

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 8, 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, Mr. McKenzie,

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

Press: 0

Audience: 0

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM

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

3.03 Bills for Payment

Mr. Driscoll explained the monthly bills and financial report. If there are any questions please contact him.

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,325,496.51.

3.04 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for August 2024 and Budget transfers.

3.05 Other Business ~there was none

3.06 Public Comment ~ there was none

3.07 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

4.02 Facility Use

Mr. Bilker asked Mr. Gallagher to explain the following motions:

MOTION: To approve PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) to hold their annual PMEA Band Fest event at Marple Newtown High School on April 3, 2025, from 8:00 am - 10:00 pm.

4.03 Information Item: Bus Garage Renovation Presentation, Bonnett Associates Inc.

Mr. Gallagher introduced Bonnett Associates, who gave a brief presentation of the work that will be done at the Bus Garage. Some of the items discussed were additional parking, fixing up the building, and signage.

4.04 Information Item: Sod Replacement, Paxton Hollow Middle School

Mr. Gallagher explained that they are in the process of getting pricing for sod at the Middle School.

4.05 Other Business ~ there was none

4.06 Public Comment ~ there was none

4.07 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda

Dr. Fagan asked that the following motions go to the full Board for approval.

5.03 Keynote Speaker

MOTION: To approve the agreement with Phil Martelli of P&J Enterprises to be the keynote speaker on August 25, 2025. The cost to the District is \$2,500, as presented.

5.04 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve Dr. Tina Kane to attend the PASA Board of Governors Meeting in Harrisburg, PA on November 14-15, 2024. The cost to the District is \$70.49.

5.05 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Toby MacCart, coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School baseball team to spring training in Orlando, FL, March 12 -16, 2025. The cost of transportation is approximately \$540.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost of the activity is approximately \$1,230.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Kerri Confora, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School World Language Honor Society to New York, NY on November 14, 2024. The cost of transportation is \$2,870.00 and paid by the World Language Honor Society fund. The cost of the activity is \$80.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

5.06 High School Club

MOTION To approve the Dance Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

5.07 Professional Development Workshop

MOTION To approve a full-day professional development workshop on February 14, 2024, for secondary Math teachers with Kevin Dykema, president of NCTM. The cost to the District is \$2,700.00, as presented.

MOTION To approve full-day professional development workshop on November 5, 2024, for secondary World Language teachers with the DCIU. The cost to the District is \$570.00.

MOTION To approve full-day professional development workshop on November 5, 2024, for secondary Art teachers with the BCIU. The cost to the District is \$500.00.

MOTION To approve full-day professional development workshop on November 5, 2024 for elementary and secondary Music teachers with PMEA at West Chester University. The cost to the District is \$210.00, as presented.

MOTION To approve full-day professional development workshop on November 5, 2024, for secondary middle school Health and Physical Education teachers with the DCIU. There is no cost to the District.

MOTION To approve half-day professional development workshop on November 5, 2024, for secondary high school Health and Physical Education teachers with Atlas Peak Performance. The cost to the District is \$250.00.

5.08 Book Adoptions

MOTION To approve the addition of two book titles to Paxton Hollow Middle School, as presented.

5.09 Science Presentation

MOTION: Presentation of Science Curriculum Updates: PA STEELS by Shiela Amodei and Jessica Mattei, Supervisors of Teaching and Learning.

Mrs. Amodeli and Mrs. Mattei gave a brief presentation on PA STEELS ~ They explained that STEELS is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability. They explained what was needed to meet the standards and what professional development would take place. They also explained the curriculum what we need and how that would be implemented. They also talked about having the dome fixed at the high school so that Astronomy courses can be offered again.

5.10 Technology

MOTION To approve the pilot of Math Fact Lab software for all students in grades 1-5. The cost to the District is \$4,447.35.

MOTION To approve the pilot of Class Creator software to be used by elementary class scheduling for all four elementary schools. The cost to the District is \$2,880.00.

MOTION To approve the pilot curriculum for Design Thinking I and Design Thinking II, required courses for students in the STEM Academy. This pilot aligns with the new PA STEELS standards. There is no cost to the District.

5.11 Other Business ~ there was none

5.12 Public Comment ~ there was none

5.13 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM