

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 8, 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, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Pacell, Mr. Siano

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. Dezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

Mrs. Harvey 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 this is the normal monthly billing and will have a complete report for the Regular Board meeting.

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,168,811.84, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$131,748.86 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$54,873.03.

3.04 Financial Reports

Mr. DuVernois recommended to vote to approve at the end of the month.

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for July 2026 and August 2026, and Budget Transfers.

3.05 2027-2028 Budget Process

Mr. DuVernois explained that the Index is 3.6%, a little higher this year. Will know the final number by September 30th. We can approve a resolution again this year.

MOTION: Act 1 Index
Budget Process/Timeline

3.06 Bus Leasing Agreement

Mr. DuVernois explained that the bus company needs as much time as possible, it could take up to a year. Final figure depends on the interest rate.

MOTION: To authorize the Business Administrator to move forward with approving and entering into on behalf of the District four-year and five-year bus financing agreement(s) with KS State Bank, and any related agreements with Roher Bus Sales, for 29 C2 buses and 29 Minotour buses at estimated annual costs of \$584,887.02 and \$468,309.77, respectively, depending upon applicable interest rates. This authorization is subject to review and approval of the final language of these agreements by the Solicitor.

3.07 Donation, Russell Elementary School

Mr. DuVernois asked that the motion be approved at the end of the month

MOTION: To accept a donation from the Russell Elementary PTO for decorations, teachers' desk, cubbies, and standing desk.

Mr. DuVernois explained that the following motions are standard IDEA funds.

3.08 Delaware County Intermediate Unit 2026-2027 IDEA Section 611

MOTION: To approve the pass-through agreement for the 2026-2027 Special Education IDEA-B Section 611 funds in the amount of \$814,157.37.

3.09 Delaware County Intermediate Unit 2026-2027 IDEA Section 619

MOTION: To approve the pass-through agreement for the 2026-2027 Special Education IDEA-B Section 619 funds in the amount of \$3,801.

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

There were no motions for this meeting.

4.02 Additions to the Agenda

There was none

4.02 Other Business

There was none

4.03 Public Comment

There was none

4.05 Adjournment

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

5.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

Dr. Fagan as to take the following motion to the full Board for approval.

5.02 PSAT

MOTION: To approve the PSAT schedule for Marple Newtown High School to include grades 9-11 as test takers and grade 12 to participate in a senior project day on October 14, 2026.

5.03 Disposals

MOTION: To approve the disposal of social studies books from Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented

MOTION: To approve the disposal of outdated books from Marple Newtown High School, as presented

MOTION: To approve the disposal of outdated equipment from Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

5.04 Book Adoption

MOTION: To approve a new book title for Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

5.05 Informational Item

MOTION: Presentation of the Marple Newtown School District calendar survey results and recommended draft calendar for 2027-2028 school year, by Dr. Kevin Fagan.

Dr. Fagan gave the following presentation:

- The district surveyed families and teachers for feedback on the district calendar and gave the results to the survey
- Explained that the calendar is important to families and teachers and the survey asked if starting on the first of September each year regardless of Labor Day and the option was very appealing.
- He shared the results of the other questions in the survey, as well as the take aways from the survey results.
- He explained the two calendar proposals
- He also explained what asynchronous learning days.
- He explained what the recommendation of the school administration

MOTION: Presentation of the 2025-2026 Marple Newtown School District Achievements and Goals report, by Dr. Kevin Fagan.

Dr. Fagan gave the following report:

- Dr. Fagan explained the achievements of elementary, middle school and high school
- He explained the four goals for the 2025-2028 comprehensive plan, and what progress has been made and the goals for this year.

5.06 Other Business

There was none

5.07 Public Comment

There was none

5.08 Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM