

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 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 0

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. PRESENT

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

7 members present

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
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

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

The Marple Newtown High School Class of 2026 commencement was held on June 11 at Villanova University. Across the District, our kindergartners, fifth graders, and eighth graders also marked important milestones as they moved on to the next grade. Congratulations to all of our graduates.

We wish all of our families and staff a wonderful summer vacation.

9. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Altobelli asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

10. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Bilker asked that the following motions be approved.

Motion to approve the Agreement to provide Specialized Educational Services with UHS of Doylestown. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 882927 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 883440 for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 883954 for the 2026-2029 school years. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 882390 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 885358 for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 885382. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the base tuition agreement with CADES for student 885067 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the base tuition agreement with CADES for student 887090 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the base tuition agreement with CADES for student 882415 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the base tuition agreement with CADES for student 887228 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Intensive Support Agreement with CADES for student 882415 for the 2026 2027 school years. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the One-to-One staffing agreement with CADES for student 882415 for the 2026 2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Intensive Support Agreement with CADES for student 883178 for the 2026 2027 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the One-to-One staffing agreement with CADES for student 883178 for the 2026 2027 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the Diagnostic Placement Agreement with CADES for student 883178 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion to approve the base tuition agreement with CADES for student 885067 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

Motion to approve the proposed Disposition by Consent for the residency matter involving student 886435.

ROLL CALL VOTE

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>READ</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Mrs. Altobelli	Yes	Yes
Mr. Bilker	Yes	Yes
Ms. Byrne	Yes	Yes
Mr. Dezzi	Yes	Yes
Mr. McKenzie	Yes	Yes
Mrs. Pacell	Yes	Yes
Mr. Siano	Yes	Yes

Motion to approve the proposed Contract of Investigation and Representation for Marple Newtown School District, subject to review and approval of final language by the Solicitor.

10.01 Policy

Motion to approve the First Reading of School Board Policy, 113 - NEW, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the First Reading of School Board Policy, 113.1 - NEW, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

Motion to approve the First Reading of School Board Policy, 146, as presented. District Solicitor has reviewed.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion for 11.02 and 11.03 to be approved.

11.02 Bills for Payment

Motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,166,708.60, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$230,545.42 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$180,353.90.

Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to release checks for payment for the remainder of June and the month of July.

11.03 Monthly Reports

Motion to approve the monthly financial reports for May 2026, Treasurer's Report for May 2026, Investment Schedule for May 2026 and Budget Transfers.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

11.04 2026-2027 Final Budget Adoption

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve 11.04.

Motion to adopt the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget for the Marple Newtown School District in the amount of \$119,235,000.

Motion to adopt the 2026 Annual Tax Levy Resolution, as presented.

Motion to adopt the 2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution, as presented.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Mrs. Altobelli	Yes
Mr. Bilker	Yes
Ms. Byrne	Yes
Mr. Dezzi	Yes
Mr. McKenzie	Yes
Mrs. Pacell	Yes
Mr. Siano	Yes

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion for 11.05 through 11.11 be approved.

11.05 Fund Balance

Motion to commit and/or assign a portion of the audited general fund balance as of June 30, 2026, towards assessment reductions, future capital purchases and improvements, capital reserve funding, and approve any necessary transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund in 2026-2027.

11.06 Designation of Depositories

Motion to approve the following Financial Institutions for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as required by School Code:

TD Bank
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
Pennsylvania State District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)

11.07 Closure of Scholarship Accounts

Motion to Authorize the Administration to close student scholarship fund accounts at Marple Newtown High School for student scholarships that are inactive, and to deposit the remaining funds into active scholarship accounts, as presented.

11.08 Football Uniforms

Motion to approve the purchase of High School Football Uniforms in the amount of \$43,095.00 from Sportsman's as provided for in the 2026-2027 Budget. Price is in accordance with Co-Stars Contract No. 037-E23-051.

11.09 Donation, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to accept a donation from Homecoming 250 Navy Marine Corp. for student STEM supplies.

11.10 Donation, Russell Elementary School

Motion to accept a donation from the Russell Elementary PTO for a poster printer.

11.10 2026-2027 School Lunch Prices

Motion to approve 2026-2027 school lunch prices as follows:

Elementary Schools from \$3.10 to \$3.20 (increase of 10 cents)
Paxon Hollow Middle School from \$3.35 to \$3.45 (increase of 10 cents)
Marple Newtown High School from \$3.60 to \$3.70 (increase of 10 cents)

11.11 Transfer to Food Service

Motion to approve a transfer of \$2,636.00 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund for negative student lunch balances. This amount is subject to change until the end of the school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

Mr. Dezzi asked for a motion for 12.02 and 12.03 to be approved.

12.02 Change Order, Boiler Room Renovation, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Motion to approve Tri-County Mechanical, Inc., Change Order MC-01, owner requested change to replace hot water and chilled water system controllers with new CM3 controllers, disconnect control wiring, install new controllers, reconnect control wiring and provide new programming and updated graphics in accordance with Tri- County Mechanical Inc. Proposal dated 4/29/2026 in the amount of \$44,744.70. Change Order MC-01 Total \$44,744.70.

12.03 Change Order, Hot Water System Replacement, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to approve Innovative Service Contractors, to perform Alternate #1, to provide and install a water softener to serve the building and kitchen domestic hot water equipment, under Costars contract #008-E25-1541 in the amount of \$19,500, funded through capital reserve, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

13. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

Mrs. Altobelli asked for a motion for 13.02 through 13.09 be approved.

13.02 School Safety

Motion to approve the annual School Safety Report, as presented.

13.03 Disposals

Motion to approve the disposal of books from Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

Motion to approve the disposal of equipment from Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

Motion to approve the disposal of Developmental Reading Assessment kits in all four elementary school buildings.

Motion to approve the disposal of books from Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

Motion to approve the disposal of outdated science materials from Paxon Hollow Middle School.

13.04 Visiting Author, Marple Newtown Elementary Schools

Motion to approve Michael Patrick O'Neill, author, to visit Marple Newtown Elementary Schools from November 2-6, 2026. The cost is \$8,000. \$500 is to be paid using Title Funds and \$7,500 is to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$7,500, as presented.

13.05 Affiliation Agreement

Motion to approve the affiliation agreement with Arcadia University for student teaching, as presented.

13.06 Course Adjustment, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to adjust the Marple Newtown High School direct instruction Algebra course from one year to a semester in length and from 2.0 credits to 1.0 credit.

13.07 Improvement Plan, Marple Newtown High School

Motion to approve the Targeted Support and Improvement plan for Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

13.08 Curriculum Purchase, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Motion to approve the purchase and implementation of the Math180 math intervention program for Paxon Hollow Middle School. The total cost is \$13,299.31 with \$11,301.09 to be paid by the District and \$1,998.22 to be paid using Title Funds, as presented.

13.09 Book Title Adoption

Motion to approve the purchase of new books for Culbertson Elementary School, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

14. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

Mr. Siano asked for a motion for 14.02 through 14.12 be approved.

14.02 Resignations

ADMINISTRATION

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

- 1) Brett Thomas – Principal
Russell Elementary School
Effective: August 28, 2026

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Claire Kennedy – Mathematics Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 16, 2026

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Michael Mulloy – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: June 12, 2026
- 2) Margaret Nilan – Food Service Worker II
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: May 29, 2026

- 3) Tashiya Harris – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: June 12, 2026
- 4) Glenn Staley – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Effective: May 29, 2026
- 5) Barbara Hearne – School Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 12, 2026
- 6) Andrew Wilson – School Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 12, 2026
- 7) Nikeyah Stafford – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 12, 2026

14.03 Retirements

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Dawn Rockenbach – Principal Secretary
Russell Elementary School
Effective: September 2, 2026

14.04 Termination(s)

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional termination(s), item(s) 1 through 5:

- 1) Scott Novak – LTS Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 16, 2026
Reason: End of Substitute assignment
- 2) Nicole Paul – LTS Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 16, 2026
Reason: End of substitute assignment for Ashley Smart
- 3) Isabella Dahms – LTS English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 16, 2026
Reason: End of substitute assignment for Sierra Coakley

- 4) Samantha Beale – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 16, 2026
Reason: End of substitute assignment for Briana Graziola
- 5) Eve Franscisco – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 16, 2026
Reason: End of substitute assignment for Beth Lake

14.05 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Isabella Dahms – English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$57,250.00, BA Step 2
Effective: August 18, 2026
Reason: Replacing Sierra Coakley
- 2) Concetta Gilligan – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$57,750.00, BA Step 3
Effective: August 18, 2026
Reason: Replacing Briana Graziola

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s) upon successful completion of required paperwork, item(s) 1 through 5:

- 1) Albert Kiefer – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Salary: \$20.09/hr.
Effective: June 9, 2026
Replacing: Delourdes Etienne
- 2) Owen Raymond – Summer Custodian
District Wide
Salary: \$21.38/hr.
Effective: June 17, 2026
Replacing: Summer Help
- 3) Donald Vogelgesang – Summer Custodian
District Wide
Salary: \$21.38/hr.
Effective: June 9, 2026
Replacing: Summer Help

- 4) Marco D'Alicandro – Summer Custodian
District Wide
Salary: \$21.38/hr.
Effective: June 17, 2026
Replacing: Summer Help
- 5) Robert Ruppert – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Salary: \$20.09/hr.
Effective: June 17, 2026
Replacing: Robert Smith

14.06 Transfer(s)

Professional

Motion to approve the recommended professional transfer(s), effective for the 2026 – 2027 School Year, item(s) 1 through 2:

	Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
1)	Andrea Watkins	Worrall	Elementary Teacher	Culbertson	Elementary Teacher
2)	Marina Golato	Culbertson	Elementary Teacher	Culbertson	Gifted Support Teacher
3)	Taylor Patterson	Russell	Occupational Therapist	District	Occupational Therapist

14.07 Extended School Year (ESY)

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, as attached.

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the appointment of the following classified personnel for the 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, as attached.

14.08 Salary Adjustments

ACT 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Marple Newtown Act 93 Confidential Employee salary changes effective July 1, 2026, as presented.

ADMINISTRATION

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Marple Newtown Administrative Employee salary changes effective July 1, 2026, as presented.

14.09 Contract Renewal(s)

Motion to reapprove the annual agreement, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, between Marple Newtown School District and Frontline Technologies Group, LLC, for Professional Learning Management and Absence and Substitute Management in the amount of \$28,197.40, as attached.

Motion to reapprove the annual agreement, August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, between Marple Newtown School District and Scenario Learning, LLC, Vector Solutions, for Employee Safety and Compliance Library training resources in the amount of \$13,596.16, as attached.

Motion to reapprove the annual agreement, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, between Marple Newtown School District and PowerSchool Group, LLC, for licensing and subscription fees for Talent Ed Applicant Tracking Onboard in the amount of \$7,316.51, and Talent Ed Hire Essentials in the amount of \$6,590.41, as attached.

Motion to reapprove the annual agreement, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, between Marple Newtown School District and Substitute Teacher Service (STS), for substitute certified teacher services to fill absences on a temporary basis among the district's regular faculty, as attached. This agreement has been reviewed by the district's solicitor.

14.10 Tuition Reimbursement

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

14.11 Marple Newtown Non-Instructional Employees Association

Motion to approve the Marple Newtown Non-Instructional Employees Association (MNNIEA) agreement, effective, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, as presented.

14.12 Marple Newtown Educational Support Professional Association

Motion to approve the Marple Newtown Educational Support Professional Association (MNESPA) agreement, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mrs. Harvey
Mr. Reynolds

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was none.

16. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none.

17. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There was none.

18. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM

Respectfully submitted

Dominick DuVernois
Board Secretary