

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 25, 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

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: 23

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. PRESENT**

Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless (by phone), Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Siano

Mr. McKenzie arrived at 7:50 PM

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**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 Mr. Dezzi

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

Mr. Bilker asked the community members who wanted to speak if they would like to speak now or wait until the end of the meeting.

Community member ~ Thank you for letting me speak. Just wanted to be a voice for choice. I think we all have really suffered this year in many ways and each of us in our personal way and can't understand how it has been for someone else. We have all had our challenges. Some of us have had mental health issues, some have had physical health issues, so I am happy that we are in person again and we are one step closer to real normal. I am so grateful for that. I want you to know that I am a proud American, I love what our country stands for which is freedom. We are supposed to be a melting pot. We are supposed to be able to go to whatever church we want or not. We are supposed to embrace our differences and respect them. This year as Americans we were asked to think of how we treat people of color and how we can embrace our differences and create equal space. My concern is with the pandemic we have use shaming and judging people about making medical decisions. Medical decisions are personal, just like religion, and not everyone can understand, because we grow up different and have different experiences. Example, are any of you allergic to peanut butter, bee stings, shellfish, penicillin? My point is you don't know what can harm my body and I don't know what can harm your body. This is not a one size fits all. We can say everyone should do this or everyone should do that, but in no situation is that really true. You have to account for the differences between us and that has to be respected and I am saying as a parent in this school district, and I am speaking for many, many other parents and many children, that we are given a choice on how our children attend school. We are happy to be back in person full day, but I don't think people like masks. I know a lot of people that wear mask and I am not judging them, I don't think my family should be forced to wear a mask and I don't think that my family should be forced to get a vaccine that could harm our bodies, especially if there are medical issues. Other people are free to get vaccines and make that choice for themselves. We would like you to uphold as Americans that we have the ability to make decisions without being judged. Thank you.

Community member ~ The emergency order is coming to an end on May 31<sup>st</sup>. I am here to have it on record to ask you to stop making medical decisions for our children and leave those decisions up to the parents. I can't believe that we are living in a time when parents are getting messages from school board members that you are forming a strong partnership with pharmacy's who are literally conducting non FDS approved experiments on our children and this is somehow being excepted. What is happening here? If you are no familiar with the Nierenberg code, I suggest you look into it before continuing to make medical decisions for our children. Crimes against humanity is kind of a big deal. You have not provided us with any scientific evidence that harm will not be done to our children as a result of wearing a mask all day at school, yet I can provide you with endless amounts of information that harm has already happened and will continue to happen if you can't unmask our children. In fact, according to the Child Protective Service law covering up their mouths and face is a form of child abuse. On the same note, forcing a healthy child to act as if they need to protect others from a deadly virus, all day long that, they don't have to begin with is called mental Munchausen syndrome by proxy. I have respected your decision and kept my daughters at home for over a year now and I am done playing games with all of you. As I sat and looked at all the pictures on social media of the Marple Newtown athletes out playing their games, representing Marple Newtown, they are smiling, hugging, and being together, most importantly they have happy mask less faces. Children are enjoying life and doing children should be doing mask less. Let it be clear I have nothing against athletes, my 6<sup>th</sup> grade daughter is a PA state Junior Olympic gymnast who has not stopped training or competing this entire year and has done it all mask less. However, I have to be honest, every time I see those pictures of those kids from Marple everything looks back to

normal, my heart breaks for my 8<sup>th</sup> grade daughter as she sits in her room everyday staring at a black screen all day long and doesn't have the opportunity to have those kinds of relationships and get to be a part of any of the school teams because she is at home following your rules. She was a student who received honor roll every semester and now I get constant emails from her teachers and guidance counselor that she is failing every class. A child who has never had a bad day at school, a child who loves Paxon Hollow Middle School, she loves her teachers, she loves her friends, her locker and just being inside her school. Her life has changed tremendously because of your uninformative medical opinions have forced her to live for the last 14 months. You have discriminated against our religion and our medical beliefs and I am asking you for the last time, on the record, to please do what is right thing and stop before you do anymore damage. You have had the power all along to listen to the other thousands of medical experts that are against masking of children, why do you refuse to listen to those people. If it is not in the child's best mental, physical, and educational interest to continue this masking standard and I ask you to vote to end the mask wearing when the emergency order ends on May 31<sup>st</sup> and to let all of our children get their normal lives back. We need to heal and move on. Several districts in PA has made mask and experimental vaccines optional because they recognize that it is a parent's rights only to make medical decisions for their children. If other districts can do this so can Marple Newtown. It is time to support all parents and all children and have masks be optional. Give us the medical freedom to choose what is best for our own children, medical choice options far out way the risk. Thank you.

## **6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

There was none

## **7. COMMENDATIONS**

There was none

## **8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

Ms. Fay gave the following report

- Softball had a buy before starting the playoffs
- Girls Track and Field set a school record in the 4 x 100
- Girls Lacrosse lost in the playoffs
- Boys Track advanced to districts
- Boys Lacrosse play tonight
- Tennis went to Central League tournament
- Baseball in the playoffs
- Seniors last day was May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Senior Project started this past Monday
- Graduation is on June 17<sup>th</sup> and will be at Marple Newtown High School Stadium

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

The PSSA and Keystone exams are underway.

The MNSD Leadership Team hosted a Kindergarten parent information night on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The presentation was very well attended and we were able to share important information regarding entering Kindergarten.

Through a partnership with the DCIU and Springfield Pharmacy, all 15 public school districts have the opportunity to offer vaccines for our students. On Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> MNSD, Haverford, and Radnor held a coordinated vaccination site for our students ages 16 and over. Then again on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at same location, vaccinations were provided for our students ages 12-15. Several of our administrators volunteered to assist with the management of the site. The second dose for our students 12-15 is scheduled for Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting and the May 11, 2021 Special Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

## 11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

Motion to approve the Agreement with Pennhurst Group, LLC, a staffing agency used to fill various positions such as nurses or PCAs for students placed out of district. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the revised tuition agreement for Student No. 881419 to attend Private School for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year. One on One services were added to this agreement. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 881419 to attend Private School for Extended School Year Summer 2021. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 881419 to attend Private School for the 2021-2022 School Year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the enrollment agreement for the following students to attend Approved Private School for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Student No. 880070

Student No. 881002

Student No. 880353

Student No. 600033

Student No. 804286

Motion to approve the Agreement with General Healthcare Resources, Inc., a staffing

agency used to fill various positions such as substitute Special Education Teachers, PCAs, nurses, OT, PT and SLPs for students. This is a not new agreement.

Motion to approve the following listing of students to attend out-of-district Extended School Year (ESY) programs for the period June, 2021 through August, 2021

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 882315 to attend Approved Private School for Extended School Year Summer 2021. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 870001 to attend Approved Private School for Extended School Year Summer 2021. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motions passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

## **12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**12.01** Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

**12.02** Policy

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to waive the first reading of and to adopt on second reading Policy No. 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**12.03** Book Disposal

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the disposal of the list of books from the Marple Newtown High School library, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**12.04** Donation

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Loomis Elementary School PTO donation of \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of a book vending machine. The machine will be placed in the main hallway near the display cases. Students will have the opportunity to earn coins raised through reading initiatives during the school year to purchase the books. The

book(s) will be theirs to keep.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve a donation to Worrall Elementary School of six kick balls, eight jump ropes and two footballs from Ellis Athletic Center, The Ellis Preserve, 3819 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, to use for recess activities.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

#### **12.05 Technology**

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the contract between the Marple Newtown School District and Fraser Advanced Information System to provide print fleet management and equipment leasing at a cost of \$156,669.00 per year for a term of four (4) years, pending solicitor approval.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

### **13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

#### **13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson**

#### **13.02 Position Creation**

##### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of two (2) Special Education Teaching positions, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

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Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of two (2) Special Education Assistant positions, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Maintenance position, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, effective July 1, 2021.

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

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

### **13.03 Retirements**

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirement(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Amy Miller – Health and Physical Education Teacher  
Loomis Elementary Teacher  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Mary Harper – Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 3) Angela Matt - Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0  
Congratulations to all of the retirees!

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Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement(s) item(s) 1 through 7.

- 1) Charles Miller – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: June 18, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 2) John Meyer – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: June 18, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 3) Dorothy Beswick – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: June 18, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 4) Karen Rose – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: June 18, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 5) Jerome Feldman – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: June 18, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 6) Sheryl Murray – Secretary (12-month position)  
Transportation Department  
Effective: June 25, 2021  
Reason: Retirement
- 7) Cathy Shields – Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 18, 2021  
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

Congratulations to all retirees!

#### **13.04 Terminations**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional terminations(s) item(s) 1 through 15.

- 1) Suzette Davis – LTS Family and Consumer Science Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School



Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 2) Sharren Juliano – LTS Spanish Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 3) Michael Harding – LTS Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 4) Monica DiStefano – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 5) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 6) Rachel Kaiser – LTS Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 7) Derek Murr – LTS Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 8) Rufino Panganiban – LTS Technology/Industrial Arts Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 9) Collen Riordan – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 10) Kaylyn Crowley – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 11) Nicole Gordon – LTS Elementary Education Teacher  
Russell Elementary School

Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment

12) Stephanie Amen – LTS Elementary Education Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School

Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment

13) Elizabeth Calhoun – LTS Elementary Education Teacher  
All Four Elementary Schools

Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment

14) Melissa Roth – LTS Elementary Education Teacher  
All Elementary Schools

Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment

15) Marina LaVecchio – LTS Elementary Education Teacher  
All Elementary Schools

Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified terminations(s) item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Joseph Rawlings – Bus Driver (in-training)  
Operations Department  
Effective: April 30, 2021  
Reason: Failed to complete necessary employment procedures
- 2) Irma DiValerio – Classified Substitute  
Food Services Department  
Effective: May 25, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable to work
- 3) Terrence Ferguson – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department  
Effective: May 25, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable to work
- 4) Thomas Jordan – Classified Substitute

Operations Department  
Effective: May 25, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable to work

5) Thomas Gates – Home Bound Instructor  
Pupil Services Department  
Effective: May 25, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable to work

6) Steven Rich – Home Bound Instructor  
Pupil Services Department  
Effective: May 25, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable to work

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

### **13.05 Resignations**

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

1) Julie Long – Speech and Language Therapist  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

2) Brittany Sanford – Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

3) Michelle McAlea – Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

#### **CLASSIFIED**

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

- 1) Kareem Cooper – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department  
Effective: April 26, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. McKenzie arrived at 7:50 PM, Mr. Bilker continued with the report.

### **13.06 Leaves**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

- 1) John Beltrante – School Principal  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: May 17, 2021 through and including June 30, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: May 17, 2021 through and including June 30, 2021

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1 through 9.

- 1) Dana Locher – Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: May 17, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: May 17, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021
- 2) Sophie Martin – Gifted Support Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including January 28, 2022  
Reason: FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including October 24, 2021  
CRL: October 25, 2021 through and including January 28, 2022
- 3) Rachel Gardner – Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including January 28, 2022

Reason: FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including October 24, 2021  
CRL: October 25, 2021 through and including January 28, 2022

- 4) Danielle Gornish – English Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including November 21, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including  
November 21, 2021
- 5) Rachel Henriques - Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: November 15, 2021 through and including February 12, 2022  
Reason: Medical Leave: November 15, 2021 through and including  
January 4, 2022  
FMLA: November 15, 2021 through and including February 12, 2022
- 6) Jessica Civitello – Special Education Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including October 15, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including October 15, 2021
- 7) Brittany Milia – Special Education Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including November 21, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including  
November 21, 2021
- 8) Emily Lovitz – Gifted Support Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including October 1, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including October 1, 2021
- 9) Pamela Sarikianos – School Counselor  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: May 6, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021  
Reason: FMLA: May 6, 2021 through and including June 22, 2021

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

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Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) John Schmidt – Bus Driver  
Transportation Driver  
Effective: April 23, 2021 through and including September 7, 2021

- Reason: Uncompensated Leave
- 2) Donald Beese – Bus Driver  
Transportation Driver  
Effective: May 5, 2021 through and including September 7, 2021  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave
  - 3) Ellen Salamone - Cook  
Food Services Department  
Effective: May 15, 2021 through and including June 18, 2021  
Reason: FMLA
  - 4) Roisin Arnold – Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: June 1, 2021 through and including June 18, 2021  
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

### **13.07** Return from Leave

#### PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Nicole Mercadante – Family and Consumer Science Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Return Date: July 1, 2021  
Returning From: Medical/FMLA Leave
- 2) Nicole Strickler – Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Return Date: July 1, 2021  
Returning From: FMLA/CRL
- 3) Jessica LaRosa– Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Return Date: July 1, 2021  
Returning From: Medical/FMLA
- 4) Karen Shoemaker – Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Return Date: July 1, 2021  
Returning From: Sabbatical for Professional Development
- 5) John Kosturos – Biology Teacher

Marple Newtown High School  
Return Date: July 1, 2021  
Returning From: Sabbatical for Restoration of Health

- 6) Andrea Acrich– Elementary Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Return Date: July 1, 2021  
Returning From: Sabbatical for Restoration of Health

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

### **13.08** 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 through 7.

- 1) Elizabeth Calhoun – LTS Gifted Support Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,369.00 (MA Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including February 1, 2022  
Replacing: Sophie Martin (FMLA/CRL)
- 2) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,369.00 (MA Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including December 23, 2021  
Replacing: Kylie Kusturiss (FMLA/CRL)
- 3) Stephanie Amen – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$46,109.00 (BA Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including February 1, 2022  
Replacing: Brittany Horton (FMLA/CRL)
- 4) Kaylyn Crowley – Special Education Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$46,109.00 (BA Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Jennifer Nemeth-Stalker (Retirement)
- 5) Colleen Riordan – Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$46,109.00 (BA Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021

- Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved May 25, 2021)
- 6) Robin Cohn – Health & Physical Education Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$54,374.00 (BA + 24 Step-5)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Amy Miller (Retirement)
  
  - 7) Rachel Kaiser – Social Studies Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$55,049.00 (MA Step-2)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Mary Harper (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

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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 5.

- 1) Jamie Heppler – Summer Maintenance Assistant  
Operations Department  
Salary: \$10.00 per hour  
Effective: May 26, 2021 through September 3, 2021  
Reason: Additional summer maintenance assistance
  
- 2) Mimoza Jahaj – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department  
Salary: TDB by assignment  
Effective: May 10, 2021  
Reason: As Needed
  
- 3) Shannon Seonia - Secretary (251-day position)  
Operations Department/ Administration Building  
Salary: \$25,449.00 (pro-rated)  
Effective: TBD  
Replacing: Elisa Reynolds (Reassignment)
  
- 4) Donna Spera - Food Service Worker II  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$13.96 per hour  
Effective: May 26, 2021  
Replacing: Reinstated
  
- 5) Connor Crawford – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department



Salary: TDB by assignment  
Effective: May 26, 2021  
Reason: As Needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

### **13.09** Extended School Year (ESY) 2021

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

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 attached. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

#### **CLASSIFIED**

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 attached. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

### **13.10** Summer Learning Program 2021

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following professional personnel for the 2021 Summer Learning Program as attached. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following classified personnel for the 2021 Summer Learning Program as attached. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

### **13.11** Supplementary Contracts

Motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2020-2021 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

**13.12 Memorandums of Understanding**

Motion to approve the Memorandums of Understanding between the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Educational Support Professional Association (MNESPA); Marple Newtown School District Non-Instructional Employees Association (MNNIEA); Marple Newtown School District Act 93 Confidential Employees (Act 93); and Marple Newtown Administrative Association (MNAA) regarding the utilization of vacation days, as presented.

**13.13 Amend and Update 403B Plan**

Motion to authorize administration to amend and update the employer sponsored 403B plan document as needed for hardship withdrawals or loans. There is no cost to the employer.

Motions were made by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**14.01 Committee Report – Kathryn V. Chandless, Chairperson**

**14.02 Bills for Payment**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,572,325.51, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$2,817.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$214,189.26, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$71,139.91.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**14.03 Monthly Reports**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the monthly financial report for March 2021, Treasurer's Report for March 2021, and Budget Transfers for May 2021.

*Informational item monthly financial report for April 2021.*

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**14.04 Donation**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept \$17,828.63 in gift cards from the Giant Food Market in Broomall for Marple Newtown School District families in need..

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

#### **14.05 School Board Treasurer**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to elect Denise Land as School Board Treasurer and Custodian of Student Funds.

Section 404 of the school code stipulates “....and shall annually, during the Month of May, elect a Treasurer to serve for one (1) year beginning the first day of July following the selection....”

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

#### **14.06 Food Service**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with Chartwells School Dining Services for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual administrative fee of \$36,300.00 and an annual management fee of \$20,740.00

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

#### **14.07 Tax Assessment Appeal**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-00429-20 real estate tax assessment appeals as follows:

2021 \$7,400,000 assessment/\$7,400,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$777,920 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$8,315 to our District for tax year 2021.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-00048-51 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$1,365,000 assessment/\$1,365,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$311,980 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$3,335 to our District for tax year 2021.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

## **15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

**15.02** Paxon Hollow Middle School – Temporary Chiller

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Johnson Controls, CoStars Contract #008-145, for the temporary chiller installation at Paxon Hollow Middle School for the remainder of the school year. The total cost of the temporary chiller will be \$29,282.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

**15.03** Paxon Hollow Middle School – Chiller Replacement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve Johnson Controls, CoStars Contract #008-145, for the replacement of the chiller at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The total cost of the chiller replacement is not to exceed \$298,366.00 with all parts, labor, and five-year warranty included. This cost will be taken from Capital Reserve.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

## **16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

There was none

**17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was none

**18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

There was none

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

A community member wanted to thank Dr. Kane and the Board for arranging the vaccines to be given to our students. It was much appreciated and very organized.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

There was none

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary