

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 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. Pacel, Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Altobelli, Mr. Raymond

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Kevin Fagan, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Dominic
DuVernois, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Kerri McGinley

Press: 0

Audience: 0

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. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance and expressed the Boards gratitude to our Veterans

3. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

Mrs. Harvey turned the meeting over to Mr. DuVernois to explain the following motions.

3.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

3.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. DuVernois explained that these are our normal bills, full list at the end of the month. Any questions please let him know.

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$973,539.14, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$63,102.99.

3.03 Financial Reports

Mr. DuVernois explained that this is a normal financial report. The year 2024-2025 has been closed out.

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for September 2025, Treasurer's Report for September 2025, Investment Schedule for September 2025, and Budget Transfers.

3.05 Request for Refund of Discount

MOTION: To request a refund of the discount on Folio 25-00-04902-61 in the amount of \$1,122,67, as presented

3.06 Budgetary Reserve Transfers

Mr. DuVernois explained that some of these transfers are for unexpected repairs.

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$30,000.00 for repairs and maintenance to Transportation vehicles.

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$7,600.00 for the Transportation audit, agreement was Board approved on October 28, 2025.

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$11,503.44 for the purchase of a replacement wrestling mat, purchase was Board approved on May 27, 2025.

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$22,995.00 for the purchase of pole vault pads, purchase was required by PIAA standards.

Mr. DuVernois explained that this was recommended by local public safety.

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$9,855.00 for the purchase of district wide safety signage and directional interior signage at the High School.

3.07 Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

Mr. DuVernois explained that the Board has approved of this action in the past.

MOTION: To adopt the resolution, pursuant to Section 311 of Act 1, limiting the increase in the rate of tax for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to no more than the index of 3.5%, as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the School District.

3.08 Audit Report

Mr. DuVernois explained that we have a draft of the Audit report, it was a clean audit.

MOTION: To approve the June 30, 2025, Audit Report, as presented.

3.09 Request to Establish a Scholarship Account

MOTION: To approve the creation of the Molly Golbon STEM Memorial Scholarship, as presented.

3.10 Other Business ~ there was none

3.11 Public Comment ~ there was none

3.12 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

4.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

Mr. Dezzi turned the meeting over to Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher wanted to thank the transportation department and the administration for all their support in the renovation of the bus garage. It is 90-95% complete

4.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

Mr. Gallagher asked that the following motions be approved.

4.03 Change Order Credits, Boiler Room, Russell Elementary School

MOTION: To approve Five Star Inc., Change Order No. PC-01, Deduct for Plumbing Contractor's Quantity allowance remaining balance of \$3,938.35. Change Order PC- 01 Total: \$3,938.35 Credit.

MOTION: To approve L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc., Change Order No. GC - 01, Credit for painting of the boiler room floor in accordance with L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. proposal in the amount of \$6,825.00, and Deduct for General Contractor's Quantity Allowance remaining balance of \$569.22. Change Order GC -01 Total: \$7,394.22 Credit.

4.04 Change Order, Library, Paxon Hollow Middle School

MOTION: To approve Corbett Inc., for additional furniture purchased for the Paxon Hollow Middle School library renovation, under Costars contract #035-018 in the amount of \$2,713.77, funded through capital reserve.

4.05 HVAC Roof Top Replacement, Boiler Installation, Paxon Hollow Middle School

MOTION: To approve Bonnett Medica Associates Inc., with the architectural design of the HVAC roof top replacement, and boiler installation project at Paxon Hollow Middle School, funded through capital reserve, as presented.

4.06 Information Item: Worrall Elementary School Presentation, Bonnett Medica Associates Inc.

Mr. Medica gave a brief presentation on the renovation at Worrall:
New roof installation ~ 20 year Warranty

- Accessibility upgrades toilet room
- Kitchen alterations
- Expansion of Main office
- Health Suite Renovations
- Classroom Renovations
- Building fire suppression system room
- Corridor finish and lighting upgrades
- Life safety & Emergency power system
- Proposed additions ~ Classroom and Kitchen
- Cafeteria expansion
- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning renovations
- Upgrades on the electrical system
- Upgrades of the security system, clock and PA system
- Relocation of Kindergarten playground
- Overlay of existing parking lots

4.07 Renovation Project, Worrall Elementary School

MOTION: To approve Bonnett Medica Associates Inc., with the architectural and engineering design at Worrall Elementary School, funded through capital projects, as presented.

4.08 Facilities Use

MOTION: To approve Independent Youth Football League with the High School Stadium Field Rental on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9:00am-7:00pm.

Mr. Gallagher explained that this event is before the full Board meeting asked if it would be okay to give permission now.

4.09 Policy

MOTION: To approve the first reading of School Board Policy 810, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

4.10 Other Business ~ there was none

4.11 Public Comment ~ there was none

4.12 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

Mrs. Altobelli turned the meeting over to Dr. Fagan

5.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ there was none

Dr. Fagan asked that the following motions be approved.

5.03 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve Catherine Latocha to attend the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania 2025 Fall Conference on November 10-11, 2025. The total cost to the District is \$285, as presented.

5.04 Student Clubs, Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve Youth and Government Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve MNHS Volleyball Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

5.05 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve Mike Snow, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor club to Skirmish on December 13, 2025. The total cost of transportation is \$25 per student to be paid by the student. The total cost of the activity is approximately \$95 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Mike Snow, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor club to Killington Mountain Resort from January 30 to February 1, 2026. The total cost is \$650 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 York Expo Center on November 23, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$767.73 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$554 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$1,321.73, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Kim Reynolds, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Cheerleading team to Santander Arena on December 7, 2025. The cost of transportation is \$638.93 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$554 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$1,192.93, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Daniel Peters, teacher, to accompany Marple Newtown Elementary select choir, select band, and select strings, to Dorney Park on May 15, 2026. The cost of transportation is approximately \$50 per student to be paid by the student. The cost of the activity is \$110 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Tracy Jacobson, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Renaissance to Morey's Pier, NJ on June 5, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$45 per student to be paid by the student. The activity cost is \$88 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

5.06 Marple Newtown High School Commencement

MOTION: To approve the 2026 Marple Newtown High School Commencement contract with Villanova University in the estimated amount of \$35,250, as presented.

5.07 Other Business ~ there was none

5.08 Public Comment ~ there was none

5.09 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM