

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, December 2, 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. Kevin Fagan, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Joe Driscoll, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Kerri McGinley

Press: 0

Audience: 0

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the prior meeting

3. PRESENT

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

5 members present

Absent: Mr. Dezzi

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Reynolds

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was none

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was none

9. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

None

10. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to reappoint Mark A. Sereni, Esquire as Solicitor in accordance with the following fee structure:

attorney time:	\$215/hr. (increased from 2024 rate of \$205/hr.)
legal assistant time:	\$105/hr. (increased from 2024 rate of \$100/hr.)
retainer:	\$4,000.00/yr. (no increase from 2020-2024)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Reynolds

11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey

There are no Budget and Finance Items

12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Bilker asked for the motions under 12.01 be approved

12.02 Bus Garage Renovation and Parking Lot Expansion Project, Administration Building

Motion to approve Bonnett Medica Associates Incorporated for the architectural and engineering design of the Marple Newtown bus garage and parking lot renovations.

Motion to approve Remington and Vernick Engineers for the engineering of Marple Newtown bus garage and parking lot renovations.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Reynolds

13. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

Mr. Siano asked for the motions under 13.02 be approved

13.02 Policy

Motion to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 317, Employee Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

Motion to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 317.1 Vol IV 2024, Employee Educator Misconduct, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

Motion to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 326, Employee Complaint Process, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

Motion to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 340, Employee Responsibility for Student Welfare, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

Motion to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 824 Vol IV 2024, Employee Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Reynolds

14. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

Mr. McKenzie asked for the motions 14.02 through 14.04 be approved

14.02 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional appointment(s) upon their successful of required

paperwork, item(s) 1 through 2.

- 1) Kassiani Kotsidou – LTS Computer Science Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 21, 2025 through April 29, 2025
Salary: \$68,500.00, Doctoral Step 1
Reason: Substitute for Shannon Blessington
- 2) Paige Pfaff – LTS Counselor
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 21, 2025 through June 19, 2025
Salary: \$58,500.00, MA Step 1
Reason: Fills vacancy

14.03 Leave(s)

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified leave(s) of absence, item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Ronald Burling – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: November 25, 2024 through January 2, 2025
Reason: Uncompensated leave
- 2) Charles Jackson – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: November 20, 2024 through January 2, 2025
Reason: Uncompensated leave
- 3) Kathleen Buccieri – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: December 5, 2024 through January 2, 2025
Reason: FMLA

14.04 Contracts

PROFESSIONAL

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 related school closure or cessation of the activities which are the subject of each contract, these activities and contracts are subject to suspension or cancellation, with payments due thereunder prorated for services provided.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Dezzi

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Reynolds

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bilker thanked the Board for their vote. He hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

16. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

17. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

The Board congratulated the elected President and Vice President

18. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary