

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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. Pacel,

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

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

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of
\$1,257,324.64.

3.04 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for December 2024 and Budget Transfers.

3.05 Donation

MOTION: To accept gift cards donation to Marple Newtown School District in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Gift Card Bank, in partnership with the ACME Markets Foundation Summer Nourishing Neighbors fundraising campaign for MNSD families in need.

3.06 Budgetary Reserve Transfer

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$73,265.00 for the purchase of a specialized wheelchair van.

3.07 Audit Report

Mr. Driscoll reported that we had a clean audit and will email the Board.

MOTION: To approve June 30, 2024, Audit Report, as presented.

3.08 Policies

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 601, Fiscal Objectives, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 602, Budget Planning, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 603, Budget Preparation, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 604, Budget Adoption, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 605, Tax Levy, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 606, Tax Collection, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 607, Tuition Income, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 608, Bank Accounts, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 609, Investment of District Funds, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bids/Quotation, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 611, Purchases Budgeted, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 612, Purchases Not Budgeted, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 613, Cooperative Purchasing, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 614, Payroll Authorization, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 615, Payroll Deductions, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 616, Payment of Bills, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 617, Petty Cash, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 618, Student Activity Funds, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 619, District Audit, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 620, Fund Balance, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.
- MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 622, GASB Statement 34, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 624, Taxable Fringe Benefits, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 626, Federal Fiscal Compliance, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

MOTION: To approve the second reading of School Board Policy 626.1, Travel Reimbursement - Federal Programs, as recommended by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. District Counsel has reviewed, as presented.

3.05 Other Business Mr. Driscoll explained that there would be a motion to approval equipment for the drum line at the end of the month.

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 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

Mr. Driscoll asked that the following motions be taken to the full Board for approval.

4.03 Public Announcement System, Paxon Hollow Middle School

MOTION: To approve Delco Solutions, LLC to remove and install the PA System at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$190,326.00 under COSTARS contract 034-E22-159. \$168,272.00 of this purchase will be funded through the 2024-2025 School Safety & Mental Health grant, the remaining \$22,054.00 will be funded through the general fund as provided for in the 2024-2025 Budget.

4.04 Gymnasium Divider disposal, replacement, and electrical connection, Paxon Hollow Middle School

MOTION: To approve Degler Whiting, Inc., to remove and install the gymnasium divider at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$40,960.00 under COSTARS contract 014-E23-309.

To approve Goldhorn Electrical Construction, Inc., for the electric removal and connection to the gymnasium divider at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$7,350.00 under COSTARS contract E25-009.

4.05 Change Order Credits, Gauntlett Center Toilet Room Renovation

MOTION: To approve the following change order credit:

F.W. Houder, Inc., Change Order No. GC-01, Quantity Allowance Credit, Deduct for General Contractor's Quantity Allowance remaining balance of \$15,344.09. Change Order GC-01 Total: \$15,344.09 Credit

MOTION: To approve the following change order credit:

Goldhorn Electrical Construction, Inc., Change Order No. EC-01, Deduct for Electrical Contractor's Quantity Allowance remaining balance of \$8,505.00. Change Order EC-01 Total \$8,505.00 Credit

MOTION: To approve the following change order credit:

AKC Mechanical, LLC., Change Order No. PC-01, Quantity Allowance Credit, Deduct for Plumbing contractor's Quantity Allowance remaining balance of \$19,282.05. Change Order PC-01 Total \$19,282.02 Credit

MOTION: To approve the following change order credit:

GEM Mechanical Services, Inc., Change Order No. MC-01, Deduct for Mechanical Contractor's Quantity Allowance remaining balance of \$1,768.86. Change Order MC-01 Total \$1,768.86 Credit

4.06 PTO Color Run, Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve the use of the Marple Newtown High School Campus for the 2nd Annual PTO Color Run event on April 27, 2025, from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

4.07 Purchase of a Van

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a wheelchair van in the amount of \$73,265.00 under COSTARS contract PCID-1144.

4.08 Other Business ~ there was none

4.09 Public Comment ~ there was none

4.10 Adjournment

5. 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 that the following motions be taken to the full Board for approval.

5.03 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve Dr. Tina Kane to attend the PASA Leadership Forum, March 20, 2025, in State College, PA, not to exceed \$200.00, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Amanada Gallagher, Librarian, to attend School Libraries Virtual Conference on March 4, 2025. The cost to the district is \$295.00, as presented.

5.04 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Anita Stum and Tyler Mertens, advisors, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Future Business Leaders of American Club to Hershey, PA from April 6-9, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$779.12 paid by the district. The cost of the activity is \$11,294.00 paid by the district. The total cost to the district is \$12,073.12, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Mike Snow, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown Ski-Outdoor Club to Bear Creek Mountain on February 13, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$15.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost for the activity is \$57.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the district, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Mike Snow, advisor to accompany Marple Newtown Ski-Outdoor Club to Bear Creek Mountain on February 6, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$15.00 per student and paid by the student. The cost for the activity is \$57.00 per student and paid by the student. There is no cost to the district, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Jill Gill and Laura Jones, advisors, to accompany Marple Newtown High School bocce team to Hershey, Pa from March 26-27, 2025. The cost for transportation is \$610.80, paid by the district, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Nathan Clelland, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown School District indoor percussion ensemble to Wildwood, NJ from April 30, 2025, to May 5, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$1,791.60, paid by the district. The cost of the activity is \$285.60, paid by the student. The total cost to the district is \$1,791.60, as presented.

5.05 Student Clubs

MOTION: To approve Dungeons and Dragons Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented

MOTION: To approve Girls Flag Football Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

5.06 Agreement

MOTION: To approve the agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit to assist with the implementation of the Math Workshop Model at each of the four elementary schools. The cost is \$5,900.00 to be paid by Title I Federal Funds, as presented.

5.07 Guest Speaker

MOTION: To approve guest speaker Matt Mervis, Artificial Intelligence consultant, June 16, 2025. The cost is \$3,227.00 to be paid by Title I Funds, as presented.

5.08 Curriculum Implementation

MOTION: To approve TWIG Science as the new STEELS-aligned main instructional resource for Middle School Science beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. The cost to the district not to exceed \$140,000.00.

5.09 Other Business ~ there was none

5.10 Public Comment ~ there was none

5.11 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM