

## MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 8, 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: Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Altobelli, Mr. Siano

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

Press: 0

Audience: 1

#### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Siano called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Siano 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 that the Bills for Payment are the normal reports for the month. Any questions please let me know.

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$677,149.62 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$1,155.00.

3.04 Financial Reports

Mr. Driscoll explained that there is nothing to point out, hoping interest rates stay high. Any question let me know.

MOTION: To approve the Monthly Financial Reports for February 2025, Treasurer's Report for February 2025, Investment Schedule for February 2025, and Budget Transfers.

### 3.05 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget

Mr. Driscoll explained that Mr. DuVernois will do the presentation of the budget for 2025-2026.

Mr. DuVernois explained the following:

- Act I index for 2025-2026 is 4.0%
- The Board passed a resolution not to exceed the Index
- Exceptions ~ Special Education cost and PSERS payments
- Timeline ~ April 22<sup>nd</sup>, proposed final budget, April 23<sup>rd</sup> budget made available for public inspection, and notice of intent to adopt, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Final budget and resolution adoptions (tentative) and the latest date for budget adoption is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Explained the Revenue projections, Local revenue, State and Federal revenue,.
- Explained Expenditure summary as well as the Assigned fund balance for 2024-2025, expenditure increases/decreases
- Explained the proposed tax rates
- Explained the tax increase by property and a tax history
- Ended the presentation with a proposed summary.

MOTION: To adopt the 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget, as presented on PDE 2028, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and to give notice that it is available for public inspection. The 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget may change prior to the adoption of the Final Budget.

### 3.06 Request to Close Student Activity Accounts

Mr. Driscoll explained that this request to close student account ~ this money will be put in the Student Council fund and still remains student money. Student Council will decide how to spend.

MOTION: Authorize the Administration to close student activity fund accounts as presented at Marple Newtown High School for student clubs that have been inactive for at least one year, and to deposit the funds into the Marple Newtown High School Student Council account.

### 3.07 Budgetary Reserve Transfer

Mr. Driscoll explained that the budgetary reserve are the funds set aside for unforeseen expenses.

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve up to \$225,000 for utility costs.

### 3.08 Audit Engagement – Information Item

Mr. Driscoll explained that the current auditors that we've had for the last couple of years are no longer going to be auditing the financial statements. We are in the process of

getting and reviewing the accounting firms that do a lot of school accounting. Would like to complete by the end of April.

3.09 Other Business ~ there was none

3.10 Public Comment ~ there was none

3.11 Adjournment

#### **4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

4.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

4.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ Mr. Gallagher explained that the price for the Lacrosse wall came in at the high school, would like to bring at the voting meeting in a couple of weeks to have the work done over spring break.

4.03 Agreement, Transportation Department

Mr. Gallagher explained that the buses have to be relocated for a few months while the tanks are being replaced.

MOTION: To approve the proposed lease agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Delaware County Community College for temporary parking location of transportation vehicles during underground tank renovations, at a rate of \$4,000.00 per month, as presented.

4.04 Roof Coating, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mr. Gallagher explained that part of the cost will be from the facilities grant

MOTION: To approve Bonnett Medica Associates Inc., for the architectural design and professional services of the Paxon Hollow Middle School roof coating, in the amount of \$26,700.00, funded by capital reserve, as presented.

MOTION: To approve O'Donnell Roofing Company, for the installation of a silicone roof coating system at Paxon Hollow Middle School with a 10-year warranty under Costars contract #207751 in the amount of \$890,000.00. The Public School Facility Grant will fund \$374,587.00 of this purchase, the remainder will be funded through capital reserve, as presented.

4.05 Donation, Marple Newtown High School

Mr. Gallagher explained that the PTO is paying for the water fountain stations throughout the school.

MOTION: To accept the donation from the Marple Newtown High School PTO for three (3) bottle filling water fountain stations.

4.06 Facilities Use, Marple Newtown High School

Mr. Gallagher explained that this is under policy 707 and there will be a fee for rental.

MOTION: To approve the rental of the Marple Newtown High School Auditorium by From the Top Dance Studio for a dance recital rehearsal Friday, May 30, 2025, 4:00-8:00pm, and for a dance recital Sunday, June 1, 2025, 12:00-6:00pm.

MOTION: To approve the rental of the Marple Newtown High School Auditorium by Art in Motion Dance Studio for a dance recital Sunday, June 8, 2025, 2:00-5:00pm and a dance recital rehearsal earlier that week, date to be determined.

4.03 Other Business ~ There was none

4.04 Public Comment ~ There was none

4.05 Adjournment

**5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

5.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda

5.03 Book Disposal, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mrs. Altobelli asked that the following motion be taken to the full Board for approval.

MOTION: To approve the disposal of books at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

5.04 Other Business ~ There was none

5.05 Public Comment ~ There was none

5.06 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Siano adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.