

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Marple Newtown School District Board Room
Minutes

Board: Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Mr. David Dezzi, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Vice President, Mr. Anthony Maalouf, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Joel DiBartolmeo, Mr. Joe Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher.

Press: 0

Audience: 2

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM and advised that the Board met in a brief Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mrs. Alberti (by phone), Mr. Bilker, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco

8 members present.

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

I am thrilled to announce that the Marple Newtown School District has been distinguished with the 2022-2023 Outstanding Visual Arts Community Award by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA).

This prestigious award is awarded to schools and districts throughout the Commonwealth in recognition of their steadfast commitment to providing comprehensive visual arts education to all students from grades PK-12.

Recipients of this honor have showcased the significance of their visual arts programs during the 2022-2023 academic year by offering:

- Rigorous and Inclusive Programs
- Highly Accessible Programs
- Highly Visible Programs

Throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, only 50 school districts, including MNSD, have been graced with this exceptional honor. This award program applauds the remarkable accomplishments and extraordinarily high commitment to the arts of our teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have championed visual arts as an integral component of our students' education.

Congratulations to our entire visual arts faculty and team for their extraordinary efforts and commitment to both the arts and the students of MNSD!

October is National Principal Appreciation Month. We sincerely thank all of our school administrators for their leadership and dedication to the Marple Newtown school community.

7. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

Congratulations to our Coach Merchant who was named the PA state boys lacrosse Coach of The Year by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, (PIAA). Kevin was also inducted into the Marple Newtown Athletic Hall of Fame last month.

In case you did not know, Kevin Merchant is a graduate of MNHS and was a three-sport athlete who experiences incredible multi-sport success. He was an All Delco and an All Central League kicker for the Boys' Football team, In soccer, he was a two-year captain, the two-time team MVP, a three time All Central League honoree, and a two-time All Delco honoree.

In lacrosse, Kevin was a four-year varsity player who was selected for the Philadelphia Elite All Star Team, an All Delco honoree, a two-time All Central League honoree, an All state honoree, as well as of the PSLA High School All Star Team, He was voted the Central League MVP, and he also earned the terrific distinction of being a High School All Star. Kevin was widely considered as the best high school Face Off player in the nation which led him to play at the University of Massachusetts.

In 2022, Kevin led the MNHS Boys Lacrosse team to a second finish in the PA State Finals and was named the Philadelphia Lacrosse Co-Coach of the Year. And this past spring, Kevin led his team to win the PA State Championship.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

- Marple's annual Homecoming Dance was a success! Everyone had a great time dancing with the DJ and hanging out in the cafeteria with all the snacks. Thank you to the PTO for providing the snacks and refreshments, it was very popular. In total we raised about \$14,000. We were able to buy needed supplies to benefit Student Council.
- Bandarama was very successful, Marple scored in the high 70s and the surrounding schools felt welcomed, and things ran smoothly.
- SAT Testing is Saturday November 4th.
- Culbertson Pumpkin Festival was this past weekend.
- Loomis Trunk or Treat last Friday; Russell and Worrall Trunk or Treat this upcoming Friday
 - NHS Student Volunteers help out with these events.
- The Joint Honor Society induction is this Thursday 10/26, honoring the Science, Rho Kappa, and English inductees.
- Half Day: Tuesday, October 31st
- On Thursday, November 2nd, student tours will be held around the school.
- Parent Teacher Conference sign ups begin on November 3rd.
- Picture Retake: Nov. 6th
- In Service Day: Nov. 7th
- End of First Marking Period: Nov. 8th.
- Fall Concert: November 8th.
- Marple's sports teams will now be moving into the playoff season beginning today.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

All elementary schools are celebrating Red Ribbon Week this week. School counselors are talking to students about making good choices – saying no to drugs, drinking, vapes, and cigarettes so that students make healthy choices for themselves.

Our Director of School Safety, Barry Williams, has conducted safety assemblies at all of our schools.

Culbertson

This past weekend Culbertson PTO sponsored the annual Pumpkin Festival. The Culbertson community came together for a day of fun, games and food for everyone. The students enjoyed the day. A special thank goes out to our PTO board and all of the parent and teacher volunteers that made this day such a great event for our students and community.

Culbertson Trunk – N - Treat this Thursday evening , Oct. 26th. We have several families who have signed up to decorate their cars and hand out goodies to our students. The PTO will also be hold a small costume contest for our students.

Loomis

Loomis had their first ever TRUNK or TREAT on Friday, October 20th. Parents decorated their trunks in various fun themes. Students dressed in costumes and one student from each grade won a chance to say the morning announcements with Mrs. A and Mrs. Smyth!

Loomis just had their Fall Scholastic Book Fair for students and families. It was a great success thanks to Loomis Librarian, Ms. Tuna!

Russell

Students from Ysgol Eifion Wyn in Porthmadog, Wales, visited Russell this first week of October and we hosted their Philadelphia trip. Our students learned about Wales and Welsh culture.

The PTO hosted a fun Family Movie night on 10/6 to welcome back our families to this school year.

Russell's Fun Run booster event was on 10/20, and we raised over \$20,000 for the PTO.

Russell's first Trunk or Treat event is on 10/27, we are looking forward to this event to begin a new tradition at Russell.

Worrall

Worrall's PTO hosted Family Movie Night and Big Buddy Breakfast which were both very well attended.

Students gathered for their first whole-school Character Education assembly, where their theme "Our time to soar" was introduced.

Paxon Hollow

Paxon Hollow Middle School had their first "Tiger Time/Advisory Period" on Wednesday, October 18th. PHMS typically will use Tiger Time to implement Social and Emotional Learning through our Second Step Program. However, the purpose of our first Tiger Time was to stress to students the importance of getting involved at school.

Paxon Hollow is also proud to share that the life skills classroom has officially re-opened their “flower shop” for the 23-24 school year! Once a month, teachers and staff members at PHMS have an opportunity to place requests for flower arrangements created by our life skills students. The students in the program venture out into the community to purchase flowers and then bring them back to PHMS to assist in the creation of the flower bouquet and hand deliver each order. This is tremendous program, started by me a few years ago to support our students’ functional communication skills as well as functional academic skills such as counting, adding, language structure, and sharing physical space with others. The staff and students in the life skills room sincerely enjoy brightening everyone’s day!!

MNHS

The 51 annual Bandarama event took place and hosted numerous bands throughout the region.

Congratulations to the Marple Newtown Tiger Marching Band for winning 2nd Place and being awarded Best Color Guard in the USBands PA State Championship this weekend at Downingtown High School. They now move on to Mid Atlantic Regionals this weekend in Camp Hill, PA. They will also be performing their 2023 program, Terror at the Cinema, this Friday at the HS football game.

This morning our high school hosted its 29th Junior Initiative Speaker Conference. The junior class attended two speaker sessions from various local professionals to help to develop and foster career interests for our students. We were fortunate to have approximately 15 speakers across career paths to speak to the students about real world job responsibilities. Dr. DiBartolomeo and I attended most of the sessions and a special thank you goes out to Mr. Bilker for being one of the presenters.

10. SECRETARY’S MINUTES

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023, Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Tomasco asked for the motions under number 11, Other Reports be approved.

Motion to approve the One-to-One Service Agreement Addendum D for student 600033 attending Approved Private School for the 2023-2024 school year.
This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Trust Agreement between the district and parents of student 600018.
This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Education Agreement for student 600018 to attend Approved Private School for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to appoint Gabrielle C. Sereni, Esq. as Counsel for Special Education Services with the following fee structure:

Attorney hourly rate: \$205.00

Paralegal hourly rate: \$100.00

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

12.02 Policy

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the second and final reading of School Board Policy 216.1, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Board Association, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

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.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

12.03 Administrative or Teacher Trips

Mr. Siano asked for the motions under 12.03, Administrative/Teacher trips be approved.

Motion to approve Dr. Tina Kane to attend the PASA Annual Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting on November 8-9, 2023, at the Hershey Country Club. The cost to the district is \$104.90.

Motion to approve Chasse Guerrera, 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 (9) 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.

Motion to approve 17 Social Study Teachers to attend the Social Studies Symposium in

Downingtown, PA on November 7, 2023. The cost to the district is \$1,190.00.

Motion to approve eight (8) Health and Physical Education Teachers to attend the Health and Physical Education Conference in West Chester, PA on November 7, 2023. The cost to the district is \$560.00.

Motion to approve six (6) K-12 Librarian Teachers to attend the Workshop-Learning from Our Past, Embracing Our Future Conference in West Chester, PA on November 7, 2023. The cost to the district is \$420.00.

Motion to approve four (4) English Language Learner Teachers to attend Assessing English Language Learners, virtually, on November 7, 2023. The cost to the district is \$300.00.

Motions made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco
With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0
Absent: Mr. Reynolds

12.04 Athletic Trips

Mr. Siano asked for a 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 and paid by the athletic department. The cost of the activity is \$1,312.00 and paid by the athletic department. The cost to the district is approximately \$1,795.00.

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

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

12.05 Student Trips

Mr. Siano asked for the motions under 12.05, Student Trips be approved.

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 by the students and the district. The 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 7, 2023. The cost of transportation is approximately \$2,300.00 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 four (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 (7) 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 two (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. The cost to the district is \$236.00.

Motion to approve Georgia LaRue, Advisor, to accompany 40 students and two (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. The cost to the district is \$301.00.

Motion to approve Georgia LaRue, Advisor, to accompany the Paxon 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. The 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. The 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. The cost to the district is \$120.00.

Motion to approve Galen Mooney-Carboni, Teacher, to accompany 23 students and two (2) adults on a tour of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, PA on October 27, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$236.74 and paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$15 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 (2) 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.

Motion to approve Christine McCullough, Meredith Gerhard, and Kim Young, Teachers, to accompany 68 students and 11 adults to The Broomall Fire Company in Broomall, PA on November 16, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$164.35 and paid by the district.

Motion to approve Linda Johnson, Teacher, to accompany 20 students and two (2) adults to compete in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League at Rustin High School in West Chester, PA on October 26, 2023. The cost to the district is \$177.85.

Motion to approve Andrew Butler, Teacher, to accompany four (4) students and two (2) coaches to compete in the State Championship in Hershey, PA on November 3-4, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$1,600.00 and is paid by the Athletic Department.

Motion to approve Michael Karpyn, Teacher, to accompany eight (8) students and one (1) adult to compete in a mock trial scrimmage match at Strath Haven High School on Tuesday, October 24, 2024. The cost to the district is \$110.00.

Motion to approve Kerri Confora, Teacher, to accompany the French Club, 20 students and two (2) adults, to go to the Spring Mill Café located in Conshohocken, PA on December 3, 2023. Transportation is provided by parents. There is no cost to the district.

Motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, Jennifer Cipollone, and Mary Dolenti, Advisors, to accompany approximately 275 students and 20 adults to School Day's at Morey's Pier in Wildwood, NJ on Friday, June 7, 2024. The cost of transportation and activity is to be determined and paid by students and the PTO.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

12.06 Clubs

Mr. Siano asked for the motions under 12.06, clubs be approved.

Motion to approve the Pickleball Club at Loomis Elementary, as presented.

Motion to approve the Environmental Club at Paxon Hollow, as presented.

Motion to approve the Service Squad at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

Motion to approve the Kindness Club at Worrall Elementary School, as presented.

Motion to approve the Movie Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

12.07 DCIU Agreement

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Amended DCIU Agreement for Threat Assessment And Consultation Services not to exceed \$5,690 as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

12.08 Technology

Mr. Siano asked for a 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 (5) five years with HP Financial Services.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

Mr. McKenzie asked for a motion under 13.02 through 13.10 be approved.

13.02 Position Creation

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the creation of one (1) LTS Special Education Teaching position, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, effective for the 2023-2024 school year due to anticipated staff leaves.

Motion to increase the current Speech & Language Pathologist position at Marple Newtown High School from a 0.8 to a 1.0 teaching position effective November 1, 2023, in accordance with the current MNEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the creation of one (1) Van Driver position, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Compensation Plan. This position is needed to transport students who will be attending educational institutions outside of the district and will provide day-to-day presence to assist with supporting compliance with the students' Individual Education Plans (I.E.P.) effective October 15, 2023.

13.03 Position Reclassification

CLASSIFIED

Motion to authorize the administration to reclassify three (3) transportation aide positions to three (3) bus driver positions in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement effective October 25, 2023.

13.04 Termination(s)

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional termination(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Thomas Gorman – LTS Special Education Teacher

Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: November 7, 2023
Reason: End of Assignment (Danielle Donovan)

- 2) Emily Belford – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: December 5, 2023
Reason: End of Assignment (Jessica Civitello)
- 3) Briana Graziola – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 31, 2024
Reason: End of Assignment (Andrea Omrod)

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Jennifer Davis – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services Department
Effective: October 25, 2023
Reason: Unavailable for assignments
- 2) Michael Noonan – Classified Substitute
Operations Department
Effective: October 25, 2023
Reason: Unavailable for assignments

13.05 Retirement(s)

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional retirement(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Mary Henigan – School Psychologist
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 16, 2024
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Kimberly Shilling – Special Education Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: February 12, 2024
Reason: Retirement
- 3) Catherine Green – Speech & Language Pathologist
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 9, 2024
Reason: Retirement

13.06 Resignation(s)

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional resignation(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Rufino Panganiban – LTS Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: October 4, 2023
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Andrea Omrod – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 9, 2023
Reason: Resignation

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Jeffery Seggern – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: October 10, 2023
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Denise Griglione – Classified Substitute
Food Services Department
Effective: September 27, 2023
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Lynne Hayes – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: October 4, 2023
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Ryan Aiken – Registered Behavioral Technician
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 26, 2023
Reason: Resignation
- 5) Pebble Hill – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: October 24, 2023
Reason: Resignation
- 6) Christine Tallon – School Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: November 3, 2023
Reason: Reassigned to Title I Assistant position
- 7) Elizabeth Pro – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: October 27, 2023
Reason: Reassigned to Secretary position

13.07 Leave(s)

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Stefanie McDevitt – Assistant Principal
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: March 6, 2024 through May 2, 2024
Reason: Medical: March 6, 2024 through May 1, 2024
FMLA: March 6, 2024 through May 1, 2024

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Marykate Grande – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: February 23, 2024 through May 23, 2024
Reason: Medical: February 23, 2024 through April 11, 2024
FMLA: February 23, 2024 through May 23, 2024
- 2) Rachel Henriques – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: April 1, 2024 through June 18, 2024
Reason: Medical/FMLA: April 1, 2024 through June 18, 2024
- 3) Sara Berl – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 4, 2024 through May 23, 2024
Reason: Medical/FMLA: March 4, 2024 through May 23, 2024
- 4) Jena Foley – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: April 1, 2024 through June 18, 2024
Reason: Medical/FMLA: April 1, 2024 through June 18, 2024
- 5) Kathryn Mui – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: February 7, 2024 through May 7, 2024
Reason: Medical: February 7, 2024 through March 19, 2024
FMLA: February 7, 2024 through May 7, 2024
- 6) Stephanie Lappen – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 24, 2024 through March 8, 2024
Reason: Medical/FMLA: January 24, 2024 through March 8, 2024

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Robert Uff – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: September 26, 2023, through November 24, 2023

Reason: Uncompensated Leave: September 12, 2023, through November 24, 2023

- 2) Michael Shemeld – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: November 3, 2023, through November 24, 2023
Reason: Uncompensated Leave: November 3, 2023, through November 24, 2023

13.08 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) David Beatty – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return date: October 2, 2023
Reason: Medical/FMLA
- 2) Sophie Queitzsch – Special Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return date: November 20, 2023
Reason: FMLA
- 3) Jessica Civitello – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return date: December 1, 2023
Reason: CRL

13.09 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Jessica Mattei – Supervisor of Teaching & Learning
Teaching & Learning Department
Salary: \$118,000.00 (prorated)
Effective: Start date contingent upon release from her current employer
Replacing: Matthew Oberecker (Resignation)

Act 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

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

- 1) Dawn Ulshafer – Confidential Secretary
Teaching & Learning Department
Salary: \$43,000.00 (prorated)
Effective: October 16, 2023
Replacing: Shannon Seonia (Resignation)

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Emily Belford – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$52,000.00 (prorated)
Effective: January 22, 2024 through June 18, 2024
Replacing: Michelle Bodnar (Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development)
- 2) Jennifer Santangelo – LTS Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$56,600.00 (prorated)
Effective: October 18, 2023 through December 22, 2023
Replacing: Kathryn Disharoon (CRL)
- 3) Jennifer Santangelo – LTS Gifted Support Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$56,600.00 (prorated)
Effective: January 2, 2024 through April 3, 2024
Replacing: Caitlin Kohout (FMLA)
- 4) Briana Graziola – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$56,600.00 (MA; Step-1: prorated)
Effective: November 1, 2023
Replacing: Andrea Omrod (Resignation)

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 17.

- 1) Richard Goldsmith – Custodian
Operations Department/Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$20.16 per hour
Effective: October 2, 2023
Replacing: Kosmas Papadopoulos (Retirement)
- 2) Thomas Sewter – Classified Substitute
Operations Department
Salary: TBD by Assignment
Effective: October 2, 2023
- 3) Emily Patton – Office Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$13,905.00
Effective: October 2, 2023
Replacing: Dana Chirico (Reassigned)
- 4) Jeannette Weyhmiller – Special Education Assistant

Pupil Services Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$19,570.00
Effective: October 23, 2023
Replacing: Lynne Donato (Resignation)

- 5) Amy Cavaliere – Title I Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$17.62 per hour
Effective: October 3, 2023
Replacing: Vacancy
- 6) Michael Zolochik – Van Driver II
Transportation Department
Salary: \$26.52 per hour
Effective: October 15, 2023
Replacing: Reclassified from Bus Driver to Van Driver II
- 7) Tashiya Harris – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Salary: \$18.93 per hour
Effective: October 23, 2023
Replacing: William Stevens (Termination)
- 8) Corey Alexander – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Salary: \$18.93 per hour
Effective: October 25, 2023
Replacing: Tim Minor (Resignation)
- 9) Julie Tamaccio – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Salary: \$18.93 per hour
Effective: October 16, 2023
Replacing: Robert Gamble (Retirement)
- 10) Yvonne Hove – Title I Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$17.62 per hour
Effective: October 17, 2023
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/22/2023)
- 11) Robert Meiklejohn – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Salary: \$18.93 per hour
Effective: November 13, 2023
Replacing: Michael Zolochik (Reassigned to Van Driver)
- 12) Michael Kellar – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Salary: \$18.93 per hour
Effective: October 25, 2023

Replacing: Danielle Dashkiwsky (Resignation)

- 13) Thomas Mann – Title I Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$17.62 per hour
Effective: October 17, 2023
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 8/22/2023)
- 14) Christine Tallon – Title I Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$17.62 per hour
Effective: November 6, 2023
Replacing: Vacancy
- 15) Ramon Rustin – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$29.27 per hour
Effective: October 30, 2023
Replacing: Pebble Hill (Resignation)
- 16) Lori Strzelecki – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Salary: \$18.93 per hour
Effective: October 25, 2023
Replacing: Reclassified Transportation Aide position; Board approved 3/28/2023
- 17) Elizabeth Pro – Secretary (12-month position)
Pupil Services Department
Salary: \$27,471.00 (prorated)
Effective: October 30, 2023
Replacing: Linda Calvecchio (Resignation)

13.10 Supplementary Contracts

Motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as attached. 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 activities which are the subject of each contract, these activities contracts are subject to suspension or cancellation, with payments due thereunder prorated for services provided.

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

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

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 14.01** Committee Report – Tracy A. Alberti, Chairperson
- 14.02** Bills for Payment

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,029,612.06, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$1,137,138.06, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$259,995.35.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for August 2023, Treasurer's Report for September 2023, Investment Schedule for September 2023 and Budget Transfers.

Informational item monthly financial report for September 2023.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

15.02 Facility Use

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion for 15.02, Facility Use, be approved.

Motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School baseball and softball boosters to host two (2) fundraising events at the lower fields.

Motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Marching Band Color Guard Competition for the use of the Marple Newtown High School cafeteria, main gym, auxiliary gym, main lobby, and the auditorium on Sunday, January 21, 2023.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Absent: Mr. Reynolds

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was none.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Maalouf gave the following report:

My report needs to begin with a correction from last month. I reported that Loomis Elementary received the National Blue Ribbon in 2020, but not in the category for

exemplary high performance, but in the category of exemplary achievement gap closing schools.,

The 2023 PA Municipal Elections are two weeks away. Those who are registered to vote may request a ballot by mail, but requests must be submitted by October 31st. Statewide elections will be held for the Supreme Court (1 seat), Commonwealth Court (1 seat), and Superior Court (2 seats). Elections in Delaware County include 1 seat of the Court of Common Pleas, 3 seats of County Council and the office of District Attorney. The Marple-Newtown School District will be electing 5 School Board members. Newtown Township will elect an auditor and supervisor. Marple Township will elect Commissioners in the odd numbered wards of the township. On top of these elections, there are five yes-no questions for retention of judges.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was none.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Tomasco ~ recently I had the opportunity to chair a local or part of a local Country Fair and I just wanted to thank Dr. Kilough especially for the NHS kids that and other students. Dr. Kane approved it through Mr., Beltrante and Mr. Gicking. The kids really showed up, they really helped out there were probably a couple dozen of them and just what a wonderful group. So, thank you for supporting our community programs.

Mr. Maalouf ~ I just want to add my voice to Dr. Kane's voice earlier tonight in just giving a shout out to the Culbertson Elementary PTO. I did have the chance to attend the Pumpkin Festival and was very impressed with the PTO and how well-run and secure and organized that was so, mega kudos to the Culbertson Elementary PTO the big kid in me was tempted to take a shot at that Super Mario knock the blocks Booth but I resisted but and the irony is not lost on me that I'm sitting next to a past Culbertson PTO member. So, it really is a testament to the volunteers of Culbertson and all the PTO's. So, I understand why so many PTO parents who join this Board afterward.

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary