school nurses for their efforts to contact trace and keep our schools safe.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Mr. Tomasco and Ms. Fay gave the following report:

- Scheduling has been completed
- Color Guard submitted their competition video
- Indoor percussion is working on their video to submit
- Best Buddies Club has raised over \$1,000.00
- Art Club is creating a mural for the gym at the Gauntlet center. The mural will be presented to the Newtown Parks and Recreation Board for approval
- Grace Gardler painted a backdrop for the student cheering section in the gym. Grace painted the 18 x 24 plywood by herself and she is pressuring her career in Art at the Moore College of Art.
- The MNHS Mock Trial team completed their season at Strathaven in a close match
- Cheerleading has submitted their competition video. The competition is in April
- Girls track and field are working hard this season
- Boy track update ~ working in the weight room has be a huge help
- Girls basketball finished 10 – 7
- MNHS Women's dive ~ 4 students qualified
- Boys swimming finished a great season. Matt Gray broke a record from 1986
- Women's dive ~ congratulations to Alexandra Pastris. She won the AA state championship, 2020 Diving all American, 3 years undefeated in the Central League, 2021 Central League champion, broke Ridley's 6 diving record, 2021 District A diving champion, 2020 AA State Champion.
- Boys basketball finished 11 – 8
- Wrestling finished their season 6 – 7
- Student Council is hosting spirit week

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

We have successfully reopening all six of our schools over the last two weeks. I visited all six schools and observed classroom instruction, lunches, arrivals and dismissals.

It is exciting that all of the MNSD staff who was interested and wanted a COVID vaccine was able to receive one. This is in large parts, thanks to the DCIU. The DCIU did an extraordinary

job coordinating 15 public school districts, the DCIU, and non-public schools to receive the vaccine over the last 10 days.

Thank you to our parents who are driving their students to and from school. With more parents driving their own children, our transportation staff and routes have been able to provide transport for students who need it. We are aware of more traffic during arrival and dismissal and are appreciative for everyone's patience.

A communication was sent regarding PSSA testing last week. The PDE has shared that the state assessments are still expected to be administered. Therefore, our MNSD Leadership Team felt it was best for our students to take the assessment in their current school, with their teachers and peers. If we were to test in the fall, our 5th graders and 8th graders would need to take the test in different buildings with different teachers and peers.

Mr. Bilker on behalf of the Board thanked Dr. Kane and her administrative team for working so hard in getting the vaccine available for the staff.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting and February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Alberti, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

11. OTHER REPORTS

11.01 Settlement of Personal Injury Lawsuit Covered by the School District's Liability Insurance

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the attached General Release of Claims and Indemnification Agreement.

Motion was made Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

11.02 Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform.

Mrs. Tomasco read the Resolution:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the average Pennsylvania school district spends millions of dollars in taxpayer

money annually in mandatory payments to brick-and-mortar and cyber charter schools; and these payments are calculated in a manner which requires districts to send more money to charter schools than is needed to operate their programs and places a significant financial burden on districts' resources and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the current charter school funding formula was established in 1997 under the state's Charter School Law and has not been changed in the 24 years since it was first created; and the formula for regular education programs is unfair because it is based on a school district's expenditures and not what it actually costs to educate a child in the charter school; and

WHEREAS, the calculation for charter special education tuition is unfair because it is also based on the special education expenditures of the school district rather than the charter school; and although the General Assembly revised the special education funding formula in 2014 to more accurately target special education resources for students identified with high, medium and low needs, this formula was applied only to school districts and not to charter schools; and

WHEREAS, because the tuition rate calculations are based on the school district's expenses, they create wide discrepancies in the amount of tuition paid by different districts for the same charter school education and result in drastic overpayments to charter schools; and these discrepancies in tuition rates for regular education students can vary by almost \$13,000 per student and by \$35,000 for special education students; and

WHEREAS, the latest data from the PA Department of Education (PDE) shows that in 2018-19, total charter school tuition payments (cyber and brick-and-mortar) were more than \$2.0 billion, with \$606 million of that total paid by districts for tuition to cyber charter schools; and

WHEREAS, further analysis of PDE data shows that in 2014-15, school districts paid charter schools more than \$100 million for special education services in excess of what charter schools reported spending on special education; and

WHEREAS, the costs of charter schools for school districts continue to grow significantly each year; and on a statewide basis are the most identified source of pressure on school district budgets; and

WHEREAS, the need for significant charter school funding reform is urgent; and school districts are struggling to keep up with growing charter costs and are forced to raise taxes and cut staffing, programs and services for their own students in order to pay millions of dollars to charter schools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marple Newtown Board of School Directors calls upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education to ensure that school districts and taxpayers are no longer overpaying these schools or reimbursing for costs the charter schools do not incur. We, along with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, are advocating for substantial change.

Adopted this 23rd day of March, 2021.

Signed,

School Board President

Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

Mr. Siano asked for the following motions

12.02 Athletic Trips

Motion to approve Mr. McCullough, Girls Swim Coach, to accompany five (5) students from the high school swim team to travel to the Graham Aquatic Center in York, Pennsylvania to compete in the PIAA Swimming District Championships. This took place on Thursday, February 25, 2021 and Friday, February 26, 2021. The cost of transportation is \$135.00. The cost of food is \$35.00. The cost of the hotel is \$174.20. The total cost to the District is \$344.20.

Motion to approve Ms. Cessna, Boys Swim Coach, to accompany one (1) student from the high school swim team to travel to the Graham Aquatic Center in York, Pennsylvania to compete in the PIAA Swimming District Championships. This took place on Saturday, February 27, 2021. The cost of transportation is \$756.83. The cost of food is \$50.00. The total cost to the District is \$806.83.

Motion to approve Ms. Murray, Girls Diving Coach, to accompany one (1) student from the high school diving team to travel to Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania to compete in the PIAA Diving State Championships on Friday, March 12, 2021 and Saturday, March 13, 2021. The cost of transportation is \$137.88. The cost of food is \$60.00. The cost of the hotel is \$209.28. The total cost to the District is \$407.16.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12.03 Club

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Esports Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is for students to be given the opportunity to play, talk, promote and interact with other students who share similar video game interests. Also, they will create several Esports teams to compete against other schools in the area and potentially further away. The club advisors are Andrew Butler, Scott Wanner, Nicole Hazelwood and Ronald Braverman.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12.04 Book Disposal

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the disposal of outdated books from the Marple Newtown High School Library.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12.05 Memorial Garden

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the removal of bushes on both sides of Worrall School's Library in preparation for a proposed memorial garden for Matthew Wzorek on the school grounds. To approve the funding support of Worrall PTO for any materials needed for this garden, amount TBD, not to exceed \$1500. To approve the volunteer time, services, and materials of Del Vacchio Landscape and Christmas Décor, 922 North Chester Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380, as this garden is planned and installed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12.06 MN Athletic Health and Safety Plan

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Athletic Health and Safety Plan, which will allow student athletes to participate in spring sports per the Central Athletic League Return to Competition Health and Safety Plan.

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Bilker gave the following report:

13.02 Terminations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified termination(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Maurice Motely– Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: March 1, 2021

Reason: Failed to complete necessary employment documents

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.03 Retirements

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirement(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Thomas DiMeo – Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 23, 2021
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, second by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.04 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) James Burch– Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: February 22, 2021
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Connie Ryan – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 5, 2021
Reason: Resignation

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.05 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1 through 8.

- 1) John Kosturos– Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School

Effective: March 12, 2021 through and including June 18, 2021
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health

- 2) Jean Dingle– Biology Teacher
Paxon Hollow School
Effective: March 15, 2021 through and including June 18, 2021
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health
- 3) Colette Milligan – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 9, 2021 through and including April 9, 2021
Reason: Medical Leave
- 4) Sophie Martin – Gifted Support Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: March 8, 2021 through and including May 22, 2021
Reason: Child Rearing Leave: March 8, 2021 through May 22, 2021
- 5) Dana Locher – Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: March 8, 2021 through and including May 14, 2021
Reason: Medical Leave: March 8, 2021 through and including
May 14, 2021
FMLA: March 8, 2021 through and including May 14, 2021
- 6) Carolyn Campbell – Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: March 15, 2021 through and including March 25, 2021
Reason: Child Rearing Leave: March 22, 2021 through and including
March 25, 2021
- 7) Angela Matt – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: March 8, 2021 through and including March 26, 2021
Reason: Medical Leave
- 8) Jessica Civitello – Special Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 2, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021
Reason: Medical Leave: June 2, 2021 through and including
June 22, 2021
FMLA: June 2, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Patricia Dennin – Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Marple Newtown High School
Effective: March 22, 2021 through and including June 18, 2021
Reason: Medical Leave: March 22, 2021 through and including
June 18, 2021
FMLA: March 22, 2021 through and including June 18, 2021
- 2) David Morrison – Custodian
Operations Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022
Reason: Intermittent FMLA: April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.06 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Kimberly Trigone – Elementary Art Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: March 15, 2021
Reason: FMLA

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Barbara Bieg – Food Service Worker II
Food Service Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: April 5, 2021
Returning from: Medical
- 2) Maureen Guyer – Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School
Return Date: March 15, 2021
Returning from: Medical
- 3) Dana Chirico – School Assistant
Russell Elementary School

Return Date: April 5, 2021
Returning from: Medical

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.07 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Michael Harding – LTS Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$55,484.00 (MA+20 - Step 1; pro-rated)
Effective: February 26, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021
Replacing: Karen Shoemaker (Sabbatical)
- 2) Derek Murr – LTS Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$ 48,902.00 (BA+24 – Step 1; pro-rated)
Effective: March 8, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021
Replacing: Dana Locher (Medical/FMLA)

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 7.

- 1) Luigino Carafa - Equipment Mechanic
Transportation Department
Salary: \$29.95 per hour
Effective: March 8, 2021
Replacing: Tyler Cheyney (Resignation)
- 2) Asia Barnes - Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$26.92 per hour
Effective: March 15, 2021
Replacing: Michael Burke (Retirement)
- 3) Donald Beese - Bus Driver (in training)
Transportation Department

Salary: \$17.41 per hour
 Effective: March 22, 2021
 Replacing: Paul Shea (Retirement)

- 4) Joseph Havens - Bus Aide
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$17.41 per hour
 Effective: March 24, 2021
 Replacing: Alex Edwards (Reassignment)
- 5) Juan Rico - Bus Aide
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$17.41 per hour
 Effective: March 24, 2021
 Replacing: Linda Haffelfinger (Reassignment)
- 6) Luanne Carlton - Special Education Assistant
 Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School
 Salary: \$15,475.00 (prorated)
 Effective: March 15, 2021
 Replacing: Donna Rich (Resignation)
- 7) Ellen Abadie - Bus Driver (in training)
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$17.41 per hour
 Effective: March 24, 2021
 Replacing: Daniel Hiller (Retirement)

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
 Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.08 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers, item(s) 1 and 2:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
1. Ellen Salamone	MNHS	Cook	PHMS	Cook	March 1, 2021
2. Angelina Boccelli-Lupica	Loomis	Special Ed. Asst.	MNHS	Special Ed. Asst.	April 5, 2021

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
 Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.09 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the

2020-2021 school year, as presented. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.10 Extended School Year (ESY)

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following professional personnel for the 2021 ESY Program, as presented. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following classified personnel for the 2021 ESY Program, as presented. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.11 Substitute Teacher Service Addendum

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the addendum agreement as presented, March 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021, with Substitute Teacher Service (STS) to provide the district with qualified substitute teachers who is retired from Marple Newtown School District to fill absences among the District's regular professional faculty.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Kathryn V. Chandless, Chairperson

Mrs. Chandless gave the following report:

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$3,096,136.63, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$450.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$668,766.73, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$44,516.18.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the monthly financial report for January 2021, Treasurer's Reports for February 2021, and Budget Transfers for March 2021.

Informational item monthly financial report for February 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.04 Request to Close a Student Activity Account

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to Request to close the Adoring Alex organization.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.05 Donation

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a check in the amount of \$2,323.38 from Culbertson PTO for purchase of two TV's/wall mount/IT equipment.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.06 2021-2022 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the 2021-2022 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget in the amount of \$9,765,889.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.07 2021-2022 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Agreement

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Agreement regarding the 2021-2022 Special Education Services Agreement in the amount of \$598,118.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.08 2021-2022 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the 2021-2022 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget in the amount of \$10,259,365.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.09 2021 Tax Assessment Appeal

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-01635-57 the real estate tax assessment appealed from \$2,626,780 assessment/\$2,626,780 fair market value to 2021 - \$2,350,000 assessment/\$2,350,000 fair market value.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$276,780 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,958 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-00090-28 the real estate tax assessment appealed from \$1,993,440 assessment/\$1,993,440 fair market value to 2021 \$1,776,000 assessment/\$1,776,000 fair market value.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$217,440 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,324 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bilker gave the following report:

15.02 Facility Use

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve outdoor facility use District-wide on Sundays in accordance with both Marple and Newtown Township ordinances.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey stated that she is very proud to be part of Board at the IU. Vaccine shots have been given at the sight and everything is very well organized.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Chandless stated that she was glad to see the Resolution passed tonight

Also, while not part of the Legislative report, she has heard from several community members regarding the live streaming of the Board meetings. She believes that this is something that should be looked into.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bilker stated that he and Mrs. Harvey attended a meeting of the PSBA yesterday and were given the opportunity to speak with State Representatives to bring attention to concerns of School Boards. One of those concerns is Charter Schools. The Resolution that was passed tonight and if the State legislature pass the Bill, which I believe has bi-partisan support, regarding the Charter Schools, it will save Marple Newtown School District \$315,000. a year. Also another topic discussed was the PSSA’s. As Dr. Kane reported they are going to take place that is as of today. I had the chance to discuss this with several people on the call and I let them know my opinion is that like last year they should be cancelled, not postponed. Giving up those days of education just doesn’t seem right to me. It seemed that several others agreed.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Community member wanted to know if the resolution on the charter schools will be posted on the website

Yes, now that it is approved it will be put up on the website.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Siano questioned again about having lunch outside at Paxon Hollow

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary