

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 12, 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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara S. Harvey, Chairperson

3.02 Additions to the Agenda

3.03 Approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting.

3.04 Bills for Payment

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,156,737.57.

3.05 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for January 2024, informational for February 2024 and Budget Transfers.

MOTION: To approve the June 30, 2023 Audit report, as presented.

3.06 2024-2025 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget

MOTION: To approve the resolution regarding the 2024-2025 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical School Budget in the amount of \$17,306,089.00.

3.07 Budgetary Reserve - Transfer

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$270,000.00 for legal services.

3.08 2021 Tax Assessment Appeals

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02093-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$7,000,000 assessment/ \$7,000,000 fair market value
2022 \$7,250,000 assessment/ \$7,250,000 fair market value
2023 \$5,096,000 assessment/ \$7,000,000 fair market value
2024 \$4,589,550 assessment/ \$6,975,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$978,830 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$10,734 to our District for tax year 2021.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$728,830 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$8,224 to our District for tax year 2022.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$2,882,830 below the 2023 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately \$33,466 to our District for tax year 2023.

3.09 Public Comment

3.10 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

4.02 Additions to the Agenda

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

4.04 Approval of Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting.

4.05 Boiler Room Renovations Project, Russell Elementary School

MOTION: To approve L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. as the general contractor for the Boiler Room Renovations Project at Russell Elementary School in the amount of \$299,000.00 to be paid from capital reserve.

MOTION: To approve GEM Mechanical Services, Inc. as the HVAC contractor for the Russell Boiler Room Renovations Project at Russell Elementary School in the amount of \$1,907,000.00 to be paid from capital reserve.

MOTION: To approve Five Star, Inc. as the plumbing contractor for the Russell Boiler Room Renovations Project at Russell Elementary School in the amount of \$195,000.00 to be paid from capital reserve.

MOTION: To approve Goldhorn Electrical Construction, Inc. as the electrical contractor for the Russell Boiler Room Renovations Project at Russell Elementary School in the amount of \$169,000.00 to be paid from capital reserve,

4.06 Transportation

Information/Discussion Items:

1. As required by law, members of the transportation department will be conducting bus evacuation drills at all schools during the month of March.

2. Bus routing for the 2024 Extended School Year (ESY) will begin next month.

4.07 Other Business

4.08 Public Comment

4.09 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 the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting.

5.04 Marple Newtown School District Special Education Plan

MOTION: To approve the Special Education Plan for 2024-2027 which is currently posted on the district's website for public review.

5.05 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve Catalina Ottinger-Ovens, School Psychologist, to attend the 43rd Annual School Psychology, Counseling and Applied Behavior Analysis Conference

in Philadelphia, PA on March 15, 2024. The cost to the district is approximately \$120.00.

MOTION: To approve Barry Williams, Director of School Safety, to attend the Eastern Pennsylvania School Safety Summit in Hershey, PA on March 21, 2024. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve Sara Miller, Speech Therapist, to attend the Safety Care Conference in King of Prussia, PA on April 11, 2024. The cost to the district is approximately \$700.00.

MOTION: To approve Kelly Dougherty, Amanda Gallagher, and Aysel Tuna, Librarians, to attend the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA) Conference in Pocono Manor, PA on April 12, 2024. The cost to the district is approximately \$874.36 and will be paid using grant funds.

MOTION: To approve Kerri Morris, Camile Windsor, Catherine Latocha, Catalia Ottinger-Ovens, Michelle Frounjan and Victoria Carrell, School Psychologists, to attend the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule-Second Edition (ADOS-2) Training in Morton, PA on April 16-17, 2024. The cost to the district is approximately \$990.00.

MOTION: To approve Dr. Tina Kane and Dr. Stephanie Sturdivant, Principal, to attend the 2024 PASA Women's Caucus Annual Conference on May 19 - 21, 2024 at the Hershey Hotel in Hershey, PA. The cost to the district is \$2,363.16.

5.06 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Christian Jaspersen, Assistant Principal and Christine Roy, Teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Junior STEM Academy students to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson Township, NJ on May 3, 2024, for Annual Physics Day. The cost of transportation is approximately \$471.93 and paid by the Ready to Learn grant. The cost of the activity is approximately \$81.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve Kerri Confora and Nikki Wagner, Advisors, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School World Language Honors Society students to watch a Spanish Theatre Performance at The Gala Theatre in Washington, DC on May 23, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$2,500.00 and paid by the World Language Honors Society fund. The cost of the activity is approximately \$80.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

MOTION: To approve Christian Jaspersen, Assistant Principal and Matthew Baker, Teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Freshman STEM Academy students for experiential learning at Expedition Escape in King of Prussia, PA on May 29, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$171.08 and paid by the Ready to Learn grant. The cost of the activity is approximately \$46.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the district.

5.07 Donation

MOTION: To approve the donation of \$7,500.00 in AdoptAClassroom.org credit from Rafferty Subaru to be used to purchase classroom materials at Loomis Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

5.08 Policies

MOTION: To approve the second reading of Board Policy 200 Vol V 2023, Enrollment of Students, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of Board Policy 202 Vol V 2023, Eligibility of Nonresident Students, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented

MOTION: To approve the second reading of Board Policy 217 Vol V 2023, Graduation, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented

MOTION: To approve the second reading of Board Policy 254 Vol V 2023, Educational Opportunity for Military Children, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented

MOTION: To approve the second reading of Board Policy 810 Vol V 2023, Transportation, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented

MOTION: To approve the retirement of Board Policy 815, Responsible Use of The Communications and Information Systems, as that language is now addressed in the newly adopted 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 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 234, Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students., as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 235.1 - NEW, Surveys, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 237, Electronic Devices, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 239, Foreign Exchange Students, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 246, School Wellness, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the first reading of Board Policy 248.1, Nondiscrimination - Transgender and Gender Expansive Students, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

5.09 Other Business

5.10 Public Comment

5.11 Adjournment