

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting
May 11, 2021
Marple Newtown High School Auditorium
MINUTES
Present

Board: Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, 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, Mrs. Gina Ros

Press: 0

Audience: 11

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

1. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Reynolds asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

There were none

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reynolds asked for the approval of the minutes.

With no further discussion minutes were approved

3. Informational/Discussion Items

A. High School turf field renovation

1.) Reject the bids from November 4, 2020 bid opening

2.) Advertise for re-bidding the project

Mr. Gallagher explained the field project, what fields would have turf, what fields would be grass. He also explained the multi-use fields, having lights on the Varsity fields, ADA compliant, also new would be the use of the field behind the stadium as a practice field for the Band. Mr. Gallagher is speaking with the music department to see what their needs are for the field. There would also be

a Field House and storage facility. Once all is approved the work could start at the end of August

B. The purchase and installation of New Audio Visual equipment in the Board Room from Delco Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$54,885.00. Price through costars contract #034-065.

Mr. Lee explained the process of having this work done so that the Board meetings can be live streamed. The present equipment in the Board room is out dated and it all needs to be replaced in order to accomplish this project. The live stream would be through our website

4. Transportation

Information item(s):

Re: Bus Patrol Stop Arm Cameras

Mr. Orwig explained the following:

A company called Bus Patrol, which is located in Lorton, VA, provides bus cameras and operational systems, specifically state approved stop arm cameras. They have very strong partnership with our current bus routing system, Transfinder and a very popular GPS company called Zonar.

Bus Patrol provides top of the line equipment to the district GPS, tur by turn navigation, a fully operational camera system, "Coach" a new forward facing system that coaches the driver in real time of hazards, not to mention the stop are camera that generates the funds to pay for it all.

B. Revenue Disbursement/Sharing

Bus Patrol claims that there is no cost to the district. The proposed agreement is currently being reviewed by the districts solicitor's office.

REQUIRED DISBURSEMENTS: All required disbursements tot the local law enforcement agency is \$25.00 per violation and the Pennsylvania School Bus Safety Grant Program account receives \$25.00 per violation.

REVENUE SHARE ARRANGEMENT: Remaining gross revenues collected through the operation of the bus patrol system after the required disbursement, \$250.00 per violation, will be disbursed as follows:

40% of the remaining gross revenue will be disbursed to MNSD

60% of the remaining gross revenue will be disbursed to Bus Patrol

C. Operational Impact

Each school bus is equipped with an electronic tablet which is assigned to the specific vehicle. Drivers will begin their day by being accountable for the pre-trip inspections which must be recorded on the tablet provided. The bus will not start if the bus driver does not conduct this pre-trip inspections required by law. These tablets will also provide full mechanical reports to our mechanics and generate mechanical diagnostics and updates to each bus engine. Drivers can also take pictures of accident scenes and complete damage reports with the tablet.

These tablets also allow the transportation office staff to communicate with the driver in a safe manner. When we must get an immediate message to the driver, a member of the transportation office types the message to the assigned bus and the next time the bus driver stops the bus, the message appears on the table for them to read. The tablet can also be set up to read the message aloud to the driver in the event of a true emergency communication. When a substitute driver is needed to drive an unfamiliar bus route, they have the ability to view the route through the tablet similar to turn by turn directions we all all familiar with through Google Maps.

D. Conclusion

Currently, we are establishing communication and discussion points with the local law enforcement agencies to make them aware of this product and solicit their interest and cooperation.

It is our intent to bring this administrative recommendation and legally reviewed agreement to the MNSD School Board for approval no later than early fall.

The potential savings to the district is estimated to be nearly \$35,000.00 per year in leasing fees with the expiration and revenue sharing of several current leasing agreements such as Synovia (current GPS provider) and Transfinder (bus routing system).

5. Other Business

There was none

6. Public Comment

There was none

7. Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting a 6:56 PM.