

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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. Bilker, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Dominick DuVernois, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Mr. Jim Orwig,

Press: 0

Audience: 2

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advised that the Board met briefly in Executive session to discuss Personnel issue involving Pupil Services, Special Education and some additional positions that will need to be created.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for Israel.

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Tracy A. Alberti, Chairperson

3.02 Additions to the Agenda

Mr. DuVernois advised that there were no additions.

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

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$614,529.50.

Mr. DuVernois advised that this is our first check run, there will be another check run for the end of the month.

3.06 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for August 2023 and Budget Transfers.

Informational item - monthly financial report for September 2023

Mr. DuVernois explained that these are our normal financial reports and transfers for the month.

3.07 2024-2025 Budget Process

- Timeline
- Act 1 Index
- Budget Process

Mr. DuVernois advised that PDE has released the 2024-2025 Act One Index. Our Index is 5.3%. As far as a timeline the Board will have to decide to whether to pass a resolution not to exceed the Index by around the end of November.

3.08 Other Business

There was none.

3.09 Public Comment

There was none.

3.10 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Gallagher advised that there were no agenda items for Facilities and turned the meeting over to Mr. Orwig.

4.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none.

4.03 Approval of Minutes

With no discussion, minutes were approved.

4.04 Transportation Discussion Items:

1. "Here Comes the Bus" application was successfully launched on September 18, 2023.
2. We are still experiencing extreme difficulty obtaining new/used vans. COSTARS pricing is not being recognized by vendors, and the inventory is low. Pricing is also extremely high.

3. Transportation Vehicle Inventory:

72 passenger buses	42
48 passenger buses	9
30 passenger buses	30
Vans	<u>16</u>
97 vehicles in the fleet	

Mr. Orwig explained that there were no agenda items for transportation but there were a few discussion items. Here comes the Bus was launched and was well received by the parents. He also explained to the Board the supply chain issue and the co-stars pricing is not being recognized by vendors. We are investigating Keystone, which is similar to co-stars.

Mr. Orwig will keep the Board advised.

4.04 Other Business

4.05 Public Comment

A community member questioned Mr. Orwig regarding the safety of the vehicles used.

Mr. Orwig advised that the district maintenance of vehicles is a priority. The vehicles are inspected and maintained. We lease new buses every three years. The vans are safe, the milage is the concern. We would never put a child in an unsafe vehicle.

4.06 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Siano advised there were no additions.

5.03 Approval of Minutes

With no discussion, minutes were approved.

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

5.04 Policy

MOTION: To approve the second and final reading of School Board Policy 216.1, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 251, Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

Mr. Bilker asked what changes were being made in these policies. Dr. DiBartolomeo explained the changes. Also explained that the Pennsylvania School Board Association will send us updates to existing policies. Some are mandated and some are recommended.

5.05 Administrative or Teacher Trip

MOTION: To approve Chasse Guerrero, Speech Therapist, to attend the ASHA Conference in Boston, MA on November 15-18, 2023. The cost to the district is \$499.00.

MOTION: To approve nine Music Department teachers to attend the PMEA Fall In-Service in Phoenixville, PA on November 7, 2023. The cost to the district is \$270.00,

5.06 Athletic Trips

MOTION: To approve Kimberly Foster, coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School cheerleading teams to go to the UCA Regional Competition in Trenton, NJ on November 18, 2023. The cost of transportation is approximately \$483.00 and paid by the athletic department. The cost of the activity is \$1312.00 and paid by the athletic department. The total cost to the district is approximately \$1,795.00.

5.07 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough, advisor, to accompany Model UN to attend the YMCA Model UN Conference in Hershey, PA on January 5-7, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$900.00 and paid by the students. The cost of the activity is approximately \$955.00 and paid for by the students and the district. Total cost to the district is approximately \$500.00.

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough, advisor, to accompany the National Honor Society to tour the United Nations building in New York City, NY on December 7th, 2023. The cost of transportation is approximately \$2,300 and paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$60.00 per student and paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

- MOTION: To approve Tracy Jacobson, Jennifer Cipollone, and Shane Elison, CCAC Counselors, to accompany 25 students and 4 adults to attend the Work in Sports Camp at Subaru Park in Chester, PA on October 18, 2023. The cost of transportation is approximately \$250.00 and paid by the students. There is no cost for the activity. There is no cost to the district.
- MOTION: To approve Tracy Jacobson, Jennifer Cipollone, and Mary Dolenti, advisors, to accompany approximately 150 students and 15 adults to visit the Philadelphia Zoo in Philadelphia, Pa for the Renaissance Recognition Event on October 20, 2023. The cost of transportation is approximately \$320.00 and paid by the students and PTO. The cost of the activity is \$15.00 per student and paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- MOTION: To approve Karen Pantle, teacher, to accompany seven students to attend the Hospitality Career Bootcamp at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, PA on November 1, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$209.76 and paid by the students. There is no cost for the activity. There is no cost to the district.
- MOTION: To approve Georgia LaRue, advisor, to accompany 40 students and 2 adults to rehearse for the 6ABC Parade at the Art Museum in Philadelphia, PA on November 22, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$236.00 and paid by the district. There is no cost for the activity. Total cost to the district is \$236.00
- MOTION: To approve Georgia LaRue, advisor, to accompany 40 students and 2 adults to attend the 6ABC Parade, where the students will perform at the Art Museum, in Philadelphia, PA on November 23, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$301.00 and paid by the district. The cost of the activity is \$40.00 per student and paid by the students. Total cost to the district is \$301.00.
- MOTION: To approve Georgia LaRue, advisor, to accompany the Paxton Hollow Drama League at the People's Light Theatre in Malvern, PA on December 14, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$227.00 and paid by the district. The cost of the activity is \$23.00 per student and paid by the students. Total cost to the district is \$227.00.
- MOTION: To approve Liz Landes, advisor, to accompany the MNHS Hi-Q team to compete at Radnor High School in Wayne, PA on December 14, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$115.00 and paid by the district. There is no cost for the activity. Total cost to the district is \$115.00.

MOTION: To approve Liz Landes, advisor, to accompany the MNHS Hi-Q team to compete at Sun Valley High School in Aston, PA on January 19, 2024. The cost of transportation is \$120.00 and paid by the district. There is no cost for the activity. Total cost to the district is \$120.00.

MOTION: To approve Galen Mooney-Carboni, teacher, to accompany 23 students and 2 adults on a tour of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, PA on October 26, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$236.74 and paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$15.00 per student and paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve Dr. Helene White, teacher, to accompany 40 students and two adults to UPenn Irvine Auditorium in Philadelphia, PA on December 13, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$225.67 and paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$26.00 per student and paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

5.8 Clubs

MOTION: To approve the Pickleball Club at Loomis Elementary, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the Environmental Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the Spirit Squad at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

5.9 Technology

MOTION: To approve the purchase of desktop computers for specialty computers at the High School. The cost is \$4,141.36 a year for a term of five years with HP Financial Services.

5.10 DCIU Agreement

MOTION: To approve the Amended DCIU Agreement for Threat Assessment and Consultation Services not to exceed \$5,690.00 as presented.

5.11 Other Business

There was none

5.12 Public Comment

There was none

5.13 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.