

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 10, 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. Bilker, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Kevin Fagan, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Kerry McGinley

Press: 0

Audience: 1

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:32 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. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey Chairperson

3.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

Mrs. Harvey asked that the following motions be approved by the full Board.

3.03 Bills for Payment

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,936,214.21.

3.04 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for July 2024, Treasurer's Report for July 2024 and Investment Schedule for July 2024.

Informational item monthly financial report for August 2024

3.05 Other Business ~ there was none

3.06 Public Comment ~ there was none

3.07 Adjournment

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

4.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

Mr. Gallagher asked to take the following motions to the full Board to be approved

4.03 Facility Use

MOTION: To approve both the Marple Newtown High School baseball and softball boosters to host two fundraising events throughout the year at the high school.

MOTION: To approve the Marple Newtown Youth Programs to use the Marple Newtown High School athletic fields when available.

4.04 Information Item: Bus Lease Update

Dr. DiBartolomeo gave a brief update on the leases and that they are working with the companies for new leases. Also advised that there will be no motions for transportation this month.

4.05 Other Business

4.06 Public Comment

4.07 Adjournment

4. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

Mr. Bilker asked to take the following motions to the full Board for approval

5.03 Calendar

Presentation of proposed revisions to the 2024 - 2025 Academic Calendar, as presented by Dr. Kevin Fagan, Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. Fagan gave a brief presentation regarding the present calendar for the 2024-2025 Academic calendar. There are minor changes, making January 22, 2025 a full day, and making June 11, 2025 a half day. June 11th will be used for 8th grade promotion and the half day would make a difference with unnecessary traffic issues and make things run

smoother. May 20, 2025 will be an Inservice day. This is for the primary election day which we thought we be held in April. There is no change in the number of days for staff or students.

5.04 PSAT Schedule

MOTION: To approve the PSAT schedule for Marple Newtown High School to include grades 9 - 11 as test takers, and grade 12 to participate in a senior project day on October 9, 2024.

Dr. Kane explained that with the block scheduling this year, Mr. Beltrante asked to include 9th graders for test takers with the PSAT which we give our students the test twice before the 11th grade official year for National Merit Scholars because they are getting more Math or even English classes, so we are going to give this a try.

5.05 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve Jessica Falco and Caitlyn Gallihue, Behavior Analysts, to attend Safety-Care recertification training in King of Prussia, on September 30, 2024. The cost to the District is \$1,400.

5.06 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Amy Gallagher, Advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School AP Literature students to attend an audio tour of the NYC Library and Broadway Production of Our Town on October 16, 2024. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Mary Dalenti, Jennifer Cipollone, and Tracy Jacobson, Advisors, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Renaissance students to the Baltimore, MD Inner Harbor on October 23, 2024. There is no cost to the District.

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough, Advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School National Honor Society and Model UN students to the United Nations building in New York, NY on December 12, 2024. There is no cost to the school District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough, Advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School National Honor Society students to Washington, DC on March 27, 2025. There is no cost to the school District, as presented.

5.07 Technology

MOTION: To approve the purchase of security software from Checkpoint Security in the amount of \$24,800.

5.08 Public Comment ~ there was none

5.09 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll Board Secretary