

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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. Altobelli, Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. Siano

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo Mr. Joe Driscoll, Mr. Jake Gallagher

Press: 0

Audience: 1

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Siano called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Siano led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara S. Harvey, Chairperson

3.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none.

3.03 Approval of the Minutes ~ with no discussion minutes were approved.

3.04 Bills for Payment

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

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$6,260,535.48, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$418,212.29, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$195,727.10.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is a list for December and part of January. The full list will be presented at the end of the month.

3.05 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for October 2023 and November 2023, informational for December 2023, Treasurer's Report for November 2023, Investment Schedule for November 2023, and Budget Transfers.

3.06 Request for Abatement of Penalty

MOTION: Request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-00614-04 in the amount of \$583.80.

MOTION: Request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-02843-13 in the amount of \$659.99.

MOTION: Request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-05520-00 in the amount of \$546.70.

MOTION: Request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-04440-01 in the amount of \$468.88.

MOTION: Request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-02798-00 in the amount of \$580.42.

Mr. Driscoll explained that we receive a few of these requests every year.

3.07 Tax Appeal

MOTION: To authorize the Solicitor to prosecute the following real estate assessment appeals for the Tax Year 2024 regarding the following properties:

1. 30-00-02840-00 – 0 West Chester Pike, Newtown Township
2. 30-00-02840-10 – 0 West Chester Pike, Newtown Township
3. 30-00-02840-16 – 0 West Chester Pike, Newtown Township
4. 30-00-02840-76 – 3875 West Chester Pike, Newtown Township

There was a question regarding the addresses being 0 ~ Mr. Driscoll explained that the address at this time is 0, the established address will be assigned later.

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

3.08 Public Comment ~ There was none.

3.09 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

- 4.01.1 Additions to the Agenda ~ Mr. Gallagher explained that the request made last month to have lights added to the tennis courts has been looked into.

The cost would be \$24,000.00 and this would include additional lights on the Band practice area.

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

4.04 Approval of Minutes ~ with no discussion minutes were approved.

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

4.05 Facility Use

MOTION: To approve Marple Newtown High School to host track meets with the Delaware County Girls Track for the Delco Relays on Saturday, April 13, 2024, as presented.

4.06 Classroom Addition Project Change Order - Culbertson

MOTION: To approve Guy M Cooper with the credit change order in the amount of \$1,026.85.

4.07 Lower Turf Fields Project Change Order- Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve Shaw Sports Turf with the credit change order in the amount of \$16,525.00.

4.08 Water Proofing and Foundation Repair – Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve Pereira Construction LLC., installing the water proofing and foundation repair along the front of the high school (75 linear feet) along with the French drain and sump pump installation in the crawl space in the amount of \$25,175.00 under Costars Contract # 536618 and paid through capital reserve.

4.09 Auditorium Audio-Visual Replacement – Paxon Hollow Middle School

MOTION: To approve Delco Solutions LLC, with the audio-visual equipment and installation upgrade in Paxon Hollow auditorium in the amount of \$36,540.00 under Costars Contract # 033-E22-159.

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

4.10 Other Business ~ there was none.

4.11 Public Comment ~ there was none.

4.12 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none.

5.03 Approval of Minutes ~ with no discussion minutes were approved.

5.04 Affiliation Agreements

MOTION: To approve the Affiliation Agreement with Widener University for field experience and student teaching, as presented. This Agreement has been reviewed by district counsel.

5.05 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve, Sheila Amodei, Teaching and Learning Supervisor, to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference at The Hotel Hershey on February 5, 2024, through February 7, 2024. The cost to the district is \$455.69.

MOTION: To approve, Michelle Lydon, Pupil Services Supervisor, to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Annual Conference at The Hotel Hershey on February 28, 2024, through March 1, 2024. The cost to the district is \$542.49.

MOTION: To approve, Rachel Basescu, Teacher, to attend the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Conference in Providence, RI on February 28, 2024, through March 2, 2024. The cost to the district is \$322.50.

5.06 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve, Michael Karpyn, Advisor, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Mock Trial Team to go to the Annual Mock Trial Benjamin Franklin Invitational at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA on January 20, 2024, through January 21, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$758.67. The cost of the activity is approximately \$350.00. The cost to the district is approximately \$1108.67.

MOTION: To approve, Amy Gallagher and Galen Mooney, Teachers, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School AP Literature and Composition students to go to the Broadway show, "An Enemy of the People" in New York, NY on April 10, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$60.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$100.00 per student and is paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve, Arty Erle, Coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Wrestling team to go to the Bohemia Manor High School Wrestling Tournament in Chesapeake City, MD on January 5, 2024, through January 6, 2024. The cost of transportation is being paid by wrestling boosters and fundraising. The cost of the activity is approximately \$375.00 and paid by the Athletic Department. The cost to the district is approximately \$375.00.

MOTION: To approve, Toby MacCart, Coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Baseball team to go to Baseball Spring Training in Orlando, FL on March 13, 2024, through March 17, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$525.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$1,275.00 per student and is paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve, Michael Snow, Advisor, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor Club to go to Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie, PA

on February 7, 2024. The total cost of transportation is approximately \$10.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$30.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve, Michael Winterbottom, Advisor, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Best Buddies and Bocce Club to go to the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, PA on February 9, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$228.49 and paid by the Athletic Department. The cost to the district is approximately \$228.49.

MOTION: To approve, Michael Snow, Advisor, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor Club to go to White Face Mountain in Lake Placid, NY on February 23, 2024, through February 25, 2024. The cost of transportation and the cost of the activity is approximately \$575.00 per student and is paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve, Tracy Jacobson, Michael Winterbottom, and Steven Smilk, Advisors, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School L.I.N.K. students to go to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, PA on April 13, 2024, through April 15, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$25.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$150.00 per student and is paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve, Johnathan Ruths, Teacher, to accompany the Russell Elementary Cub Choir to Christmas carol at Lu and Aug's in Ardmore, PA on December 19, 2023. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve, Daniel Peters, Jonathan Ruths, Joseph Borell, and Morganne Piestrak, Teachers, to accompany the 4th and 5th grade students from all four elementary schools to go to Dorney Park for the High Notes Festival Performance in Allentown, PA on May 31, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$52.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$65.00 per student and is paid by the student and fundraising. There is no cost to the district.

5.07 Disposals

MOTION: To approve the disposal of books from Culbertson Elementary Library, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the disposal of books from Loomis Elementary Library, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the disposal of books from Worrall Elementary Library, as presented.

5.08 Academic Calendar

MOTION: To approve the 2024-2025 Marple Newtown School District Academic Calendar, as presented by Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo.

Dr. DiBartolomeo gave a brief presentation on the academic calendar for the school year 2024 - 2025.

5.09 Policy

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 006, Local Board Procedures, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 210, Medications, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 815 Vol IV 2023, Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 819 Vol IV 2023, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

5.10 Technology

MOTION: To approve the purchase of one (1) multifunction printer and 12 printers to our existing Print Fleet Management contract with Fraser Advanced Information Systems in the amount of \$12,086.75 per year (equipment and supplies costs are included), as presented.

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

5.11 Other Business ~ there was none.

5.12 Public Comment ~ A community member spoke to the motion about the Academic Calendar and was happy to see that we were starting after Labor Day. Also wanted to know how many snow days were included.

Response was 2.

Mr. Maalouf asked that the minutes from the last committee meeting be changed to reflect that he was attending the meeting by phone prior to arriving at the meeting.

5.13 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Siano adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.