

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**  
**Marple Newtown School District 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. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Joe Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Mrs. Gina Ross

Press: 0

Audience: 19

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and advised the audience that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Chandless led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. PRESENT**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**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**

Mr. Tomasco gave the following report:

- Several colleges have visited the high school
- Varsity Football won
- Golf record 4 – 5
- Soccer record 4 – 5
- Preparing for Mini Thon
- Marching Band starts this weekend competitions
- Bandarama is on October 19
- Clubs are starting
- Homecoming is October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Homecoming dance is October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Youth night was a success ~ Worrall won
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade to visit high school on October 8<sup>th</sup>
- PSAT's start on October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Everyone is glad to be back in person

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

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

PHMS and MNHS hosted New Student Orientations in late August.

The elementary schools hosted Kindergarten Orientations.

We welcomed our students back to our schools on September 8, 2021.

Our six schools hosted Back to School nights.

The Marple Newtown High School hosted youth night and a home football game last week. It was terrific to be at the game and see our school community supporting the team and marching band.

On Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> the MNHS hosted a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony honored hometown heroes to include our local law enforcement, fire companies, and veterans from multiple wars, spanning over seven decades. The service included a fire service bell tradition known as "Striking the Four Fives", the raising of the American flag, our students playing the national anthem, our local veterans performing a rifle squad salute volley, two of our high school students playing taps, and the powerful display of 3,000 flags placed on the front lawn to honor each life lost that tragic day.

Thank you to all of our hometown heroes who helped us pay tribute as well as make this event so special for our students, staff, and school community.

That concludes my report.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

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

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents of Student No. 881518.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 883819 to attend Private School for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the enrollment agreement for Student No. 884480 to attend Approved Private School (APS) for the 2021-2022 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) and the Marple Newtown School District to participate in the Test-to-Stay Program using the BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motions passed 9 – 0

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

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

**12.02** Award

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the award of \$5,000 from Adopt-a-Classroom to Loomis Elementary School by Subaru Hyundai in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**12.03** Donations

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Class of 1973 donation of three (3) rose shrubs and a custom made in-ground garden plaque at the high school for a cost not to exceed \$637.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Russell Elementary PTO and the 2021 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class donation of two (2) buddy benches for use on the upper and lower playgrounds at Russell Elementary School. The amount of the donation is \$1,226.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve a donation from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Troop 5018 to the Worrall Elementary School Library. The amount of the donation is \$152.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

#### **12.04 Administrative Trip**

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve Dr. Tina Kane, Superintendent, to attend the DCIU Chief School Administrators' meeting and retreat in Washington, DC from October 17 to October 19, 2021. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

#### **12.05 Athletic Trip**

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve Jake Olimpi and the High School Marching Band to attend away football games and marching band competitions, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

#### **12.06 Technology**

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the purchase of Backup/Recovery Hardware and Software through HP Financial Services for an annual amount of \$14,160.67 for five (5) years.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

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

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

Mr. McKenzie asked for the following motions to be approved:

**13.02 Terminations**

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Janeen Corsones – Accounting Clerk (part-time)  
Teaching and Learning Department (Federal programs)  
Effective: July 1, 2021  
Reason: End of Assignment due to reduction of Federal funding

**13.03 Resignations**

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Elizabeth Calhoun – LTS Gifted Support Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: August 25, 2021  
Reason: Awarded a contract position at MNSD
- 2) Kerri Ward – English Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: August 27, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Jessica Protesto – Technology Education Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: October 28, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Sara Norris – Behavioral Health Worker  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: October 20, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 7.

- 1) Lynne Hansell – Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: September 7, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Gissel Rivera – Van Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: September 10, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 3) June Giosa – Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School

- Effective: September 23, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Michelle Jafolla – 12-month Secretary  
Transportation Department  
Effective: September 17, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 5) William Calderwood – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: September 24, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 6) Helen Moore – School Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: September 23, 2021  
Reason: Resignation
- 7) William Albany – Classified Substitute  
Operations Department  
Effective: September 24, 2021  
Reason: Resignation

#### **13.04 Leaves PROFESSIONAL**

Motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Rachel Henriques – Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: November 15, 2021 through and including June 21, 2022  
Reason: Medical Leave: November 15, 2021 through and including  
January 10, 2022  
FMLA: November 15, 2021 through and including  
February 13, 2021  
CRL: February 14, 2021 through and including  
June 21, 2021
- 2) Jessica Austin – Special Education Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including October 22, 2021  
Reason: Medical Leave: August 30, 2021 through and including  
October 22, 2021  
FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including  
October 22, 2021
- 3) Jill Mascio – Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: January 3, 2022 through and including March 28, 2022  
Reason: Medical Leave: January 3, 2022 through and including  
February 15, 2022  
FMLA: January 3, 2022 through and including

March 28, 2022

- 4) Jennifer Philipp – Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including September 24, 2021  
Reason: Medical Leave: August 30, 2021 through and including September 24, 2021  
FMLA: August 30, 2021 through and including September 24, 2021
  
- 5) Kelly Giano – Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: September 10, 2021 through and including December 3, 2021  
Reason: Medical Leave: September 10, 2021 through and including October 22, 2021  
FMLA: September 10, 2021 through and including December 3, 2021
  
- 6) Emily Lovitz – Gifted Support Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including November 4, 2021  
Reason: Medical Leave: September 14, 2021 through and including November 4, 2021  
FMLA: September 14, 2021 through and including November 4, 2021

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Walter Ritter – Bus Aide  
Transportation Department  
Effective: September 8, 2021 through and including January 2, 2022  
Reason: Medical: September 8, 2021 through and including January 2, 2022
  
- 2) Lynne Hansell – 12-month Secretary  
Pupil Service Department  
Effective: August 24, 2021 through and including October 1, 2021  
Reason: Medical: August 24, 2021 through and including October 1, 2021  
FMLA: August 24, 2021 through and including October 1, 2021
  
- 3) Kristyn Miller – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: September 8, 2021 through and including November 30, 2021  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave: September 8, 2021 through and including November 30, 2021
  
- 4) John Refsnyder – Bus Driver

Transportation Department

Effective: September 8, 2021 through and including November 30, 2021

Reason: Uncompensated Leave: September 8, 2021 through and including November 30, 2021

5) Lori Jones - Custodian

Operations Department

Effective: September 21, 2021 through and including December 10, 2021, 2021

Reason: Medical Leave: September 21, 2021 through and including December 10, 2021

FMLA: September 21, 2021 through and including December 10, 2021

6) Helane McKee – School Assistant

Russell Elementary School

Effective: September 27, 2021 through and including October 13, 2021

Reason: Uncompensated Leave: September 27, 2021 through and including October 13, 2021

**13.05 Return from Leave**  
PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

1) Jessica Civitello – Special Education Teacher

Loomis Elementary School

Return date: November 1, 2021

Returning from: FMLA

2) Jennifer Philipp – Elementary Education Teacher

Worrall Elementary School

Return date: September 27, 2021

Returning from: Medical Leave

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1.

1) Steven Kroberger – School Assistant

Culbertson Elementary School

Return date: September 23, 2021

Returning from: Medical Leave

**13.06 Position Creation**  
PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the creation of four (4) LTS Elementary Teaching positions with assignments at each of the four elementary schools, in accordance with the current MNEA



Agreement, effective August 30, 2021 through June 21, 2022. These additional teaching positions will assist in providing day-to-day and/or long-term substitute assignments in grades K-5. (These substitute Teaching positions will be funded via Federal and State allocations to the District.)

#### ACT 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Motion to approve the creation of two (2) Desk-side Technician positions with assignments at the elementary schools, in accordance with the current Act 93 Agreement, effective November 1, 2021. These additional positions will assist in providing day-to-day technical support, maintain security configurations and track and resolve user issues. (This recommendation is requested due to the significant increases in software and hardware products at the elementary level.)

#### **13.07** Appointments PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 20.

- 1) Eugene Werley – LTS School Counselor  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including December 23, 2021  
Replacing: Kylie Kusturiss (FMLA/CRL)
- 2) Elizabeth Calhoun - Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021  
Replacing: Christina Brennan (Resignation)
- 3) Alexa Logothetis – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1)  
Effective: September 13, 2021 through and including January 11, 2022  
Replacing: Kelly Giano (Medical/FMLA)
- 4) Dana Aubrey – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$56,045.00 (MA+20; Step-1)  
Effective: August 31, 2021 through and including June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via Ready to Learn and ESSERS III Grant
- 5) Vincent Mostardi – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via Ready to Learn and ESSERS III Grant

- 6) Trish Adami – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via Ready to Learn and ESSERS III Grant
- 7) Rachel Bronstein – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via Ready to Learn and ESSERS III Grant
- 8) Jordyn Leone – LTS Elementary Teacher – floater substitute  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via ESSERS III Grant
- 9) Christel Divincenzo – LTS Elementary Teacher – floater substitute  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via ESSERS III Grant
- 10) Victoria Messina – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: August 31, 2021 through and including November 24, 2021  
Replacing: Danielle Abate (FMLA)
- 11) Susan Flicker – LTS Gifted Support Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including February 1, 2022  
Replacing: Sophie Martin (FMLA/CRL)
- 12) Joseph Messina – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$61,062.00 (MA+60; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: August 30, 2021 through and including November 24, 2021  
Replacing: Mary Murphy (Medical/FMLA)
- 13) Rachel Schlosberg – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: September 8, 2021 through and including November 10, 2022  
Replacing: Jessica Civitello (FMLA/CRL)

- 14) Michael Gaffney – Art Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$59,876.00 (MA; Step-4: prorated)  
Effective: October 12, 2021  
Replacing: Chelsea Banes (Resignation)
- 15) Kristen Fuller – LTS Elementary Teacher – floater substitute  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: November 7, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via ESSERS III Grant
- 16) Elizabeth Currid – LTS Elementary Teacher – floater substitute  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: September 15, 2021 through June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Teacher on assignment funded via ESSERS III Grant
- 17) Samantha Mastricolo – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: November 10, 2021 through and including June 21, 2022  
Replacing: Rachel Henriques (Medical/FMLA/CRL)
- 18) Regina Collins – Homebound Instructor  
Pupil Services Department/District Assignment  
Salary: \$31.00 per hour  
Effective: September 1, 2021  
Reason: As Needed
- 19) Rufino Panganiban – LTS Librarian  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$53,930.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: October 13, 2021 through and including December 23, 2021  
Replacing: Jacqueline Pino (Medical/FMLA)
- 20) Sierra Coakley – English Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$48,000.00 (BA; Step-1: prorated)  
Effective: September 29, 2021  
Replacing: Kerri Ward (Resignation)

#### CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 10.

- 1) Lynne Hansell – Secretary (251-day position)  
Pupil Services Department  
Salary: \$25,894.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Lynne Hansell (Reinstated)

- 2) Kelli Whitaker- Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Catharine Shapiro (Retirement)
- 3) April Massi - Office Assistant  
Loomis Elementary School  
Salary: \$13,106.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Catherine Forlano (Resignation)
- 4) Alice Clary - Office Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$13,106.00  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: Tracy Donnell (Resignation)
- 5) Laura Monzo - Title I Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$16.61 per hour  
Effective: September 8, 2021  
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/3/2021)
- 6) Elizabeth Scott - School Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$12,485.00 (prorated)  
Effective: September 14, 2021  
Replacing: James Poiesz (Reassigned)
- 7) Bernadette Gallone - School Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$12,485.00 (prorated)  
Effective: September 20, 2021  
Replacing: Jennifer Perkins (Resignation)
- 8) Kristine Seeger - Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00 (prorated)  
Effective: October 4, 2021  
Replacing: Lynne Hansell (Reassigned)
- 9) Grace Sirianno - Special Education Assistant  
Pupil Services Department/Culbertson Elementary School  
Salary: \$15,746.00 (prorated)  
Effective: September 27, 2021  
Replacing: June Giosa (Resignation)
- 10) Tracy Donnell – Classified Substitute  
District-Wide

Salary: TDB by assignment  
 Effective: September 22, 2021  
 Reason: As Needed

### 13.08 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the classified transfers, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, item(s) 1 and 2:

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>From</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>To</u>  | <u>Assignment</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Patricia Gandolfo | Culbertson  | Librarian         | MNHS       | Librarian         |
| 2. Kelly Dougherty   | Culbertson  | Elem. Teacher     | Culbertson | Librarian         |

### 13.09 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, items 1.

1. Kelsey Sun                      Worrall Elementary School      Achieved: June 22, 2021

### 13.10 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.

### 13.11 Tuition Reimbursement

Motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the MNEA, MNAA and MNESPA negotiated agreements.

### 13.12 ACA Track Consulting Services

Motion to reapprove the Scope of Services between Marple Newtown School District and ACA Track for automated PPACA Compliance and IRS Reporting. The one year proposed agreement is in the estimated amount of \$3,850.00.

### 13.13 Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 – Act 168

Motion to approve the Hosted Services Agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 regarding the hosted software (cloud) solution that helps facilitate “customers” compliance with the employment history review process

required by Act 168 of 2014 (24 P.S. 1-111.1). The three year proposed agreement is in the amount of a \$5.00 per Applicant processed by “customer” and a one-time \$500.00 set-up and training fee.

### **13.14 Administrative Trip**

Motion to approve Jennifer Canavan, Administrator of Employee Programs and Compliance, to attend (PASPA) Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference from February 23, to February 25, 2022 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The cost of the conference is \$495.00. The total cost of the trip not to exceed \$700.00. Mrs. Canavan is currently the newly appointed Title IX District Compliance Officer and many of the workshop address the U.S. Department of Education’s Title IX Regulations mandating how elementary, secondary and post-secondary institutions must respond to allegations of sex discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal aid. The training will focus on understanding the new regulations, how to effectively implement them in your district, updates in 2021 from the current Federal Administration and what we have learned over the last year.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motions passed 9 – 0

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

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

**14.02** Bills for Payment

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$11,130,406.38, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$300,532.55, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$148,513.98, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$191,533.92.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**14.03** Monthly Reports

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for July 2021, Treasurer’s Report for June 2021.

*Informational item monthly financial report for August 2021.*

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**14.04** Tax Appeal

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

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on folio 25-00-01126-02 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$650,000 assessment/\$650,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$221,810 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,432 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on folio 30-00-01718-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$1,063,421 assessment/\$1,063,421 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$1,335,349 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$14,646 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on folio 30-00-01718-01 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$1,136,579 assessment/\$1,136,579 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$1,299,161 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$14,247 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on folio 30-00-00090-26 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$2,900,000 assessment/\$2,900,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$703,600 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$7,716 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

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

**15.01** Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson  
Mr. Reynolds asked for the following motions to be approved:

### **15.02** Demographic Study

Motion to approve Sundance Associates 117 Greenvale Court, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, 08034 in the amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 to complete a district demographic study. This study will be funded from the capital reserve account.

### **15.03** Elementary Design and Engineering

Motion to approve Bonnet Associates Incorporated in the design and development of future additions and elementary renovations. This will include architectural, structural and MEP Engineering.

### **15.04** Change Orders

Motion to approve the following change orders for the Culbertson Elementary School renovation project, item(s) 1.

1) John S. McManus, Inc.

**COR 052 Added Landscaping for Easement Area**

Provide six additional plantings adjacent to easement area. Costs for work are in accordance with John S. McManus, Inc. proposal dated 10/23/2020 in the amount of \$2,316.00.

**COR 056 Ceiling Tile Replacement**

John S. McManus, Inc. replaced ceiling tiles that were damaged during construction. Costs for work are in accordance with John S. McManus, Inc. proposal dated 1/7/2021 in the amount of \$3,427.00.

**COR 057.1 Kitchen Sanitary Repair**

John S. McManus, Inc. was directed to connect the existing kitchen sanitary into the new sanitary lateral on the west side of the building in accordance with drawing P000.1 issued by Bonnett Associates, Inc. as result of problems with existing sanitary line that could not be cleared. Costs for work including excavation, fencing removal and reinstallation, new pipe work and asphalt repairs are in accordance with John S. McManus, Inc. proposal dated 7/23/2021 in the amount of \$52,011.75. Change Order GC-06 Total: \$57,754.75.

**Change Order No. EC-03 Summary:**

**COR XX Ceiling Tile Replacement Backcharge**

John S. McManus, Inc. replaced ceiling tiles that were damaged during construction. Costs for work are in accordance with John S. McManus, Inc. proposal dated 1/7/2021 in the amount of \$3,427.00. Hobbs & Company, Inc. portion of this work is \$764.22 based upon walk through by Bonnett Associates, Inc. and Marple Newtown School District

**Quantity Allowance Credit**

Deduct for Electrical Contractor's Quantity Allowance remaining balance of \$1,260.11.

**Change Order EC-03 Total: CREDIT -\$2,024.33**

**15.05 Lower Field Renovation Project**

Motion to approve the alternate bid for the lower field renovation project. This alternate bid includes the band practice area.

**15.06 Architectural and Design Services**

Motion to approve the engagement of Bonnett Associates Inc. for Architectural and Design Services for the anticipated project for alterations, renovations and additions to Worrall Elementary School. The estimated fee for services related to this project is \$948,340.00 funded with district capital funds. A final agreement will be executed following review and approval of the Solicitor.

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



With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**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 again questioned the wearing of the masks. Also stated that there was a school district being sued by the parents.

Mr. Sereni explained that yes there were 2 cases. One was filed in Federal Court by parents from TESD. The judge just yesterday denied the parents request. The other is a Senator who was suing as a parent in State Court.

A community member asked how the long term subs would be used.

Mr. Orwig explained that they would be used in classrooms for absent teachers. They will also be working with the counselors. They would take on the teaching responsibility of the counselors so that they can work with the students.

A community member was questioning the information that is being received by the district.

Information is not as readily available as it was last year.

This community member also wanted to know about the exceptions to wearing the mask.

Mr. Sierni stated that the school district is doing the same thing as it did last year and that is requiring medical documentation.

The community member wanted to know if we are opening ourselves up to any kind of liability.

Mr. Sierni stated that it is their professional responsibility to advise the school district to make the best judgment.

A community member stated that he has been to the last couple of meetings and none of the Board members had masks on. Now because of the mandate it seems you are just checking the box and wearing the mask. He also stated that he is very disappointed in the lack of imagination for the settings for the kids. We are not required to wear mask outside, so why not have lunch outside or a class outside, just very disappointing that no one is thinking outside the box.

A community member spoke about her student wearing a mask. Her daughter get headaches from the mask and she understands because she has to wear a mask all day and she gets headaches too. Her son is still eating through a hole in the mask. She does not send her student to school with a mask. The school gives him one everyday. She felt that it was not necessary and really is unhealthy for her students.

A community member wanted to know, and stated that the Board did not have to answer today, but wanted them to start thinking about this, what the plan is for helping the student cope with wearing the mask and living in a Covid world.

Mrs. Chandless asked Mr. Orwig if the long term subs are a part of this. Mr. Orwig replied yes, they would free up the counselors in order to help the students.

A student wanted to thank the Board for the adjustments that have been made. All of this is out of their (Board) control, so thank you for making the situation better.

A community member wanted to thank the Board for following the mandate and the wearing of the mask. Wished that there were more creativity, taking a break outside, having a classroom outside, to have a movie in the auditorium.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mrs. Tomasco wanted to know if there was a way to have parents email the Board directly with their concerns and ideas. Also, would like to see published the names and colleges that students have been accepted. Have this list on the website.

Dr. Kane will take care of having the information on the website.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary