

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2025
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: 0

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the prior meeting

3. PRESENT:

Mrs. Altobelli, Mr. Bilker, Ms. Byrne, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

Absent: Mrs. Pacell
Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Pacell
Mr. Reynolds

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none.

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was none

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was none

9. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

There was none

10. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to reappoint Mark A. Sereni, Esquire as Solicitor in accordance with the following fee structure:

attorney time:	\$225/hr. (increased from 2025 rate of \$215/hr.)
legal assistant time:	\$110/hr. (increased from 2025 rate of \$105/hr.)
retainer:	\$4,000.00/yr. (no increase from 2020-2025)

Motion made by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Pacell
Mr. Reynolds

11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

Mrs. Harvey asked that motions under 11.02 through 11.03 be approved.

11.02 Bills for Payment

Motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$808,192.48.

Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to release checks for payment during the months of December and January, as needed.

11.03 Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

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.

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

With no further business motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Pacell
Mr. Reynolds

12 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

There were no motions for this meeting

13 CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

13.02 Disposal, Culbertson Elementary

Mrs. Altobelli asked for a motion to approve the disposal of library books at Culbertson Elementary School, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Pacell
Mr. Reynolds

14 HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

Mr. Siano asked the motions under 14.02 through 14.03 be approved.

14.02 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1.) Kaitlin King – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: Upon release from current district
Salary: \$74,200.00, MA Step 8
Reason: Replacing Madelyn Gilligan

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s) upon successful completion of required paperwork, item(s) 1 through 2:

- 1) Connie Kreydt – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: December 2, 2025
Salary: \$20.09/hr.
Reason: Replacing Walter Ritter
- 2) Elizabeth Babeuf – Substitute Nurse

District Wide
Effective: December 2, 2025
Salary: \$32.00/hr.
Reason: Substitute

14.03 Return from Leave(s) of Absence

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Elise Miranda-Martin – Spanish Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: December 8, 2025
Reason: Return from FMLA

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Altobelli

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Pacell
Mr. Reynolds

15 BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bilker thanked the Board for their support and is looking forward to working with them.
Happy Holiday to all.

16 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

17 COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McKenzie thanked Mr. Bilker ~ being President is a lot of work

18 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM

Respectfully submitted

Dominick DuVernois
Board Secretary