

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
Marple Newtown School District Board Room  
Minutes

Board: Mrs. Dana Altobelli, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Ms. Kathleen Byrne,  
Mr. David Dezzi, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, 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. Dominick DuVernois, Mr. Jake Gallagher. Dr. Kerri McGinley,

Press: 0

Audience: 1

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advised that the Board met in Executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Dezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. PRESENT**

Mr. Bilker, Ms. Byrne, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey (by phone), Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Pacell, Mr. Siano

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Pacell, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

There was none

**6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

Nick D'Ambrosis and Marleigh Lauletta gave the following report:

- The band and orchestra program hosted a "Winter Wonderland Brunch" fundraiser on December 13th with students performing holiday songs, the event was very successful
- Marple's district choir, select choir, percussion ensemble, and jazz band performed in the holiday concert on December 18th. |
- Alumni Day was held on December 18th. Seniors got to hear more about adjusting to college life from recent Marple graduates.
- Student Council a new Lip Sync Competition on December 23rd, it was a huge success.
- Students who qualified for renaissance in the first quarter enjoyed the last day before break by watching a movie in the auditorium.
- Winter Break was 12/24 -1/5
- Junior ring ceremony was held on January 8th in the auditorium
- Keystone Testing for Biology, Literature, and Algebra I was held the week of Jan 12
- Students had half a day on January 16th.
- Students had the day off for MLK Day 1/19
- The winter concert was on January 21st in the auditorium at 7:00 P.M. Performances were held by the school's concert choir, band, and orchestra. A bake sale was also held before the concert to support the school's Tri-M Honor Society.
- Students had a day off for snow on Monday and today
- Term 3rd/ 2 semester begins tomorrow, January 28th.
- Student Council will be hosting a freshmen/sophomore Snowball on February 7th. Tickets were sold last week and this week during advisories/lunch periods.
- Mini Thon Club preparations are in full swing. The event is coming up on February 27th from 3-10pm and registration is still open. Thank you all for your continued support For the Kids!

Dr. Kane added that Phil Martinelli was also assisting with Mini Thon

## **7. COMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

In recognition of School Board Recognition Month, as designated by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, we proudly express our appreciation for the Marple Newtown Board of School Directors. Our Board Directors generously give their time to govern our schools and serve the community. They make important decisions related to budgeting, finance, policy, and personnel, all with a focus on supporting student success. Many Directors are also graduates of the district and parents of current or former students, strengthening their connection to our schools. Board service is unpaid, yet our Directors devote countless hours to this important work. On behalf of the district, thank you to the Marple Newtown Board of School Directors for your commitment and service. Each Board Director received a certificate this evening in recognition of their service to the Marple Newtown School District.

## **8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

I would like to give a sincere thank our Operations Department for their outstanding work over three consecutive days of snow removal at all seven of our district buildings. The snow was heavy and the layer of ice on top made removal especially challenging. Their long hours, teamwork, and

focus on safety ensured that our schools are ready to welcome students and staff back tomorrow. We are truly grateful for their hard work and commitment to keeping our schools safe and running smoothly.

I would also like to thank our Transportation Department for their hard work in cold conditions cleaning and preparing our buses, as well as driving routes throughout the community to prepare for tomorrow's bus runs. Their time, care, and attention to safety help ensure our students are transported safely each day. We truly appreciate their efforts and dedication to our school community.

## **9. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025 Regular Meeting, and the minutes of the December 1, 2025 Reorganization/Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

## **10. OTHER REPORTS**

Mr. Bilker asked that the following motions be approved.

Motion to approve the Agreement for the Provision of Alternative Transportation Services with EverDriven Technologies. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement between the district and Advocacy Alliance for student 884600. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the School-Based Services Agreement with Peter's Place. This not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Independent Educational Evaluation Contract with Jay Stone for student 884622. This is a new agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

## **11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

11.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

11.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Bilker asked that motions under 11.02 through 11.05 be approved.

Motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$12,023,103.54,

Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$494,128.32, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$376,631.67.

#### 11.03 Monthly Reports

Motion to approve the monthly financial reports for October 2025 and November 2025, Treasurer's Report for October 2025 and November 2025, Investment Schedule for October 2025 and November 2025, and Budget Transfers.

#### 11.04 Budgetary Reserve Transfers

Motion to approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$120,336.05 for the repairs and maintenance of district generators.

Motion to approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$25,000 for sewage remediation at Marple Newtown High School.

#### 11.05 Disposal of Van

Motion to approve the public auction of a district van. In the event the auction does not result in a sale the Superintendent or her designee is permitted to use any other means to divest the District of its ownership of the van.

#### 11.06 Box Truck Purchase, Food Service

Motion to approve the purchase of a Box Truck for the Food Service department in the amount of \$79,325.18 from Peoria Ford under KPN contract 024-G. The purchase will be funded from the Food Service Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Bilker asked that motions under 11.07 be approved.

#### 11.07 Request for Abatement of Penalty

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-01891-00 in the amount of \$331.06.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-03938-09 in the amount of \$647.22.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-00519-00 in the amount of \$483.90.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-01837-64 in the amount of \$662.21.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-04581-34 in the amount of \$715.04.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-003316-00 in the amount of \$353.80.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01802-67 in the amount of \$1,046.51.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01806-62 in the amount of \$1,029.43.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01695.85 in the amount of \$495.98.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-003158-10 in the amount of \$370.66.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-0002247-00 in the amount of \$382.71.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01802.94 in the amount of \$1,013.33.

Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-02906-00 in the amount of \$2,666.80.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Bilker asked that motion under 11.08 be approved.

11.08 Donation, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to accept a donation to Marple Newtown High School in the amount of \$1,000 from the Newtown Township Police Department for the High School Life Skills program.

Motion was made by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Bryne

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approved motion under 11.09 be approved.

11.09 Donation, Culbertson Elementary School

Motion to accept a donation to Culbertson Elementary School in the amount of \$350 for an Autistic Support Classroom Sensory Fish Tank in memory of Maddy Gilligan from Jenn Tate and friends.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Bilker asked that motion under 11.10 be approved

#### 11.10 2022 Tax Appeal

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02840-75 as follows:

For tax year 2022, an exemption of 68% and a taxable portion of the subject property at 32%.

For tax year 2023, an exemption of 60.3% and a taxable portion of the subject property at 39.7%.

For tax year 2024, an exemption of 56.1% and a taxable portion of the subject property at 43.9%.

For tax year 2025, an exemption of 50.4% and a taxable portion of the subject property at 49.6%.

For tax year 2026, an exemption of 60% and a taxable portion of the subject property at 40%.

This resolution represents an increase in the taxable portion of the subject property and a total increase in the tax revenue for the School District of approximately \$190,017 for the tax years through 2025.

Motion was made by Ms. Bryne seconded by Mr. McKenzie

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

## 12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### 12.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

Mr. Dezzi asked that motions under 12.02 through 12.08 be approved.

### 12.02 Policy

Motion to approve the second reading of School Board policy 810, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

### 12.03 Act 34 Resolution, Worrall Elementary School

Motion to approve the Worrall Elementary School project in accordance with the requirements of Act 34 of 1973, with a “maximum project cost” of \$36,873,978 and a “maximum building construction cost” of \$9,560,473; and to authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the corresponding Resolution.

12.04 Gymnasium HVAC Renovation/Replacement Project, Gauntlett Community Center

Motion to approve the Gauntlett Community Center Gymnasium HVAC Renovation/Replacement Project Costs Reimbursement Agreement with the Marple Newtown Joint Recreation Commission relating to the Gauntlett Community Center Gym Air Conditioning Project, subject to review and approval of the final language by the Solicitor.

12.05 Boiler Room and Rooftop Unit Replacement Project, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Motion to approve F.W. Houder, Inc., as the general contractor for the boiler room and rooftop unit replacement project at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$218,310 to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

Motion to approve Tri-County Mechanical, Inc., as the HVAC contractor for the boiler room and rooftop unit replacement project at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$1,010,000 to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

Motion to approve Innovative Service Contractors, LLC, as the plumbing contractor for the boiler room and rooftop unit replacement project at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$164,200 to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

Motion to approve DK Construction Services, Inc., as the electrical contractor for the boiler room and rooftop unit replacement project at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$93,600 to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

Motion to approve O'Donnell Roofing Co., as the roofing contractor for the boiler room and rooftop unit replacement project at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$92,550 to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

12.06 Door and Hardware Replacement Project, Russell Elementary School

Motion to approve Bonnett Medica Associates Inc., with the architectural and engineering design professional services for the door and hardware replacement at Russell Elementary School, as presented.

Motion to approve Bonnett Medica Associates Inc., to solicit bids for the door and hardware replacement project at Russell Elementary School.

12.07 Hot Water System Replacement, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to approve Innovative Service Contractors with removal and installation of the hot water heater systems at Marple Newtown High School in the amount of \$119,500 under Costars contract #008-E25-1541 funded from capital reserve, as presented.

12.08 Backstop Fence Replacement, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Motion to approve Miller Sports Construction with the removal and installation of the new baseball backstop at Paxon Hollow Middle School in the amount of \$33,815, under Costars contract #008 E22-845 funded from capital projects, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Reynolds

## CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### 13.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

Mr. Bilker asked that motions under 13.02 through 13.09 be approved

#### 13.02 Administrative Trips

Motion to approve Sara Berl, Michelle Lizun, and Tim McCullough, Design Thinking teachers, to attend and present at PETE&C conference in Hershey, PA on February 3, 2026. The cost to the district is approximately \$763.56, as presented.

Motion to approve three elementary teachers and one supervisor to attend Enjoy Thinking: The Power of Fluency professional learning session at West Chester University on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The total cost is \$200.00 to be paid from Title II funds, as presented.

#### 13.03 Affiliation Agreements

Motion to approve the Institute for Speech Language Pathology affiliation agreement with Widener University for student teaching and field experience, as presented.

Motion to approve an affiliation agreement with Villanova University student teacher program, as presented.

Motion to approve an affiliation agreement with Drexel University for student teaching and field experience, as presented.

#### 13.04 Curriculum Pilot, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Motion to approve the implementation of a pilot curriculum using Reveal Math resources for a designated group of Grades 6–8 math teachers. This pilot aligns with the PA Common Core math standards, will be introduced at no additional cost to the district.

#### 13.05 Curriculum Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of the standards-aligned software, Typing.com, for all students in grades 2–5. The total cost to the district is \$1,806, as presented.

#### 13.06 New Courses, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to approve two new courses at Marple Newtown High School for the 2026-2027 school year,

as presented.

#### 13.07 Technology Pilot, Russell Elementary School

Motion to approve a short-term pilot for Pick-up Patrol at Russell Elementary School, as presented.

#### 13.08 Student Trips

Motion to approve Andrew Butler, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High girls indoor track to Penn State University from February 28, 2026, through March 1, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$1,083 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$995 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$2,078, as presented.

Motion to approve Kim Reynolds, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School cheerleading team to Burlington Township Middle School on December 20, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$278.70 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$278.70, as presented.

Motion to approve Joseph Becker, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School wrestling team to Chesapeake, MD from January 9-10, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$567.60 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$1,956.80 to be paid by both the District and students. The total cost to the District is \$967.60, as presented.

Motion to approve Kim Reynolds, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown cheerleading team to Somerset, PA from January 8-10, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$4,180 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$3,619.28 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$7,799.80, as presented.

Motion to approve Michael Clancy, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School math club to Millersville University on February 25, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$428.40 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$428.40, as presented.

Motion to approve Toby MacCart, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School baseball team to Orlando, Florida from March 11-16, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$545 per student to be paid by the student. The cost of the activity is \$1,500 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

Motion to approve Kim Reynolds, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School cheerleading team to Orlando, FL from January 28, 2026, through February 2, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$400 per student to be paid by the student. The cost of the activity is \$1,500 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

Motion to approve Steven Smilk, Tracy Jacobson, and Michael Winterbootm, advisors, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Link to South Mountain YMCA from April 11-13, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$25 per student to be paid by the student. The cost of the activity is \$333.18 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

#### 13.09 Elevator Door Decal, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to approve the installation of elevator door decals at Marple Newtown High School. There is no cost to the district, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Dezzi, seconded by Mr. Siano

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Reynolds

### **13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

14.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

Mr. Siano asked motions under 14.02 and 14.03 be approved.

14.02 Resignations

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Motion to approve the following administrative resignation(s), item(s) 1 through 2:

- 1) Brett Snell – Assistant Director of Technology  
Technology Department  
Effective: February 13, 2026
- 2) Janeen Partridge – Assistant Director of Human Resources  
Human Resources Department  
Effective: February 18, 2026

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Motion to approve the following classified resignation(s), item(s) 1 through 7:

- 1) Aimee Anderson – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: December 12, 2025
- 2) Thomas Mann – Title I Assistant  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: January 7, 2026
- 3) James Kennedy Jr. – Custodian  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: January 7, 2026
- 4) Alyssa Tino – Special Education Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 9, 2026
- 5) Dennis Kraus – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: January 26, 2026
- 6) Delourdes Etienne – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department

- 7) Effective: March 27, 2026  
Michael Hagerty – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: January 31, 2026

#### 14.03 Retirements

##### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional retirement(s), item(s) 1:

- 1) Beth Lake – Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 26, 2026

##### CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified retirement(s), item(s) 1:

- 1) Desiree Brockington – Custodian  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: January 2, 2026

Motion was made by Ms. Bryne, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

#### 14.04 Termination(s)

##### CLASSIFIED

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the following classified termination(s), item(s) 1:

- 1) Destenee Green – Bus Driver in Training  
Transportation Department  
Effective: January 12, 2026  
Reason: Job abandonment

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. McKenzie

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication relating to the termination of employment of employee #4149.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. McKenzie

With no further discussion motion passed by Roll Call Vote 7 – 0

| <b>Board Member</b> | <b>Read/Attended</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Bilker          | Attended             | Yes         |
| Ms. Bryne           | Read                 | Yes         |
| Mr. Dezzi           | Read                 | Yes         |
| Mrs. Harvey         | Attended             | Yes         |
| Mr. McKenzie        | Read                 | Yes         |
| Mrs. Pacell         | Read                 | Yes         |
| Mr. Siano           | Read                 | Yes         |

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli  
Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Siano asked for motions under 14.05 through 14.09 to be approved.

#### 14.05 Appointments

#### ADMINISTRATION

Motion to approve the following administrative appointment(s) upon successful completion of required paperwork, item(s) 1:

- 1) Lauren Giovanisci – Supervisor of Teaching and Learning  
Teaching and Learning Department  
Effective: Upon release from current district  
Salary: \$126,000.00  
Reason: Replacing Jessica Mattei

#### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional appointment(s) upon successful completion of required paperwork, item(s) 1 through 8:

- 1) Nicole Paul – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 27, 2026 through June 16, 2026  
Salary: \$60,500.00, MA Step 1  
Reason: Substitute for Ashley Smart
- 2) Tricia Donahue – Behavioral Health Worker  
Culbertson and Worrall Elementary Schools  
Effective: January 12, 2026  
Salary: \$66,200.00, MA Step 4  
Reason: Replacing Paula Schneider
- 3) Emma Calhoun – LTS Special Education Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: January 5, 2026 through April 7, 2026  
Salary: \$55,500.00, BA Step 1  
Reason: Substitute for Sophie Queitzsch

- 4) Eve Francisco – LTS Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 27, 2026 through June 16, 2026  
Salary: \$55,500.00, BA Step 1  
Reason: Substitute for Beth Lake
- 5) Zoe Demetriades – LTS Social Studies Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: March 9, 2026 through May 15, 2026  
Salary: \$60,500.00  
Reason: Substitute for Keli Tull
- 6) Chloe Tice – LTS Counselor  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: January 28, 2026 through April 10, 2026  
Salary: \$60,500.00  
Reason: Substitute for Chelsea Maiers
- 7) Sharon Savkinis – Substitute Nurse  
District Wide  
Effective: January 28, 2026  
Salary: \$32.00/hr.  
Reason: Substitute
- 8) Natalia Marcum – Substitute Nurse  
District Wide  
Effective: January 28, 2026  
Salary: \$32.00/hr.  
Reason: Substitute

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s) upon successful completion of required paperwork, item(s) 1 through 11:

- 1) Christine Hall – Special Education Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: December 4, 2025  
Salary: \$20,763.00  
Reason: Withdraw resignation effective December 3, 2025
- 2) Kaileigh Dougherty – Special Education Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 5, 2026  
Salary: \$20,763.00  
Reason: Replacing Cynthia Vadino
- 3) Maria Newell – Substitute School Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 5, 2026

Salary: Determined by assignment  
Reason: Substitute

- 4) Thomas Sewter – Custodian  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: January 5, 2026  
Salary: \$21.38/hr.  
Reason: Replacing Desiree Brockington
- 5) Peyton Trahey – Substitute Food Service Worker  
District Wide  
Effective: January 12, 2026  
Salary: \$16.11/hr.  
Reason: Substitute
- 6) Brian Pierce – Custodian  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: January 28, 2026  
Salary: \$21.38/hr.  
Reason: Replacing James Kennedy Jr.
- 7) Paul Verna – Bus Driver in Training  
Transportation Department  
Effective: January 28, 2026  
Salary: \$20.09/hr.  
Reason: Replacing Andrew DeMarcantonio
- 8) Rylee Fenlason – Transportation Aide  
Transportation Department  
Effective: January 28, 2026  
Salary: \$20.09/hr.  
Reason: Replacing Kimberly Stone
- 9) Jennifer Lauletta – Title Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: February 2, 2026  
Salary: \$18.70/hr.  
Reason: Replacing Jena Fulton
- 10) Ubayd Steed – Bus Driver  
Transportation Department  
Effective: February 9, 2026  
Salary: \$31.05/hr.  
Reason: Replacing Jaesung Byun
- 11) Gabrielle Spiller – School Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: January 28, 2026  
Salary: \$14,052.00  
Reason: Replacing Jennifer Warner

14.06 Leave(s) of Absence  
ACT 93

Motion to approve the following Act 93 leave(s) of absence, item(s) 1:

- 1) Donna Sperone – Part Time Security  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: November 7, 2025 through January 16, 2026  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional leave(s) of absence, item(s) 1 through 6:

- 1) David Parsons – Science Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: January 27, 2027 through June 15, 2027  
Reason: Sabbatical Leave - Professional Development
- 2) Liza Spratt – Art Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: March 17, 2026 through May 29, 2026  
Reason: FMLA
- 3) Ashley Smart – Elementary Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 27, 2026 through June 16, 2026  
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 4) Kathryn Disharoon – Science Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: January 27, 2027 through June 15, 2027  
Reason: Sabbatical Leave – Professional Development
- 5) Sophia Grigorakakis – Elementary Teacher  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: May 12, 2026 through June 16, 2026  
Reason: FMLA
- 6) Susan Salerno – Special Education Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: January 12, 2026  
Reason: Intermittent FMLA

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified leave(s) of absence, item(s) 1 through 5:

- 1) Jeannette Weyhmiller – Special Education Assistant  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: December 3, 2025 through TBD

- Reason: FMLA
- 2) Viola Zisis – Food Service Worker II  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: December 1, 2025 through TBD  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave
  - 3) Christina Pickering – School Assistant  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: January 23, 2026 through February 6, 2026  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave
  - 4) Michael Zolochik – Van Driver II  
Transportation Department  
Effective: January 29, 2026 through March 15, 2026  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave
  - 5) Joan DeSantis – Transportation Aide  
Transportation Department  
Effective: February 23, 2026 through April 6, 2026  
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

#### 14.07 Return from Leave(s) of Absence

##### ACT 93

Motion to approve the following ACT 93 return from leave(s), item(s) 1:

- 1) Donna Sperone – Part Time Security  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: January 20, 2026  
Reason: Return from Uncompensated Leave

##### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s), item(s) 1:

- 1) Camille Windsor – Psychologist  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: January 5, 2026  
Reason: Return from FMLA

##### CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s), item(s) 1 through 2:

- 1) Suzanne Carini – Special Education Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: December 8, 2025  
Reason: Return from FMLA
- 2) James Poiesz – Special Education Assistant

Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: December 15, 2025  
Reason: Return from FMLA

#### 14.08 Transfer(s)

##### CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the recommended classified transfer(s), effective for the 2025 – 2026 School Year, item(s) 1 through 2:

|    | Name         | From                      | Assignment             | To                     | Assignment                |
|----|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) | Jaesung Byun | Transportation Department | Bus Driver             | Van Driver II          | Transportation Department |
| 2) | Adam Decker  | Transportation Department | Transportation Aide    | Bus Driver in Training | Transportation Department |
| 3) | Mary Wellock | Transportation Department | Bus Driver in Training | Van Driver II          | Transportation Department |

#### 14.09 Supplementary Contracts

##### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement, as presented.

#### 14.10 Tuition Reimbursement

##### PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursement, in accordance with Act 93, MNEA, MNAA and MNESPA negotiated agreements, as presented.

#### 14.11 Policy Update

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 301, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 304, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 305, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 306, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 307, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 308, as presented. District

Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 309, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 311, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 313, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 314, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 314,.1 as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 318 as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of updated School Board Policy 319 as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. McKenzie

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Altobelli

Mr. Reynolds

**14. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

There was none

**15. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There was none

**16. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

**17.**

There was none

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted

---

Mr. Dominick DuVernois  
Board Secretary