MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
6:30pm
Regular Meeting
Administration Building – Board Room

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

____ Altobelli ____ Bilker ____ Byrne ____ Dezzi ____ Harvey
____ McKenzie ____ Pacell ____ Reynolds ____ Siano

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

7. COMMENDATIONS

Marple Newtown High School National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026 Regular Meeting.

10. OTHER REPORTS

MOTION: To approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 886558 for the 2026-227 school year. This is a new agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 882399 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is not a new agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release for student 885186 for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. This is a new agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Agreement with High Focus Treatment Centers for the 2026-2027 school year. This is a new agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Student Referral Rider with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. for student 888090. This is a new agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Addendum to the Agreement with Katie Trinkle. This is a new agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Educational Institution Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services. This is a new agreement.

11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report – Barbara Harvey, Chairperson

11.02 Bills for Payment

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of $7,529,454.47, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of $233,508.72, Capital Fund bills in the amount of $1,809,155.54, and Food Service bills in the amount of $131,856.21.

11.03 Monthly Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for September 2026, Treasurer's Report for September 2026, Investment Schedule for September 2026, and Budget Transfers.

11.04 2026 Tax Assessment Appeal

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02840-13 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

For tax year 2026, an assessment of $25,798,500 and a fair market value of $45,000,000.

For tax year 2027, an assessment of $24,570,000 and a fair market value of $45,000,000.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of $4,919,370 below the 2026 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately $63,512 to our District for tax year 2026.

11.05 2026 Tax Assessment Appeal (interim and yearly)

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02840-19 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

For the interim period of 08.01.2025 to 12.31.2025, an assessment of $615,000 and fair market value of $1,000,000.

For the tax year 2026, an assessment of $573,300 and a fair market value of $1,000,000.

For tax year 2027, an assessment of $573,300 and a fair market value of $1,050,000.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of $306,190 below the interim assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately $3,819.44 to our District for the interim period.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of $347,890 below the tax year 2026 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately $4,491.47 to our District for tax year 2026.

11.06 2026 Tax Assessment Appeal

MOTION: To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio 30-00-02840-76 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

For tax year 2026, an assessment of $94,795,160 and a fair market value of $165,350,009.

For tax year 2027, an assessment of $88,561,200 and a fair market value of $162,200,000.

This proposed resolution is a decrease of $7,587,640 below the 2026 assessment and yields a tax dollar decrease of approximately $97,956 to our District for tax year 2026.

11.07 Delaware County Industrial Authority Agreement

MOTION: To authorize the Business Administrator to move forward with approving and entering into on behalf of the District, the Fee Acknowledgement Schedule and Policy with Delaware County Industrial Development Authority, for the PA Redevelopment Assistance to Capital Program (RACP) grant. This authorization is

subject to review and approval of the final language of these agreements by the Solicitor.

11.08 Band Uniforms

MOTION: To approve the purchase of High School Band Uniforms in the amount of $56,070.90 from Stanbury Uniforms, LLC and $10,260.00 from Final Touch Company LLC . Prices are in accordance with Co-Stars Contract No. 037-E22-034 and Co-Stars Contract No. 037-E25-063.

11.09 Donation - District-Wide

MOTION: To accept a donation in the amount of $8,385.78 from the Tiger Foundation. The donation is District-wide for Art, Band, Choir, and Orchestra.

11.10 PlanCon Part K

MOTION: To approve the submission of PlanCon Part K for the refinancing of the 2016 Bonds by the 2026B Bonds.

12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – David Dezzi, Chairperson

12.02 Chiller, Paxon Hollow Middle School

MOTION: To approve Johnson Controls, Inc; with the five-year extended warranty on the chiller, at Paxon Hollow Middle School, under Costars contract #008-145, in the amount of $33,500, to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

12.03 Facility Study, District-Wide

MOTION: To approve Bonnett Medica Associates Inc.; with the District-wide facility study in the amount of $25,500, to be paid from capital reserve, as presented.

12.04 Gymnasium, Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve Upper Merion All Star Cheerleading to hold a showcase on November 14, 2026, at Marple Newtown high School from 8am.-2pm., under policy 707 class IV, $300 hourly rate.

12.05 Lower Turf Field Baseball Netting, Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve EC Fence & Iron Works with the installation of vertical netting, pole extensions over home plate at the Marple Newtown High School baseball lower turf field, in the amount of $44,952, from capital reserve, as presented.

12.06 Transportation

MOTION: To approve the agreement between MNSD and Superior Bus Service, Inc. The terms of this agreement will be effective October 27, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as presented. This agreement has been reviewed by the District's solicitor's office.

MOTION: To authorize the Business Administrator to move forward with approving and entering into on behalf of the District the agreement with Synovia Solutions, LLC for the lease and installation of 96 new GPS devices. The agreement will remain in effect for 36 months from the date of installation, with an anticipated costs of $33,256.00. This authorization is subject to review and approval of the final language of the agreement by the Solicitor.

13. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Dana Altobelli, Chairperson

13.02 Administrative Trips

MOTION: To approve Dr. Tina Kane to attend the PASA Board of Governors Meeting in Harrisburg, PA on November 12-13, 2026. The total cost to the district not-to-exceed $150.

MOTION: To approve Michelle O'Kane, Librarian, to attend Stories, Spaces, and Connections conference at the Chester County Intermediate Unit on November 3, 2026. The total cost to the District is $114.65, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Marple Newtown High School Business and Technical Education teachers to attend a conference at Delaware County Intermediate Unit on November 3, 2026. The total cost to the District is $373, as presented.

13.03 Student Trips, Marple Newtown High School

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough and Andrew Butler, coaches, to accompany Marple Newtown High School boys and girls Cross Country team to Carlisle, PA from November 6-7, 2026. The cost of transportation is $1,246.30 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is $2,245.81 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is $3,492.11, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Doug Killough, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Model UN club to Hershey, PA from January 8-10, 2027. The cost of transportation is $1,733 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is $470 to be paid by the student. The total cost to the District is $1,733, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Tracy Jacobson, advisor, to accompany Marple Newtown High School Renaissance Club to Northern Lehigh High School on November 19, 2026. The cost of transportation is $506.14 to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Kimberly Reynolds, coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School cheerleading team to Orlando, Fl from January 27 to February 1, 2027. The cost of transportation is estimated $350 per student to be paid by the student. The cost of the activity is $1,500 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Kimberly Reynolds, coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School cheerleading team to Reading, Pa on December 6, 2026. The cost of transportation is $589.54 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is $1,007 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is $1,596.54, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Kimberly Reynolds, coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School cheerleading team to York, PA on November 15, 2026. The cost of transportation is $608.38 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is $969 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is $1,577.38, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Jason Hartley, coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School girls softball team to Orlando, Fl from March 17-21, 2027. The cost of transportation is an estimated $550 per student to be paid by the student. The cost of the activity is $1,600 per student to be paid by the student. There is no cost to the District, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Andrew Butler, coach, to accompany Marple Newtown High School girls indoor track team to Staten Island, NY on January 31, 2027. The cost of transportation is $852.34 to be paid by the District. The cost of the activity is $360 to be paid by the District. The total cost to the District is $1,212.34, as presented.

13.04 Professional Development

MOTION: To approve a 3-hour Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) training for school-based MTSS teams, provided by Branching Minds on October 30, 2026. The total cost to the District is $1,600, as presented.

13.05 Book Adoption, Marple Newtown High School

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

13.06 Clubs

MOTION: To approve Book Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Book Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve The Lunar New Year Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Bocce Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Math Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

MOTION: To approve Mathematics Honor Society Mu Alpha Theta Club at Marple Newtown High School, as presented.

13.07 Feasibility Study, Loomis Elementary School

MOTION: To approve a feasibility study on the prospect of establishing an Emotional Support Program at Loomis Elementary School for the fall of 2027.

14. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

14.02 Resignations

ACT 93

MOTION: To approve the following Act 93 resignation, item 1:

1) Elisa Reynolds – Confidential Secretary
Operations Department
Effective: October 16, 2026

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: To approve the following administrative resignations, items 1 through 2:

1) Jaime Smyth – Principal
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: Based upon hiring of replacement

2) Joseph Sheehan – Transportation Supervisor
Transportation Department
Effective: June 30, 2027

PROFESSIONAL

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 7:

1) Gregory Valentine – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: October 12, 2026

2) James Hazelton – Grounds Worker
Operations Department
Effective: September 16, 2026

3) Elena Argyros – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: October 23, 2026

4) Pamela Corner – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: October 23, 2026

5) Daniell Pearson – Pupil Services Clerk
Pupil Services Department
Effective: October 23, 2026

6) Marcel Douglas – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: November 1, 2026

7) Logan Zeiger – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 23, 2026

14.03 Retirements

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional retirement, item 1:

1) Holly Dunleavy – Business Technology Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 5, 2027

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified retirements, items 1 through 4:

1) William Hanly – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: October 2, 2026

2) Kathleen Country – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 6, 2027

3) Lilyan Devito – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: September 30, 2026

4) Mark Ammazzaorsi – Equipment Mechanic
Transportation Department
Effective: November 5, 2026

14.04 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional terminations, items 1 through 2:

1) Taylor Nelson – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: October 27, 2026
Reason: End of substitute assignment for Jessica Tomlinson

2) Eve Francisco – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: November 3, 2026
Reason: End of substitute assignment for Kellylynn Nicholson

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified terminations, items 1 through 2:

1) Kalief Manuel – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Effective: September 28, 2026
Reason: Failure to complete probationary period

2) Mitchelynn Dessus – Substitute Food Service Worker
District Wide
Effective: September 30, 2026
Reason: Failure to complete required paperwork

14.05 Appointments

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: To approve the following administrative appointment upon successful completion of required paperwork, item 1:

1) Rick Martin – Principal
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: Based upon release from current district
Salary: $155,000.00
Reason: Replacing Jaime Smyth

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional appointments upon successful completion of required paperwork, items 1 through 6:

1) John Sweeney – History Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: Based upon release from current district
Salary: $72,700.00, MA Step 7
Reason: Replacing Christina Rainville

2) Jake Methlie – LTS History Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: October 21, 2026 through January 5, 2027
Salary: $56,750.00, BA Step 1
Reason: Substitute for Christina Rainville

3) Jennifer Davis – Substitute Nurse
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $33.00/hr.
Reason: Substitute

4) Marie Swafford – Substitute Nurse
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $33.00/hr.
Reason: Substitute

5) Sophia Newmeyer – Substitute Nurse
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $33.00/hr.
Reason: Substitute

6) Scott Novak – LTS Math Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: October 19, 2026 through December 23, 2026
Salary: $56,750.00, BA Step 1
Reason Substitute for Rachel Stunzi

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified appointments upon successful completion of required paperwork, items 1 through 13:

1) Diane Rowley – Title Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: Upon completion of required paperwork
Salary: $20.01/hr.
Reason: Replacing Francesca Williams

2) Teeara Sheaff – Substitute Custodian
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $22.45/hr.
Reason: Substitute

3) Said Zraiate – Substitute Custodian
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $22.45/hr.
Reason: Substitute

4) Joselina Perez – School Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: September 28, 2026
Salary: $15,036.00
Reason: Replacing Kathleen Lisacchi

5) Amber Johnson – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: Based upon completion of required paperwork
Salary: $32.06/hr.
Reason: Replacing Glenn Staley

6) Jennifer DiMaio – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: November 2, 2026
Salary: $22,216.00
Reason: Replacing Maureen Deegan

7) Nasrin Moni – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: October 12, 2026
Salary: $22,216.00
Reason: Replacing Michelle Brubaker

8) Lindsay Dillman – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: October 12, 2026
Salary: $22,216.00
Reason: Replacing Marcus Weathers

9) Benjamin Barnett – Special Education Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: Based upon completion of required paperwork
Salary: $22,216.00
Reason: Replacing Pamela Corner

10) Luis Ibarguen – Substitute Custodian
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $22.45/hr.
Reason: Substitute

11) Sean Knapp – Substitute Custodian
District Wide
Effective: October 28, 2026
Salary: $22.45/hr.
Reason: Substitute

12) Felicia Humphrey – School Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: Based upon completion of required paperwork
Salary: $15,036.00
Reason: Replacing Barbara Hearne

13) Anthony Mignogna – Bus Driver in Training
Transportation Department
Effective: Based upon completion of required paperwork
Salary: $20.69/hr.
Reason: Replacing Laura Scipio

14.06 Leaves of Absence

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional leaves of absence, items 1 through 3:

1) Kristen Fuller – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 9, 2026 through November 30, 2026
Reason: FMLA

2) Susan Salerno – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: September 25, 2026 through January 26, 2027
Reason: Sabbatical Leave

3) Sara Berl – Design Thinking Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: April 5, 2027 through June 15, 2027
Reason: Child Rearing Leave

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified leaves of absence, items 1 through 4:

1) Price Carter – Transportation Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: October 5, 2026 through TBD
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

2) LeeAnn Kelly – 12 Month Secretary
Pupil Services Department
Effective: September 28, 2026 through December 4, 2026
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

3) Jessica Misner – Special Education Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: February 1, 2027 through April 21, 2027
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

4) Christina Carafa – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: September 11, 2026 through October 14, 2026
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

14.07 Returns from Leave of Absence

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional returns from leave, items 1 through 3:

1) Jessica Tomlinson – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: October 26, 2026
Reason: Return from FMLA

2) Kellylynn Nicholson – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: November 2, 2026
Reason: Return from Child Rearing Leave

3) Lisa Hunt – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: November 2, 2026
Reason: Return from FMLA

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the following classified returns from leave, items 1 through 2:

1) Christina Carafa – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: October 15, 2026
Reason: Return from Uncompensated Leave

2) James Padusis – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: October 22, 2026
Reason: Return from Uncompensated Leave

14.08 Transfer(s)

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the recommended classified transfer, effective for the 2026 – 2027 School Year, item 1:

Name	From Assignment	To Assignment
1) James Padusis	Transportation Bus Driver	Transportation Aide

14.09 Supplementary Contracts

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement, as attached.

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

16. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

17. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

18. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday	November 10, 2026	Committee Meetings	6:30pm
Tuesday	November 24, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: All Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meetings are held in the Board Room at the Marple Newtown School District Administration Building.

The Human Resources Committee meets at the Marple Newtown School District Administration Building in Rooms 205-206.