

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 5, 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: Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Maalouf, Mrs. Tomasco, Mr. Siano

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**

Mrs. Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Dezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

3.01 Committee Report – Tracy A. Alberti, Chairperson

Meeting was turned over to Mr. Driscoll

3.02 Additions to the Agenda

There were none

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

3.04 Approval of Minutes

With no discussion minutes were approved

3.05 Bills for Payment

Mr. Driscoll asked that the following motions

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,793,490.69.

3.06 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for March 2022, Budget Transfers and Treasurers Reports for January and February 2022.

Mr. Driscoll advised the Board that if there were any questions please email or give him a call.

3.07 Donation

MOTION: To accept \$3,007.61 in gift cards from Giant Food Store.

Dr. Kane explained that customers round up their bill and the donation is made to the school.

3.08 Tax Appeals

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-00967-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$450,000 assessment/\$450,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$109,730 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$1,203 to our District for tax year 2021.

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 25-00-05247-06 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows.

2022 \$820,000 assessment/\$820,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$55,000 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$603 to our District for tax year 2022.

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-02463-08 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$1,100,000 assessment/\$1,100,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$220,000 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,413 to our District for tax year 2021.

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on

Folio No. 30-00-01277-27 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$2,500,000 assessment/\$2,500,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$200,000 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,193 to our District for tax year 2021.

Mr. Driscoll explained that we will continue to see these types of motions. Any questions let him know.

Will take all of the above motions to the full Board for approval.

3.09 2022-2023 Proposed Final Budget

Mr. Driscoll gave the following presentation:

- Explained the Index for 2022-2023 is 3.4%
- Board passed a resolution not to exceed the Index
- Explained the exceptions
- Explained the timeline, April 26th ~ Proposed Final Budget Adoption, April 27th – 29th ~ Proposed Final Budget made available for public inspection and notice of Intent to adopt final budget is published
June 28th ~ Final Budget and Resolution Adoptions.
- The latest date for Proposed Final Budget adoption is May 31st and June 30th for Final Budget.
- Explained all of the revenues and expenditures
- Summary ~ tax increase of 2.89%. Proposed millage rate for 2022-2023 is 11.2839

3.10 General Obligation Bonds - Series 2022

Mr. Driscoll explained that he will come to the Board at the end of May to authorize to go out to the Bond Market

3.11 Public Comment

There was none

3.12 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

4.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none

One comment ~ there was an audit by the State Police and we received a very high rating. Will share with the Board and we commend the Transportation Department

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 Discussion Item (s)

1) Underground bus garage fuel tank renovation/Gauntlett parking expansion.

Mr. Gallagher explained that this will be pushed to next summer. Will come up with the plans and update the Board in the fall.

2) Lower turf fields and band practice update.

Mr. Gallagher explained that things are going well. The turf started on April 22nd and should take 2 to 3 weeks per field. Finished by the start of school

3) High school painting project.

Mr. Gallagher explained that is routine maintenance, chillers we will try to extend warranties. Painting, gym, hallways, auditorium and all common areas. Work will be done over 2 summers

4.06 Lutron Services Company, Inc. – Contract Renewal

Mr. Gallagher asked for the following motion to be approved.

MOTION: To approve Lutron Services Company, Inc. for the 3-year contract renewal of the High School technology support plan for the energy management system for the high school lighting controls. This parts and labor contract renewal will be paid from the general fund for \$19,804.00.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4.07 Transportation

Mr. Orwig explained that there are no Transportation items for this agenda.

4.08 Other Business

None

4.09 Public Comment

None

4.10 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda

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

5.04 Approval of Minutes

With no further discussion minutes were approved

5.05 Discussion Item(s)

1) The proposed Keystone testing schedule for Marple Newtown High School is as follows:

- Wednesday, **May 18** (Literature, one test session in the morning and one session in the afternoon)
- Monday, **May 23** (Algebra, one test session in the morning and one session in the afternoon)
- Wednesday, **May 25** (Biology, one test session in the morning and one session in the afternoon)
- All non-testing students will be assigned to **asynchronous** learning each day of Keystone testing.

*Makeup exams will be the following school day for each content area.

2) Backup and Security Enhancements

5.06 Podcast

Mr. Siano asked that the following motion be taken to the full Board for approval.

MOTION: To approve the use of the podcast *Serial* in the High School English classes to foster student communication, argument techniques, exposure to nonfiction narrative, academic writing prompts, critical thinking, rhetorical analysis, and standards associated with speaking and listening, which are pillars of our state standards. *Serial*, is a widely-taught, curricular initiative that meets the criteria for meaningful and engaging material. Additionally, using podcasts as both primary and secondary texts is a great way to incorporate multiple 21st-century skills. *Serial* is a content-rich nonfiction piece of narrative digital media, which is one of the major shifts in CCSS for English Language Arts and Literacy.

5.07 Textbook Adoptions

MOTION: To approve the following textbook adoption and purchases for the High

School Science program as part of MNSD's curriculum seven-year cycle. Additionally, these changes are necessitated by the need to update textbooks to the newest editions that align with the new proposed science standards from PDE, NGSS.

Course Name	Course Number	Original textbook	New textbook	Cost
AP Environmental Science	4616	Miller & Spoolman, Living in the Environment, 17th edition, AP edition, Cengage, 2012	Exploring Environmental Science for AP (Miller/Spoolman); Cengage	\$6,162.00
Honors Biology	4510	Miller & Levine Biology 2014	Biozone Biology for NGSS	\$6,189.92
AP Biology	4515	Urry et al Biology In Focus 2014	AP Biology Biozone	
Honors Physics	4710	Physics Principles and Problems © 2013	Inspire Physics ; McGraw Hill	\$15,956.55
College Prep Physics	4720	Hewitt - Conceptual Physics (2009)	Essential Physics; Pasco	\$27,658.80
Core Physics	4730	Hewitt Conceptual - Physics (2009)	Essential Physics ; Pasco (same as College Prep)	
Honors Chemistry	4610	Prentice Hall Chemistry 2008	HMH Modern Chemistry	\$14,906.26
College Prep Chemistry	4620	Holt Chemistry - (2006)	Savvas Experience Chemistry	\$14,520.00
Integrated Science College Prep	4420	McDougal Littell Earth Science @2005	Biozone	\$21,549.85

5.08 Digital Resource Change

MOTION: To approve the following instructional digital resource changes as per MNSD's audit of programmatic use and applicability in the current in-person learning environment.

Adding:

- Turnitin - \$4,950
 - Reactivation of erstwhile license
- Checks for originality (plagiarism) in student work (grades 9-12)

- IXL - \$66,951
 - Reactivation of erstwhile license
 - Dynamic skill practice for K-12 ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish
- Smore - \$250
 - Digital newsletter platform (Community Relations)

Eliminating:

- Study Island (replaced by Performance Matters and IXL) - \$33,180
- LinkIt (replaced by Performance Matters) - \$19,589
- Seesaw - \$5,225
- Typing Pal - \$1,200
- ROBOTC and Virtual World Software - \$1,000
- iReady
- DiscoveryEd (replaced by Newsela) – \$11,305

5.09 Piloting and Purchase

MOTION: To approve the piloting and purchase of Amplify math to be used in three 9th grade Algebra classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. Amplify Math is part of the highly-rated Illustrative Mathematics (IM) curriculum K–12 Math™. Amplify math has a physical and digital component. The cost for the yearlong pilot for three classrooms is \$6,059.00 and will serve 220 students

5.10 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Mrs. Campo to accompany the Paxon Hollow Middle School eighth grade class to travel to Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 9, 2022. The cost of transportation is \$20.00 per student. The cost of the activity is \$55.00 per student. There is no cost to the District.

MOTION: To approve Mr. Massimo and Mr. Olimpi to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Band/Orchestra/Color Guard to travel to Disney in Florida on February 12-16, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$425.00 per student. The cost of the activity and hotel is \$1600.00 per student. There is no cost to the District.

5.11 Technology Purchases

MOTION: To purchase online storage from Wasabi Hot Cloud Storage in the amount of \$15,514.83. This is a single payment for a five year term.

MOTION: To purchase iLand backup platform for cloud file storage in the amount of \$24,006. This is a single payment for a three year term.

MOTION: To purchase Check Point Security hardware in the amount of \$56,314.62. This is a single payment for all hardware and licensing.

All of the above motions will be taken to the full Board for approval.

5.12 Other Business

There was none

5.13 Public Comment

There was none

5.14 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Harvey adjourned the meetings at 7:15 PM.