

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Marple Newtown School District Board Room
Minutes

Board: Mrs. Dana Altobelli,, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Mr. David Dezzi, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Anthony Maalouf, Mr. John McKenzie, Mrs. Lisa Pacell, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Vice President,

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Joe Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher. Dr. Kerri McGinley

Press: 0

Audience: 0

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and advised that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Legal matter.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mrs. Altobelli, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Pacell, Mr. Siano

5 members present

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Mr. Bilker had changes to the agenda:

Addition 13.14 Safe Schools

Correction and addition to 14.07

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none.

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Alley and Kyria gave the final report for the year:

Numerous field trips were held to end the successful school year - including Morey's Pier in Wildwood for the high school renaissance students, Dorney Park for middle school musical students, Please Touch Museum, Longwood Gardens picnics and more for the elementary schools. 5th grade trips included Philadelphia, Arrowhead camp, the Massey House and more

All of the commencement ceremonies were fun and a great way to honor everyone's achievements within the school.

Orientation for the incoming 9th graders and new students will be held on August 26th at 9:00 AM, run by our Tiger guides and National Honor Society students.

The first day of school for students is September 3rd, and teachers will be back in the building on August 26th.

We wanted to give a special thank you to all the Board members for everything you guys have done for the Marple schools and community to make this another successful school year. I will be back in September as the senior class presidents and Kyria will be off to Pitt Honors College doing great things. Have a great rest of your summer!

7. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Kane congratulated Mr. Orwig on his retirement. She mentioned his years of service in Education and as the director of Human Resources. Dr. Kane presented Mr. Orwig with a certificate and wish him the best in retirement.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

Marple Newtown High School Commencement was a great success hosted at Villanova. The graduation ceremony was a terrific event for our graduating seniors.

Congratulations to all of our 2024 graduates. This year our Marple Newtown High School graduates have been awarded scholarships over the next four years totaling approximately 32 million dollars in merit scholarships from higher education, \$120,000 in private scholarships students applied for on their own, and \$100,000 in athletic scholarships.

Congratulations to the MNHS boys baseball team and girls softball team for winning the district championships.

Congratulations to the MNHS boys lacrosse team who once again won the state title for the second year in a row and have been in the state title game the last 3.

All three of the teams have been invited to the August 7th board meeting to be honored.

Paxon Hollow Middle School's 8th grade promotion ceremony was very well attending at MNHS Gymnasium.

The 5th grade promotions were well attended for all of our elementary schools celebrating of the students finishing their elementary school experience.

Our extended school year programs have begun and are hosted at Culbertson this summer.

Our facilities department is well under way with summer cleaning and maintenance projects.

9. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Altobelli as for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

10. OTHER REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Bilker asked for all the motions under number 10 be approved.

Motion to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Tuition Agreement for student 885770 to attend Approved Private School (APS) for Extended School Year (ESY) 2024. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 881577 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Agreement between the District and Speech with Ease LLC, a staffing agency used to fill Speech Therapist positions for students. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Agreement with General Healthcare Resources, Inc., a staffing agency used to fill various positions such as substitute Special Education Teachers, PCA's, nurses, OT, PT, and SLP's for students. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 882393 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 881014 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and

the Parent of student 885358 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 882644 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 882643 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 883440 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition Agreement for student 883415 to attend Approved Private School (APS) for the 2024-2025 school year and Extended School Year (ESY) 2024. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition Agreement for student 883214 to attend Approved Private School (APS) for the 2024-2025 school year and Extended School Year (ESY) 2024. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition Agreement for student 882935 to attend Approved Private School (APS) for the 2024-2025 school year and Extended School Year (ESY) 2024. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Independent Provider Contract with Julie Migatz, Certified School Psychologist to provide therapeutic support services for Behavioral Health Services at Marple Newtown High School and Paxon Hollow Middle School. This is not a new contract.

Motion to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Agreement Addendum B1 for student 870063 to attend Approved Private School (APS) for Extended School Year (ESY) 2024. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 885506 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 882390 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 882388 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 882389 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the District and Baby Steps Therapy for related services to be provided to student 882936 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year as well as Extended School Year (ESY) 2024. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the Parents of student 880510 to attend Private School for the 2024-2025 school year. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mrs. Pacell, Mr. Reynolds

11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

Mrs. Harvey asked that motions under 11.02 through 11.07 be approved.

11.02 Bills for Payment

Motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,240,075.04, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$240,808.13, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$46,376.31, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$111,961.17.

Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to release checks for payment during the months of July and August, as needed.

11.03 Monthly Reports

Motion to approve the monthly financial reports for April 2024, Treasurer's Report for May 2024, Investment Schedule for May 2024 and Budget Transfers

Informational item monthly financial report for May 2024.

11.04 Fund Balance

Motion to commit and/or assign a portion of the audited general fund balance as of June 30, 2024, towards future capital purchases and improvements, assessment reductions and/or capital reserve funding, and approve any necessary transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund in 2024-2025.

11.05 Designation of Depositories

Motion to approve the following Financial Institutions for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as required by School Code:

TD Bank
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
Pennsylvania State District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)

11.06 ViewSonic Boards

Motion to approve the purchase of 25 ViewSonic Boards in the amount of \$52,150.00 from CDW G as provided for in the 2024-2025 Budget.

11.07 Request to Close Student Activity Account and Donations

Motion to request to close the Class of 2024 account at Marple Newtown High School. The balance in the account is currently \$16,258.83. Donations will be made and distributed evenly among the following 9 high school clubs: Student Sunshine, LINK, Best Buddies, Model UN, Feeding Fellow Americans, Morgan's Message, Helping Paws, Garden Club and Society of Women Engineers in the total amount of \$7,200.00 and \$9,058.83 will be donated to the Class of 2028.

Motions were made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Utility Contract Renewal

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the NRG Direct Energy three - year utility contract renewal from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

13.02 Policy

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 808, Food Services, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 246, School Wellness, as recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.03 Administrative Trips

Mr. Siano asked that the motions under 13.03 be approved.

Motion to approve Michael Winterbottom, Best Buddies Advisor, to attend the Best Buddies Leadership Conference (BBLC) in Bloomington, IN on July 19-22, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$200.00 and paid by Best Buddies International. The cost of the activity is approximately \$400.00 and paid by the district. The cost to the District is approximately \$400.00, as presented.

Motion to approve Jessica Mattei and Sheila Amodei, Supervisors of Teaching and Learning, to attend the PCTM Conference: Math Matters, at The Desmond in Malvern, PA July 25-26, 2024. The cost to the District is \$520.64, as presented.

13.04 Student Trips

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, Michael Winterbottom, and Steven Smilk, Advisors, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School LINK Students to go to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, PA on October 12, 2024, through October 14, 2024. The cost of transportation is approximately \$25.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$175.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.05 Athletic Trips

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve Chris Gicking, Athletic Director, to accompany MNHS Football Athletes to Lebanon Valley College July 13-16, 2024 to participate in Football Camp. The cost of the activity is paid by the students. The cost of transportation is \$2,108.88 and is covered by the District, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.06 Donation

13.07 Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the donation of fitness equipment from Keystone NFP Broomall, LLC, Keystone NFP Perkiomen, LLC. (Independently owned Planet Fitness) to Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Siano asked that motions under 13.07 through 13.09 be approved.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.08 Disposal of Books

Motion to approve the disposal of books from the Worrall Elementary School Library, as presented.

Motion to approve the disposal of outdated textbooks from Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

Motion to approve the disposal of uncirculated books from Marple Newtown High School Library, as presented.

13.08 Disposal

Motion to approve the disposal of printer (Uninet iColor 350) at Marple Newtown High School, due to safety concerns, as presented.

13.09 New Digital Resource

Motion to approve the purchase of the digital resource, WeVideo, for a one-year subscription in the amount of \$11,000. WeVideo will replace the digital program, EdPuzzle, as presented.

Mr. Siano asked that motions under 13.07 through 13.09 be approved.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Siano asked for motions under 13.10 and 13.11 be approved.

13.10 Discontinuation

Motion to discontinue and dispose of the resource, EdPuzzle, as presented.

13.11 Professional Development

Motion to approve purchase of 50 copies of the book, Building Thinking Classrooms, for all MNSD 4-12 math teachers in the amount of \$1,698.00, which will be paid using grant funds.

Motion to approve the purchase of 400 copies of the book, The New Classroom Instruction that Works, for all MNSD K-12 teachers. The Ready to Learn Grant will be used to pay \$4,744.08, and \$5,429.92 will be paid by the District.

Motion to contract with Mr. Bryan Goodwin, author of, The New Classroom Instruction that Works, as a keynote speaker and trainer in the amount of \$7,700.00 paid by grant funds. This contract has been reviewed by the District solicitor, as presented.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Siano asked that motions under 13.07 through 13.09 be approved.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.12 Dual Enrollment

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Immaculata University to establish dual enrollment opportunities for eligible Marple Newtown High School students, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pacell, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Siano asked that motions under 13.07 through 13.09 be approved.

Motions was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.13 Mural

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Mural Club with advisor Karen Can, to update the existing ticket booth mural, as presented.

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

Mr. Siano asked that motions under 13.07 through 13.09 be approved.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.14 School Safety

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the annual School Safety Report, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

14.02 Termination(s)

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion approve the following classified termination(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Rebecca McGrenera – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: May 30, 2024
Reason: Failed to complete necessary employment paperwork
- 2) Michael Jordan – Bus Driving in Training
Transportation Department
Effective: June 12, 2024
Reason: Failed to complete necessary employment paperwork

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.03 Retirement(s)

Mr. Bilker asked for motions under 14.03 to be approved

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for motions under 14.03 to be approved

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

- 1) Deborah Ryan – Math Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: August 1, 2024
Reason: Retirement

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified retirement(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Debbie Young – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: January 3, 2025
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.04 Resignation(s)

Mr. Bilker asked for motions under 14.04 be approved.

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Ruth Garrett – School Counselor
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 18, 2024
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Daniel Maloney – English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 18, 2024
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Keith Henning – Homebound Instructor
Pupil Services Department
Effective: June 17, 2024
Reason: Unavailable for employment

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Susan Geddes – Secretary (251-day position)
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 14, 2024
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Lindsey Britt – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 13, 2024
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Mary Ellen Nunan – Food Service Worker II
Food Services Department/Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 14, 2024
Reason: Resignation

- 4) Klarita Gega – Classified Substitute
Operations Department
Effective: June 17, 2024
Reason: Unavailable for employment
- 5) Kimberly Russo – Classified Substitute
Operations Department
Effective: June 17, 2024
Reason: Unavailable for employment

Motions were made by Mrs. Pacell, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.05 Leave(s)

Mr. Bilker asked for motions under 14.05 be approved.

ACT 93 - CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

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

- 1) Krista Callaghan – Deskside Technician
Technology Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 3, 2024, through August 23, 2024
Reason: Uncompensated: June 3, 2024, through August 23, 2024

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Briana Graziola – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: August 26, 2024, through November 15, 2024
Reason: Medical: August 26, 2024, through October 9, 2024
FMLA: August 26, 2024, through November 15, 2024
- 2) Brittany Milia – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: September 6, 2024, through November 22, 2024
Reason: Medical: September 6, 2024, through October 4, 2024
FMLA: September 6, 2024, through November 22, 2024
- 3) Regina Leardi – Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: November 15, 2024, through January 24, 2025
Reason: Medical: November 15, 2024, through December 4, 2024
FMLA: November 15, 2024, through January 24, 2025

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Entela Kocibelli – Custodian
Operations Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 17, 2024, through August 16, 2024
Reason: Medical: June 17, 2024, through August 16, 2024
FMLA: June 17, 2024, through August 16, 2024

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.06 Return from Leave

Mr. Bilker asked for motions under 14.06 be approved.

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Kathryn Mui – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Return date: August 26, 2024
Returning from: FMLA
- 2) Anne Jani – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return date: August 26, 2024
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 3) Constantine Vlahos – Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return date: August 26, 2024
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 4) Megan Smith – Reading Specialist
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return date: August 26, 2024
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 5) Jena Foley – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return date: August 26, 2024
Returning from: FMLA
- 6) Meredith Gerhard – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return date: August 26, 2024
Returning from: FMLA

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Steve Kroberger – School Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: September 3, 2024
Returning from: Uncompensated leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.07 Appointments

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Kevin Fagan as Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, and to approve the terms of the Employment Contract dated June 25, 2024, between the Board of School Directors and Dr. Kevin Fagan, subject to review and approval of final language by the District Solicitor. Dr. Fagan's exact start date will be determined at a later date.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pacell, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Dr. Kane gave a brief background of Dr. Fagan. She is not sure when he will be joining us, depends on when he will be released from his present position.

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions be approved.

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 14.

- 1) Jamie Kneafsey – Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$82,500.00 (MA; Step-12)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Madison Allwein (Resignation)
- 2) Lisa Barbuto – Reading Specialist
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$66,500.00 (MA; Step-5)
Effective: August 26, 2024

Replacing: Joanne Boulanger's position (Retirement)
Megan Smith's assignment

- 3) Kathryn Fleming – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$72,500.00 (MA; Step-8)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: New position (MNSD Board approved 5/28/2024)
- 4) Hanna Vandever – Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$60,500.00 (MA; Step-2)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Lisa Dowd's position (Resignation)
Kelsey Sun's assignment
- 5) Kathrine Froschle – School Counselor
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$62,500.00 (MA; Step-3)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Ruth Garrett (Resignation)
- 6) Madison Walsh – Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$54,500.00 (BA; Step-2)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Brittany Horton's (Resignation)
- 7) Thomas Dougherty – Design Thinking Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$70,500.00 (MA; Step-7)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Laura Monzo (Resignation)
- 8) Catherine Thomas – Homebound Instructor
Pupil Services Department
Salary: \$42.00 per hour
Effective: June 26, 2024
Reason: As needed
- 9) Jack Molinaro – Math Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$56,000.00 (BA + 24; Step-2)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Daniel Maloney's position (Resignation)
Deb Ryan's assignment
- 10) Karin McCurdy – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$68,000.00 (MA+40; Step-3)
Effective: August 26, 2024

Replacing: Jennifer McKenzie's position (Resignation)
Margaret Johanson's assignment

- 11) Megan MacNeal – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$54,000.00 (BA; Step-1; prorated)
Effective: August 26, 2024, through November 27, 2024
Replacing: Briana Graziola (FMLA)
- 12) Sara Lynch – Special Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$55,000.00 (BA; Step-3)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Rhona DeRosa's (Retirement)
- 13) Laura Bennett – Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$62,500.00 (MA; Step-3)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Christine Hall (Resignation)
- 14) Sarah Kraus - Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$75,000.00 (MA; Step-9)
Effective: August 26, 2024
Replacing: Kathleen Walker's position (Retirement)
Danielle Abate's assignment

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 9.

- 1) James Blaisse – Classified Substitute
Operations Department
Salary: TBD by Assignment
Effective: June 3, 2024
- 2) Cynthia Vadino – Summer Maintenance Employee
Operations Department
Salary: \$18.00 per hour
Effective: June 17, 2024, through August 23, 2024
Reason: Temporary summer assistance
- 3) Joseph Chandler – Custodian
Operations Department/Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$20.16 per hour
Effective: June 9, 2024
Replacing: Matthew Brown (Resignation)
- 4) Karen Rae Hilden – Bus Driver in Training

Transportation Department
 Salary: \$18.93 per hour
 Effective: June 23, 2024
 Replacing: Fajr Minnis (Resignation)

- 5) Janice Snipe – Van Driver II
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$27.32 per hour
 Effective: June 23, 2024
 Replacing: Jacqueline Milano (Resignation)
- 6) Lisa Marcelle – Secretary (12-month position)
 Pupil Services Department
 Salary: \$28,295.00
 Effective: July 8, 2024
 Replacing: Luanne Carlton (Resignation)
- 7) Kimberly Stone – Bus Driver in Training
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$19.50 per hour
 Effective: July 8, 2024
 Replacing: Archie Zoegar (Resignation)
- 8) Janell Williams – Bus Driver in Training
 Transportation Department
 Salary: \$19.50 per hour
 Effective: July 8, 2024
 Replacing: Danielle Brown (Reassigned to Van Driver position)
- 9) Donald Vogelgesang – Classified Substitute
 Operations Department
 Salary: TBD by Assignment
 Effective: June 10, 2024

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0 as amended
 Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.08 Transfers

PROFESSIONAL TRANSFERS

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the professional transfers, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, item(s) 1 through 6:

Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
1. Danielle Abate	PHMS	English Teacher	Worrall	5th grade Teacher
2. Margaret Johanson	PHMS	Sp. Educ. Teacher	PHMS	English Teacher
3. Megan Smith	Worrall	Reading Specialist	PHMS	Reading Specialist
4. Tim McCullough	Culbertson	2nd grade Teacher	Worrall	Design Thinking Teacher

5. Erica Valori	Loomis	3rd grade Teacher	Culbertson	2nd grade Teacher
6. Sara Crowley	PHMS	English Teacher	MNHS	English Teacher

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.09 Tuition Reimbursement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the MNEA, MNAA and MNESPA negotiated agreements.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.10 Act 93 Confidential Employees Salary Adjustments

ACT 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Marple Newtown Act 93 Confidential Employees salary changes effective July 1, 2024, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.11 Administrative Salary Adjustments

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Marple Newtown Administrative salary changes effective July 1, 2024, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.12 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2024-2025 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.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0
Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.13 Extended School Year (ESY) 2024

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked the following motions be approved.

Motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following professional personnel for the 2024 ESY Program as attached. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following classified personnel for the 2024 ESY Program as attached. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

Motions were made by Mrs. Pacell, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 5 - 0
Absent: Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Maalouf, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bilker thanked the administration, teachers, and staff for a great year.

16. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

17. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There was none

18. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary