

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

**Marple Newtown Board Room**

**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, Mr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mrs. Gina Ross

Press: 0

Audience: 26

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM and advise the public that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the prior meetings

**3. PRESENT**

Mrs. Alberti (by phone), Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Tomasco

8 members present

Absent: Mr. Siano

**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. Chandless

Mr. Bilker asked that motion 13.11 be tabled until the end of the month.

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0  
Absent: Mr. Siano

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

There was none

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

There was none

**7. COMMENDATIONS**

There was none

**8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

There was none

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

Last week we hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Culbertson and Loomis Elementary Schools with past and current Board Directors, past and current principals of the schools, Central and building administration, local elected officials, and local law enforcement. We will be hosting an open house at Loomis School on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Culbertson on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. This information will be communicated to the community.

As of August 1, 2021, Delaware County is no longer being overseen by the Chester County Health Department and now goes back to the PA Department of Health.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

There was none

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

Mrs. Tomasco asked for the following motions to be approved:

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of MFAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882144 for the Summer of 2021 ending on August 15, 2021. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 881873 for the 2021-2022

school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 883954 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 881577 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882415 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 804315 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 804803 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882233 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882393 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882434 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the One to One Service agreement for Student No. 600033 attending Approved Private School for an extra week of ESY this summer, 2021. This is a new contract.

Motion to approve the agreement for Student No. 600033 attending Approved Private School for an extra week of ESY this summer, 2021. This is a new contract.

Motion to approve the agreement between the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and the Marple Newtown School District to provide Psychological Evaluations from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$121.00 per hour. This is not a new contract.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 883440 for the 2021-2022 School year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 880158 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882350 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 881686 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 883272 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882390 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, In Lieu of FAPE, between the District and the parents of Student No. 882643 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 884648 to attend Approved Private School for a 90-day diagnostic placement beginning for the 2021-2022 School Year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to authorize the Solicitor to file and prosecute an action to collect amounts due and owing to the District pursuant to a settlement agreement relating to Student No. 881518.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple and Newtown Township Police Departments from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motions passed 8 – 0  
Absent: Mr. Siano

Mrs. Tomasco asked for the following motion and a roll call vote:

Motion to approve the proposed Adjudication of Student Nos. 883988, 883987, 883989, and 883990.

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

All Board members stated that they read the transcript from the hearing.

Roll call vote:

Mrs. Albert: Y

Mr. Bilker: Y

Mrs. Chandless: Y

Mr. Dezzi: Y

Mrs. Harvey: Y

Mr. McKenzie: Y

Mr. Reynolds: Y

Mrs. Tomasco: Y

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Siano

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

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

In the absence of Mr. Siano, Mrs. Chandless gave the following report:

Mrs. Chandless asked for the following motions to be approved:

### **12.02 Administrative Trip**

Motion to approve Dr. Dorie Martin Pitone, Director of Teaching and Learning, to attend (PAFPC) Pennsylvania Association Federal Program Coordinators Summer Leadership Forum on August 11 and 12, 2021 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The cost of the conference is \$350.00. The total cost of the trip not to exceed \$800.00.

### **12.03 Book Disposal**

Motion to approve the disposal of the list of books from the Loomis Elementary School library, as presented.

### **12.04 Club**

Motion to approve the MN IDEA Club at the Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to provide a safe and inclusive space for members of our school community regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, or religion

to create an open space for conversation, education and change. The club advisor is Nichole Shoch.

### **12.05 Athletic Trips**

Motion to approve the High School Cross Country Team to attend the Cross Country Invitational hosted by Kutztown University on Saturday, September 11, 2021 in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. The cost of transportation is \$400.00. The cost of the activity is \$360.00. The total cost to the district is \$760.00.

Motion to approve the High School Girls Basketball Team to attend the Girls Basketball Showcase, where college coaches attend, on December 29 and December 30, 2021 in Wildwood, New Jersey. There is no cost for transportation as parents will be driving their students. The cost of the activity is \$150.00 paid by the district.

### **12.06 Mural**

Motion to approve the painting of the Loomis wall ball by a parent volunteer, as presented. The parent is providing the paint and supplies. There is no cost to the district.

Mrs. Tomasco asked what the painting would look like. She was advised that there was a copy of the picture attached to the agenda.

### **12.07 Contract Renewal**

Motion to approve a three-year contract with Newslea, subject to the review and approval of final language by the Solicitor. This instructional technological resource will be used in our grades 2-12 classrooms as a supplemental instructional resource. The cost of this contract will not exceed \$39,216.00 annually for the duration of the three-year contract and will be funded each year through our curriculum budget.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motions passed 8 – 0  
Absent: Mr. Siano

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

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

Mr. McKenzie asked for the following motions to be approved with the exception of 13.11

### **13.02 Position Creation**

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Motion to approve the creation of three (3) Elementary Teaching positions, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, effective for the 2021- 2022 school year with initial assignment at Culbertson Elementary School and Worrall Elementary Schools due to an increase in enrollment.

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Motion to approve the creation of one (1) Equipment Mechanic position as presented, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, effective August 8, 2021.

Motion to approve the creation of one (1) Title I Assistant position with the initial assignment at Russell Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$16.61 per hour, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement, effective September 8, 2021. (Hours worked and duration of employment of this position is subject to modification based upon Title I funding allocations to the District.)

### **13.03 Terminations – Extended School Year Programs 2021**

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Motion to approve the following professional termination(s) due to the end of the assignment, August 2021, for the 2021 ESY, Summer Learning and ELL programs, item(s) 1 through 63, as presented.

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Motion to approve the following classified termination(s) due to the end of the assignment, August 2021, for the 2021 ESY, Summer Learning and ELL programs, item(s) 1 through 18, as presented.

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Motion to approve the following classified terminations (s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Manuel Polanco – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable for employment
  
- 2) Vincent Fierras – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department

Effective: August 4, 2021  
Reason: Unavailable for employment

**13.04 Retirements**

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional retirement(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Karen Brodsky – School Counselor  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: August 3, 2021  
Reason: Retirement

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified retirement(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Barbara Bieg – Food Service Worker II  
Food Services Department/ Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: July 9, 2021  
Reason: Retirement

**13.05 Resignations**

ADMINISTRATION

Motion to approve the following administration resignation(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Daniel Hyland – Assistant Principal  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: August 27, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Alyssa Galligan – Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: June 22, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Pamela Sola – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: July 9, 2021



Reason: Resignation

- 3) Lauren McDermott - Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Reason: Resignation (reassigned to another position within the district)
- 4) Christina Brennan - Librarian  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: September 18, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 5) Stephanie Amen – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: August 2, 2021  
Reason: Resignation (reassigned to another position within the district)

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 9.

- 1) John Watts – Custodian (part-time position)  
Operations Department/Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: July 3, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Vera Kostyukov – Custodian (part-time position)  
Operations Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: June 28, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Shannon Seonia - Secretary (251-day position)  
Operations Department/ Administration Building  
Effective: August 22, 2021  
Reason: Employee has been reassigned to another position within the district
- 4) Lynne Hansell - Secretary (251-day position)  
Pupil Services Department/ Administration Building  
Effective: September 7, 2021  
Reason: Employee has been reassigned to another position within the district
- 5) James Poiesz – School Assistant

Russell Elementary School

Effective: August 3, 2021

Reason: Employee has been reassigned to another position within the district

- 6) Lisa Leone – School Assistant  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: August 3, 2021  
Reason: Employee has been reassigned to another position within the district
- 7) Antoinette Frese – School Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: August 3, 2021  
Reason: Employee has been reassigned to another position within the district
- 8) Sherri Molinaro – 12-month Secretary  
Pupil Services Department  
Effective: August 6, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 9) Cameron George – Title I Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: August 2, 2021  
Reason: Employee has been reassigned to another position within the district

### **13.06 Leaves**

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Jacqueline Pino – Librarian  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: October 15, 2021 through and including  
December 23, 2021  
Reason: Medical: October 15, 2021 through and including  
December 3, 2021  
FMLA: October 15, 2021 through and including  
December 23, 2021

### **13.07 Appointments**

#### **ACT 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES**

Motion to approve the following confidential employee appointment(s), item(s) 1.

- 1) Donald Beese – Security/Safety Personnel  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$17.48 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Reason: Peter Balzano (Resignation)

#### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 11.

- 1) Deborah Ryan – Homebound Instructor  
Pupil Services Department/District Assignment  
Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
Effective: July 1, 2021  
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Rylee Powers – Health and Physical Education Teacher (0.5)  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$24,000.00 (BA; Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Robin Cohen (Reassigned)
- 3) Amy Schroeder– Technology/Industrial Arts Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$57,798.00 (MA; Step-3)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Richard Graham (Medical Leave)
- 4) Maggie Litzenberg – English Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$61,810.00 (BA; Step-11)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved  
6/22/2021/Danielle Abate’s assignment)
- 5) Lindsey Watkins – Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$64,964.00 (MA+60; Step-3)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Ashley Cooper (Reassigned to Culbertson  
Elementary)

- 6) Marina Riese – General Science Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Rachel McCarron's position/Karen Pantle's assignment
- 7) Nicole Morrissey - Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Alyssa Galligan (Resignation)
- 8) Cameron George - Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/3/2021)
- 9) Brigid Duffy - Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Lauren McDermott's position/Marykate O'Connell's assignment (Resignation)
- 10) Stephanie Amen - Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$49,000.00 (BA; Step-2)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/3/2021)
- 11) Renee Crossan – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA, Step-1; prorated)  
Effective: October 7, 2021 through and including January 11, 2022  
Replacing: Kelly Giano (Medical Leave/FMLA)

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 25.

- 1) James Aquilino– Maintenance Utility Worker  
Operations Department  
Salary: \$21.32

Effective: July 1, 2021  
Replacing: Richard Small (Reassigned to Maintenance Worker)

- 2) Lauren Harrington – Classified Substitute  
Food Services Department  
Salary: TDB by assignment  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Reason: As Needed
- 3) Debra Bradshaw - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$27.59 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Asia Barnes (Resignation)
- 4) Lynne Hayes - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$27.59 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: James Burch (Resignation)
- 5) Talaiha Horn - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$27.59 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Yvonne Wilson (Reassignment)
- 6) Linda Duncan - Title I Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$16.61 per hour  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Linda Duncan (Reinstated)
- 7) Bonnie Plunkett - Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Connie Ryan (Resignation)
- 8) William Albany – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department  
Salary: TDB by assignment  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Reason: As Needed
- 9) Antoinette Frese - Special Education Assistant

Pupil Services Department/Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Maureen Guyer (Retirement)

- 10) Julie Fruncillo – Health Room Assistant  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$11.95 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Alisa Gopal (Resignation)
- 11) Shannon Seonia - Principal Secretary  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$27,832.00 (prorated)  
Effective: August 23, 2021  
Replacing: Susan Wienckowski (Retirement)
- 12) James Poiesz - Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Kathy Boles (Retirement)
- 13) Lynne Hansell - Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Burges Ramos (Resignation)
- 14) Lisa Leone - Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Lillian Gervasi (Resignation)
- 15) Antonio Santangelo - Equipment Mechanic  
Operations Department (assigned to Grounds)  
Salary: \$30.70 per hour  
Effective: August 8, 2021  
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/3/2021)
- 16) Russell Bustamante - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$27.59 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Charles Miller (Deceased)

- 17) Edward Tumelty - Bus Driver (in-training)  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$17.84 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: John Meyers (Retirement)
- 18) Richard Penater - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$17.84 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Dorothy Beswick (Retirement)
- 19) Elise Marino - School Assistant  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$12,485.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Reinstated
- 20) Alison Goldberg - School Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$12,485.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Maria Boerckel (Resignation)
- 21) Marilyn Hill – Classified Substitute  
District-Wide  
Salary: TDB by assignment  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Reason: As Needed
- 22) Ronald Keil - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$27.59 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Karen Rose (Retirement)
- 23) Samantha Schmidt - Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$27.59 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2021  
Replacing: Jerome Feldman (Retirement)
- 24) Michelle Jafolla - Secretary (251-day position)  
Transportation Department  
Salary: \$25,894.00 (prorated)

Effective: August 16, 2021  
 Replacing: Sheryl Murray (Retirement)

- 25) Lauren McDermott - Title I Assistant  
 Russell Elementary School  
 Salary: \$16.61 per hour  
 Effective: September 8, 2021  
 Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/3/2021)

#### EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) 2021

Motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2021 ESY Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, item(s) 1.

- 1) Daniel Rutland – Autistic Support Teacher  
 Russell Elementary School  
 Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
 Effective June 28, 2021 through July 30, 2021  
 Reason: 2021 ESY Program

#### SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM 2021

Motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2021 Summer Learning Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, item(s) 1.

- 1) Rebekah Silar– Science Teacher  
 Marple Newtown High School  
 Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
 Effective June 28, 2021 through July 30, 2021  
 Reason: 2021 Summer Learning Program

#### 13.08 Transfers

##### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the professional transfers, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, item(s) 1 through 4:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1. Ashley Cooper	PHMS	Emotional Support Teacher	Culbertson	Autistic Support Teacher
2. Danielle Abate	PHMS	English Teacher	PHMS	Learning Support Teacher
3. Karen Pantle	PMHS	Science Teacher	PHMS	Family & Con. Sci. Teacher
4. Marykate O'Connell	Culbertson	Special Education Teacher	Culbertson	Elementary Teacher



## CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the classified transfers, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, item(s) 1 through 4:

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
1. Jane Tumolo	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assist.
2. Mary Danenhowe	Russell	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assist.
3. Kim Ward	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assist.
4. Theo Quinn	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assist.

**13.09** Supplementary Contracts

Motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2021 2022 school year, as presented. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement. In the event of any COVID-19 related school closure or cessation of the particular activities which are the subject of each contract, these activities contracts are subject to suspension or cancellation, with payments due thereunder prorated for services actually provided.

**13.10** Educational Attainment

## PROFESSIONAL

Motion to recognize the educational attainment of certain professional personnel for the 2021–2022 school year, as presented.

**13.11** Administrative Salary Adjustments

## ACT 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

**MOTION:** To approve the 2021-2022 Marple Newtown Act 93 Confidential Employees salary changes effective July 1, 2021, as presented.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**MOTION:** To approve the 2021-2022 Marple Newtown Administrative salary changes effective July 1, 2021, as presented.

**Above motions were tabled.**

**13.12** Tenure

Motion to record in the records of the Board the attainment of tenure and the awarding of a Professional Employee Contract to the following temporary professional employees who have been certified by the Superintendent of Schools as having completed three (3) years of satisfactory service in the Marple Newtown

School District in accordance with Section 1108 of the School Code, item(s) 1 through 12.

1. Daniel Lang Marple	Newtown High School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
2. Chelsea Baner	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
3. Mary Dolenti	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
4. Courtney Gibbons	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
5. Erica Rufo	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
6. Liza Atillasoy	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
7. Dawn Smitheman	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
8. Amy Hornberger	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
9. Christina Callaghan	Culbertson Elementary School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
10. Sara Norris	Russell Elementary School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
11. Jonathan Ruths	Russell Elementary School	Achieved: June 22, 2021
12. Andrea Mogck	Worrall Elementary School	Achieved: June 22, 2021

### **13.13 Institutional Compliance Solutions (ICS)**

Motion to approve the Scope of Work request, as presented with Institutional Compliance Solutions (ICS) to provide the district with a full range of consulting services with a specialization in Title IX compliance as mandated by the Federal Government. The total cost of this service will not exceed \$5,000.00, as presented.

### **13.14 MNSD Security/Safety Personnel Summer Hours**

Motion to assigned to the high school at their individual hourly rate for a maximum of 120 hours per employee for the period of August 16 through September 7, 2021.

### **13.15 Marple Newtown Education Association (MNEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Motion to approve the Marple Newtown Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, as presented.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motions passed as amended 8 – 0  
Absent: Mr. Siano

## **14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

Mrs. Chandless asked that the following motions be approved

### **14.02 Bills for Payment**

Motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,057,471.35, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$22,318.46, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$223,081.98, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$43,824.41.

#### **14.03 Monthly Reports**

Motion to approve the monthly financial reports for May 2021 and June 2021, Treasurer's Report for May 2021, and Budget Transfers for June 2021.

*Informational item monthly financial report for July 2021.*

#### **14.04 Request to Close Student Activity and Transfer of Funds**

Motion to a request to close the Marple Newtown High School Class of 2021 and transfer remaining funds of \$2,542.24 to be divided 50 percent to Freshman Class of 2025 and 50 percent to Marple Newtown High School Student Sunshine Fund.

#### **14.05 Administrative Trip**

Motion to approve Teresa Ferry, Administration of Federal Programs, to attend Pennsylvania Association Federal Program Coordinators Summer Leadership Forum on August 11 and 12, 2021 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The cost of the conference is \$350.00. The total cost of the trip not to exceed \$800.00.

#### **14.06 Tax Assessment Appeal**

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02906-01 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2020	\$3,948,000 assessment/\$7,000,000 fair market value
2021	\$7,000,000 assessment/\$7,000,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution for tax year 2020 results in a \$1,359,730 increase from the 2020 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$25,611 to our District for tax year 2020.

This proposed resolution for tax year 2021 results in a \$2,257,810 increase from the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$24,761 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02850-02 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021	\$385,000 assessment/\$385,000 fair market value
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This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$29,580 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$325 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02838-01 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$5,050,000 assessment/\$5,050,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$1,423,840 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$15,615 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02840-15 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2018 \$6,782,100 assessment/\$11,100,000 fair market value

2019 \$6,100,500 assessment/\$10,500,000 fair market value

2020 \$5,640,000 assessment/\$9,500,000 fair market value

2021 \$9,500,000 assessment/\$9,500,000 fair market value

2022 \$8,900,000 assessment/\$8,900,000 fair market value

Approximate aggregate annual tax dollar loss for years 2018 through 2020: \$30,636.

Approximate aggregate annual tax dollar gain for tax years 2021 and 2022: \$26,864.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-01717-23 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$56,550,000 assessment /\$56,550,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$17,937,980 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$196,725 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motions passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Siano

## 15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Reynolds asked for the follow motion to be approved

**15.02 Bid Award**

Motion to award the bids and alternate bids for the Athletic Field / Band Renovations at Marple Newtown High School to the lowest responsible bidder as per the attached recommendation of Bonnett Associates Incorporated.

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

Mr. Reynolds thanked the present and former Board members for all the work that has been done in order to get this project completed.

With no further discussion motions passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Siano

**16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

There was none

**17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was none

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

Mr. Bilker was pleased that there was a lot of work accomplished at this meeting. The contract agreement with the teachers was approved, the athletic fields, which were a long time coming were approved. Looking forward to the school year

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mr. Doug Killough thanked the Board, especially Mrs. Chandless and Mr. Bilker in negotiation the teacher contract and making this district the best for the kids.

Community member raised concerns for the start of school and masks.

Mr. Bilker replied that we are at this time we are following our Health and Safety Plan. No decision has been made regarding mask. He also explained the Board meetings and that this meeting was to catch up on business that took place in the last few weeks. The normal Board meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Any decision will be made with the guidance of the Pennsylvania Health Department and the Department of Education. We will have more information at the end of the month.

A student at the High School would like more open communication regarding the musical and the plays at the high school. Also, she wanted to know what the field for the band was about.

Mr. Bilker advised that the field would be for the use of the band. There was a lot of communication with Mr. Olympi and Mr. Massimo to discuss what the needs of the band are and there will not be any issues with having to reserve a field for practice.

A community member wanted to thank the Board for keeping the students and staff safe last year.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mrs. Chandless wanted to know when the live streaming of the meetings will take place.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the cameras were installed today. Should be fully operational at the end of the month.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary