

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting – Immediately following Budget and Finance

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee Meeting – Immediately following Facilities and Transportation

Administration Building – Board Room

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Maalouf,

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Gina Ross

Press: 0

Audience: 2

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meetings to order at 6:34 PM and advised the public that the Board met in executive session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Tracy A. Alberti, Chairperson

Mrs. Alberti turned the meeting over to Mr. Driscoll

3.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none

3.03 Approval of Section 3 of the agenda relating to Budget and Finance

3.04 Approval of Minutes

With no further discussion minutes were approved

3.05 Bills for Payment

Mr. Driscoll asked for a motion to take to the full Board for approval

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$430,008.86, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$TBD, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$TBD, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$TBD.

3.06 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for January 2022, Treasurer's Report for January 2022, and Budget Transfers.

Informational: February 2022 Financial Reports

Any questions please call or email Mr. Driscoll

Will take to the full Board for approval

3.07 2022-2023 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

MOTION: To approve the resolution regarding the 2022-2023 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget in the amount of \$10,049,100.00.

3.08 2022-2023 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Agreement

MOTION: To approve the agreement regarding the 2022-2023 Special Education Services Agreement in the amount of \$585,989.00.

3.09 2022-2023 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget

MOTION: To approve the resolution regarding the 2022-2023 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical School Budget in the amount of \$15,492,198.00.

Mr. Driscoll explained that each year all school Boards are required to approve the budget for the DCiU. He explained that with the Technical School Budget we only pay for those students who attend and the Special Education budget is reconciled at the end of the year.

Will take to the full Board for approval

3.10 2021 Tax Appeal

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-02021-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$560,000 assessment/\$560,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$169,350 below the 2021

assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$1,857 to our District for tax year 2021.

Will take to the full Board for approval

3.11 2022-2023 Budget Update

Mr. Driscoll explained that at this time there is no update. A presentation will be made in April, final approval will be in June.

3.12 Public Comment

There was none

3.13 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:39

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Bilker turned the meeting over to Mr. Gallagher

4.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none

4.03 Approval of Section 4 of the agenda relating to Facilities and Transportation

4.04 Approval of Minutes

With no further discussion minutes were approved

4.05 Facility Use

Mr. Gallagher asked for a motion to take to the full Board for approval

MOTION: To approve From the Top Dance Studio, 3603 Chapel Road, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania 19073 access for high school auditorium rental on June 2, 2022 and June 5, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$2,800.00.

Mr. Gallagher explained that this would be for rehearsal and the recital.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4.06 Proposed Motions/Discussion Item(s):

- 1) Bus Lease (2022-2023 school year)

MOTION: To reapprove the renewal of the three (3) – year bus lease agreement with Santander Bank and to approve the related agreement with Wolfington Body Company, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the original lease agreement approved on February 26, 2013. This three (3) year lease provides 37 buses at an annual lease cost of \$380,000.

Mr. Orwig explained that this motion had already been approved. He is adding a van with a wheel chair lift which at this time is being contracted out. This will be a savings of \$55,000.00 a year.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4.07 Other Business

Mr. Gallagher gave a brief update on the fields. Turf will be done in April. Working on backstops on both the Varsity Baseball and Softball fields. Foundation for the field house being worked on. The Band area will be started in once the staging area is taken down and should take about be 2 to 3 months to complete.

4.08 Public Comment

There was none

4.09 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

Mr. Bilker turned the meeting over to Dr. DiBartolemo

5.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none

5.03 Approval of Section 5 of the agenda relating to Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

5.04 Approval of Minutes

With no further discussion the minutes were approved

5.05 Discussion Item(s)

- 1) Teaching and Learning presentation of K-12 Defined Learning courses and a mid-year summary and update on the MNHS STEM Academy.

Mr. Regino and Mr. Oberecker gave the following presentation:

- The reason why STEM is important ~ offers benefits in post-secondary careers. STEM majors are among the highest paid and there are over 17,000 unfilled positions in PA. There is a projection of a 71% increase of new jobs in PA.
- STEM programming in MNSD: Elementary ~ Design Thinking, Middle ~ Engineering by Design, High School has the STEM Academy
- Results from a Parent survey: more communication, field trips, speakers and programs. Teacher and student leaders and having a mapped out curriculum
- Results from Student survey: ability to double up on classes, more detail in communication, flexibility within the pathways, and open communication with administration
- Explained the required and the course development that are pending Board approval
- Explained the continual growth of the program, the connection with local businesses, universities, and former students. The feedback through parents, students, and teacher surveys. Create opportunities to access partners and businesses in the STEM fields.

5.06 Agreement

MOTION: To approve an agreement between Sue Fliess and MNSD for a total of \$1000 for a virtual visit to all four (4) elementary schools during the 2021-2022 school year as a visiting author to present “Fun with STEM”.

5.07 Contract

MOTION: To approve the contract with the Responsive Classroom organization (Morning Meeting) in the amount of \$2,400 for teacher training. The contract has been reviewed by Marple Newtown School District’s Solicitor.

5.08 Club Funds Transfer

MOTION: To approve the closing of the MNHS Drama Club on February 22, 2022 and transferring the funds to the Stage Production Account #81-0496-008.

5.09 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Anita Stum to accompany two (2) FBLA students to travel each day to Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania on April 11 and April 12, 2022. They will be competing in numerous events and attending leadership development seminars. The cost of transportation will be \$1353.82. The total cost to the District will be \$1353.82 minus any amount received through MNFBLA fundraising campaign.

MOTION: To approve Samantha Partridge to accompany the 5th grade class at Russell Elementary School to travel to Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 3, 2022. The cost of transportation is \$1283.00. The total cost to the student for transportation and activity is \$81.90. There is no cost to the District.

Will take the above motions to the full Board for approval

5.10 Other Business

There was none

5.11 Public Comment

There was none

5.12 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meetings at 6:56 PM.