

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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. Bilker, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Altobelli, Mrs. Byrne

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

Press: 0

Audience: 1

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:31 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

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

3.02 Additions to the Agenda

3.03 Bills for Payment

Mrs. Harvey turned the meeting over to Mr. DuVernois

Mr. DuVernois explained that the motions are our normal and additional will be at the end
of the month.

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of
\$4,899,036.51, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$163,518.04.

3.04 Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for March 2026 and Budget Transfers.

3.05 Budgetary Reserve Transfer

MOTION: To approve a transfer from Budgetary Reserve in the amount of \$25,000 for remediation at Marple Newtown High School related to the fire suppression system leak.

3.06 Donation, Districtwide

Mr. DuVernois explained that this donation will be used as we feel fit, for the Giant donation they have donated before and will again.

MOTION: To accept a donation from the Giant Company in the amount of \$17,828.63 from previous Giant programs.

3.07 Donation, Loomis Elementary

MOTION: To accept a donation from Adopt A Classroom in the amount of \$7,500 for classroom supplies and materials.

3.08 Activity Fee

Mr. DuVernois explained that the Activity fee will increase by \$25.00 and the One2One program will decrease by \$25.00

MOTION: To approve an activity fee form in the amount of \$100 per student, with a maximum of \$200 per family effective July 1, 2026.

3.09 One2One Program

MOTION: To approve reducing the annual One2One enrollment from \$50 to \$25 per student.

3.10 Expense Report Form

MOTION: To approve the expense report form as presented.

3.11 Bus Lease 2026-2027 school year

MOTION: To approve a one-year renewal of a bus lease agreement with Santander Bank and to approve the related agreement with Wolfington Body Company, under the same terms and conditions set forth in the original lease agreement approved on. This one-year lease provides four (4) buses at an annual lease cost of \$83,992.

3.12 2026 Bonds

MOTION: To authorize issuance of Bonds subject to parameters; authorization to send Notice of Conditional Optional Redemption of 2016 bonds; and accepting the Bonds Purchase Contract.

3.13 Proposed Budget

MOTION: To adopt the 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget, as presented on PDE 2028, in the amount of \$_____, and to give notice that it is available for public inspection. The 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget may change prior to the adoption of the Final Budget.

Mr. DuVernois gave the following presentation:

Act 1 Index for 2026-2027 is 3.5% ~ we have passed a resolution not to exceed the Index

District timeline ~ April 28th Proposed Final Budget Adoption

April 29th ~ Budget made available to public for inspection and notice to adopt.

June 23rd ~ Final budget and resolution adoptions

The latest date for proposed final budget adoption is May 31, 2026 and June 30, 2026, for final budget.

Went over Revenue, Local, State, and Federal

Went over Expenditure summary, increases/decreases.

Went over Benefits including the medical

Advised of Fund Balance for 2026-2027

3.14 Other Business ~ There was none.

3.15 Public Comment ~ There was none.

3.16 Adjournment

4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

4.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

4.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ There was none

4.03 Transportation

Dr. DiBartolomeo asked that the following motion be taken to the full Board for approval.

MOTION: To approve the agreement between MNSD and First Student Inc., to service MNSD students who have been temporarily displaced from their home and reside in townships or counties across the region. The terms of this agreement will be effective April 29, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as presented. This agreement has been reviewed by the District's solicitor's office.

4.04 Other Business ~ There was none.

4.05 Public Comment ~ There was none.

4.06 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

5.02 Additions to the Agenda ~ There was none.

Dr. Fagan asked that the following motions be taken to the full Board for approval.

5.03 Student Trips

MOTION: To approve, Nicole McCarthy, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Mini-THON club to Hershey, PA on September 16, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$579.94, to be paid by the club account. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Alexandra Labutis, Jennifer Philipps, and Alexa Logothetis, teachers, to accompany Worrall Elementary 2nd grade students to Wilmington, DE on April 22, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$438.45 to be paid by the PTO. The cost of the activity is \$810 to be paid by the PTO. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

5.04 Summer ELL Program

MOTION: To approve the Marple Newtown School District ELL Summer Learning Program, as presented.

5.05 Book Title Adoption

MOTION: To approve new book titles to Loomis Elementary School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve new book titles to Worrall Elementary School, as presented.

5.06 Kindergarten Report Card Presentation

MOTION: Presentation of the proposed Kindergarten Report Card beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, presented by Dr. Kevin Fagan, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Fagan gave the following presentation:

Motivations for updating the report card.
Explained who was involved with the change.
Explained the areas of Assessment, Academics and Characteristics of a learner.
Showed and explained the report card.
Explained the benefits.
Showed the report of feedback from the parents.

5.07 Contract

MOTION: To approve contracted services with H6 Trivia, LLC. for the 2026 teacher induction in the amount of \$1,850.

5.08 Other Business ~ There was none.

5.09 Public Comment ~ There was none.

5.10 Adjournment ~With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:01PM