

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, August 11, 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: Mrs. Altobelli, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Byrne, Mr. Dezzi, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

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

Press: 0

Audience: 24

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

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

Mr. Bilker turned the meeting over to Mr. DuVernois

3.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none.

3.03 Bills for Payment

Mr. DuVernois explained that these bills are from June through August

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$15,155,159.58, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$313,729.63, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$1,592,289.76 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$204,394.79.

3.04 Financial Reports

Mr. DuVernois explained that ending the year of 2026 and working on Audit.

MOTION: To approve the Monthly Financial Reports for June 2026, Treasurer's Report for June 2026, Investment Schedule for June 2026, and Budget Transfers.

3.05 Grant Advisory Services

Mr. DuVernois explained that this will help with funding.

MOTION: To approve Grant Success Lab with consulting and grant advisory services, as presented.

3.06 2021 Tax Assessment Appeal

Mr. DuVernois explained that 3.06 and 3.07 were recommended by the Solicitor.

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 25-00-03921-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

For tax year 2021, an assessment of \$4,260,000 and a fair market value of \$4,260,000.

For tax year 2022, an assessment of \$4,365,000 and a fair market value of \$4,365,000.

For tax year 2023, an assessment of \$3,294,200 and a fair market value of \$4,525,000.

For tax year 2024, an assessment of \$3,158,400 and a fair market value of \$4,800,000.

For tax year 2025, an assessment of \$3,013,500 and a fair market value of \$4,900,000.

For tax year 2026, an assessment of \$2,809,170 and a fair market value of \$4,900,000.

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$2,055,110 above the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$22,538.39 to our District for tax year 2021.

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$2,160,110 above the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$24,374.47 to our District for tax year 2022.

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$1,089,310 above the 2023 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$12,645.69 to our District for tax year 2023.

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$953,510 above the 2024 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$11,497.52 to our District for tax year 2024.

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$808,610 above the 2025 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$10,086.68 to our District for tax year 2025.

This proposed resolution is an increase of \$604,280 above the 2026 assessment and yields a tax dollar gain of approximately \$7,801.62 to our District for tax year 2026.

The total tax dollar gain for tax years 2021 through 2026 amounts to \$88,944.37.

3.07 2024 Tax Assessment Appeal

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 25-00-05299-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

For tax year 2024, from January 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024 an assessment of \$1,645,000 and a fair market value of \$2,500,000.

For tax year 2024 from June 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, an assessment of \$3,482,910 and a fair market value of \$5,293,176.

For tax year 2025, an assessment of \$3,482,910 and a fair market value of \$5,663,268.

For tax year 2026, an assessment of \$3,482,910 and a fair market value of \$6,075,196.

This proposed increase in the property assessment should have already been billed after the interim assessment was issued from June 1, 2024 through present. Therefore, this proposed resolution does not result in any tax dollar gain or loss applicable to the School District.

3.07 Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. DuVernois advised that there is a letter requesting attached.

MOTION: Motion to request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-04684-00 in the amount of \$549.93.

3.08 Donation, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mr. DuVernois asked that the following motion be approved.

MOTION: To accept a donation from Derrick Smith for two 3D printers.

3.09 Other Business

There was none.

3.10 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

4.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none

4.03 Exhaust, High School

Mr. Gallagher explained that this was to remove the window.

MOTION: To approve Synergy Glass and Door Service, LLC., to furnish labor and material to install one aluminum panel in classroom B102 in the amount of \$1,550, funded through capital reserve, as presented.

4.04 Chiller, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mr. Gallagher explained that this was completed and under warranty

MOTION: To approve Johnson Controls Inc., for the complete motor and compressor rebuilding and repairs of the chiller, at Paxon Hollow Middle School, under Costars contract #008-145 in the amount of \$176,980, funded through capital reserve, as presented.

4.05 Change Order No.GC-01 Credit, Bus Garage and Parking Lot Renovations

Mr. Gallagher explained that this is a credit for the bus garage

MOTION: To approve S.B. Conrad, Inc., Change Order No. GC-01, credit for seven trees not planted at Marple Newtown High School lower fields, and credit for six stumps not removed behind the bus garage in accordance with S.B. Conrad, Inc.'s, proposal 23 dated 7/1/2026 in the amount of \$4,775, and Deduct for General Contractor's Quality Allowance Balance of \$103,138.05. Change Order No. GC-01 Total: \$107,913.05 Credit.

4.06 Change Order No.GC-01, Boiler Room Renovation, Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mr. Gallagher explained that this further work being done at Paxon Hollow.

MOTION: To approve FW. Houser, Inc., Change Order No. GC-01, owner request to remove

existing carpeting and rubber base and provide new carpet tile and base in the main office, principal's office and front guidance office. Cost is in accordance with F.W. Houder, Inc.'s proposal 1 dated 7/28/2026 in the amount of \$14,320.23. Change Order No. GC-01 Total: \$14,320.23.

- 4.07 Change Order Credits, Gymnasium HVAC Renovation/Replacement Project, Gauntlett Community Center

Mr. Gallagher explained that this is a credit to the Gauntlett Center.

MOTION: To approve L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc., Change Order No. GC-01, owner is requesting to eliminate RTU-2 Scope of Work. Provide proposal to eliminate general construction scope of work in office area associated with RTU-2, including demolition of existing ceilings, providing new ceilings, structural steel, roof deck modifications, roofing, and associated wood blocking in accordance with L.J. Paoella Construction Inc.'s proposal 1 dated 6/11/2026 in the amount of \$17,999.10. Change Order No. GC-01 Total: \$17,999.10 Credit.

MOTION: To approve Myco Mechanical, Inc., Change Order No. MC-01, owner request to eliminate RTU-2 Scope of Work and provide the Base Bid scope in the office area. Provide proposal to eliminate Alternate Bid Mechanical Construction scope of work in office area associated with RTU-2 and provide Base Bid mechanical scope of work associated with EVP-1 and relocated EVP. Cost is in accordance with Myco Mechanical, Inc.'s proposal dated 4/13/2026 in the amount of \$26,700. Change Order No. MC-01 Total: \$26,700 Credit.

- 4.07 Transportation Schedules

Dr. DiBartolomeo asked that the following motion be approved.

MOTION: To approve the recommended transportation schedules for the 2026-2027 school year, for the public/private/parochial school students and authorization for the Transportation Department to make changes when appropriate.

- 4.08 Other Business

There was none

- 4.09 Public Comment

There was none

- 4.10 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 or Teacher Trips

MOTION: To approve Lauren Giovanisci, Supervisor of Teaching and Learning, to attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Denver, CO from October 28-30, 2026. The cost to the District is \$1,727.35, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Lauren Giovanisci, Supervisor of Teaching and Learning, and Anita Stum and Steven Smilk, Marple Newtown High School teachers, to attend the Next Gen Personal Finance conference in Wilmington, DE on July 28, 2026. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$200, as presented.

5.04 Student Trips, Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School boys and girls cross country team to Big Spring High School, Newville PA, on September 19, 2026. The cost of transportation is \$774.87 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$300 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is \$1,074.87, as presented.

5.05 Disposals

MOTION: To approve the disposal of outdated elementary social studies materials.

MOTION: To approve the disposal of science materials from Paxton Hollow Middle School. The total cost to the District is \$7,898.29 as presented.

5.06 Digital Resource

MOTION: To approve PandaDocs as a new digital resource. The total cost to the District is \$3,449.25, as presented.

5.07 Curriculum Purchase

MOTION: To approve Do the Math as a new elementary math intervention program. The total cost to the District is \$35,722.29, as presented.

5.08 Book Adoptions

MOTION: To approve new library titles to all four elementary schools, as presented.

5.09 School Safety Training

MOTION: To approve a school safety training for the Marple Newtown School District faculty on August 20, 2026. Training will be provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at no cost to the District.

5.10 Other Business

There was none.

5.11 Public Comment

There was none

5.12 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM.