

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: **Board:** Mr. Richard Carpenter, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley and Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Mrs. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Joseph Violanti, Mr. Lance Freeman and Mrs. Karen McGinnis.

Press: 1

Audience: 5

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER and 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Driscoll opened the meeting at 7:28pm, welcomed all in attendance and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Driscoll stated that all Board members are present.

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

4.01 Board Secretary Mr. Driscoll Calls for:

a. Nominations for President Pro Tem (no second required)

Mr. McGinley nominated Mrs. Galbraith.

b. Calls for Vote

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. McGinley to close nominations.

c. Roll Call Vote BY NAME (majority vote)

Mr. Driscoll called for a roll call vote.

Aye: Dr. Shapiro, Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. McGinley

Nay: 0

Motion passed 4-0.

4.02 Mr. Driscoll declares Nancy Galbraith elected President Pro Tem.

5. BOARD SECRETARY READS CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

The Honorable Edward J. Zetusky administered the Oath of Office and The Loyalty Oath to Fred Dewey, Dana T. Kauffman, Michael K. Molinaro, Edward C. Partridge and Richard C. Sokorai.

The newly sworn-in Board members were seated at the Board table.

7. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT FOR 2008

7.01 President Pro Tem Calls for:

a. Nominations for President for 2008 (no second needed)

Mr. Sokorai nominated Mr. McGinley.

b. Calls for Vote

Mrs. Galbraith closed nominations with no objections.

c. Roll Call Vote BY NAME (majority vote)

Mrs. Galbraith called for a roll call vote.

Aye: Mr. Dewey, Mrs. Kauffman, Mr. McGinley, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Molinaro, Mr. Sokorai, Mr. Carpenter

Nay: Dr. Shapiro

Motion carried 8-1.

d. President Pro Tem declares David McGinley elected President for 2008.

7.02 Newly elected President assumes chair.

Mr. McGinley thanked the Board for their support. I hope that I can do as good a job as Carol DeLuca and Ed Partridge who have been the last two presidents since I have been here.

8. ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2008

8.01 Newly-elected President Calls for:

a. Nominations for Vice President for 2008 (no second needed)

Mr. Molinaro nominated Mr. Partridge.

b. Calls for Vote

Mr. McGinley closed nominations with no objections.

c. Roll Call Vote BY NAME (majority vote)

Mr. McGinley stated that we will begin the roll call vote on the left hand side. This will be the way that we will always take the roll call vote while I am president.

Mr. McGinley called for a roll call vote.

Aye: Mr. Sokorai, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Molinaro, Mr. Partridge, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Dewey

Nay: Dr. Shapiro, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Kauffman

Motion passed 6-3.

8.02 President declares Edward Partridge elected Vice President for 2008.

9. DISCUSSION ON THE 2008 MEETING CALENDAR

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mr. Carpenter to change from the current committee-of-the-whole format to individual committees for Budget and Finance, Facilities and Transportation, Curriculum, Instruction and Technology and Human Resources.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the following meeting format changes: Budget and Finance Committee meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm; Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm (time may be changed to 8:00pm as needed); Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee meeting the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. The Regular meeting will remain the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. No meetings are scheduled for the month of July.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 9-0.

REORGANIZATION - ATTACHMENT 1

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2008.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 9-0.

10. PRESIDENT APPOINTS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS

REORGANIZATION - ATTACHMENT 2

Mr. McGinley stated that the Curriculum, Instruction and Technology committee will be chaired by Nancy Galbraith and the committee people will be Fred Dewey, Jeffrey Shapiro and Dana Kauffman. The Budget and Finance committee will be chaired by Richard Sokorai and the committee people will be Fred Dewey, Richard Carpenter and Michael Molinaro. The Human Resources and Policy committee will be chaired by Edward Partridge and the committee people will be David McGinley, Jeffrey Shapiro and Dana Kauffman. The Facilities and Transportation committee will be chaired by Michael Molinaro and the committee people will be Richard Carpenter, Nancy Galbraith and Richard Sokorai. The Legal Oversight committee will be chaired by Richard Sokorai. The Delaware County Legislative Liaison is Nancy Galbraith. The PSBA Legislative Representative is Jeffrey Shapiro. The PTO Liaison is Dana Kauffman. The Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board member is Nancy Galbraith. The Marple Township Liaison is Michael Molinaro. The Newtown Township Liaison is Edward Partridge. The Marple Newtown High School Liaisons are Richard Sokorai and Michael Molinaro. The Paxon Hollow Middle School Liaison is Nancy Galbraith. The Culbertson Elementary

Liaison is Fred Dewey. The Russell Elementary Liaison is Nancy Galbraith. The Loomis Elementary Liaison is Jeffrey Shapiro. The Worrall Elementary Liaison is Dana Kauffman.

Dr. Shapiro stated that he would like to ask the Solicitor his opinion. I am concerned that this agenda represents either a violation of the Sunshine Act and/or a violation of Policy 6 which discusses how agendas are supposed to be determined. Up until 12:01am this morning, Carol DeLuca was still president and I have consulted with her and she was not involved in formulating this agenda. The fact that the committee appointments were given as an attachment in the public agenda before the new president and vice-president were elected leads me to have a concern about the Sunshine Law and to have a concern about violation of Policy 6. I would like to ask the Solicitor for his opinion on that.

Mr. Sereni stated that he does understand Dr. Shapiro's question. Because I am being asked for an opinion about whether something that already took place may have violated the law, I don't think it would be a good idea for me to express any opinion if I am able to at a public meeting. Instead, the appropriate place for me to give legal advice about something that may have taken place in the past would be in Executive Session when we would all have attorney client confidentiality protection. I would need more facts and I think the appropriate place for me to give that kind of advice would be in a private Executive Session where the Board has confidentiality.

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Dr. Shapiro for the Board to move into an Executive Session to address this issue.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 9-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:41pm.

Mr. McGinley reconvened the meeting at 7:59pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. McGinley adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph J. Driscoll, Board Secretary