

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**            **Board:** President David McGinley, Vice President Edward Partridge, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. Michael Molinaro, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro, and Mr. Richard Sokorai via speakerphone.

**Solicitor:** Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

**Administration:** Mrs. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Lance Freeman, Mr. Michael Dumin, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Stanley Piecara, Mr. Joseph Violanti and

**Press:** 1

**Audience:** 2

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. McGinley opened the meeting at 7:07pm and welcomed all in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Partridge stated that he would like to add item 8.03, a motion that reads, “To adopt a 403(b) Plan to be presented by Metropolitan Life subject to legal review by the district solicitor; to appoint PenServ Plan Services as the district’s 403(b) Plan third party administrator; to approve, subject and legal review by the district solicitor, PenServ Plan Services’ proposed written agreement; and to authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents after a legal review by the district solicitor.”

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

No comments were made.

**4. COMMENDATIONS**

Mrs. Horowitz stated that as the school district was preparing to leave for the Thanksgiving break, she received an absolutely wonderful phone call from Assistant Principal Christine White at the High School. The Board may recall that a couple of months ago, I shared with you that we had recommended Chris to be Pennsylvania’s Assistant Principal of the Year. It was a tedious process with a very long application. Ms. White received a phone call on Wednesday that she has been named the Pennsylvania Assistant Principal of the year. This is a wonderful tribute to Chris, to her team, to the entire Marple Newtown High School, and the entire Marple Newtown School District. I received a copy of the letter that she received and it mentioned that she had demonstrated meritorious service to the secondary level and to our school district and community, “The tributes paid to you by the individuals who endorsed your candidacy left no doubt that we would be recommending one of our outstanding assistant principals to be recognized in Pennsylvania and at the National level.” Chris now

goes on to compete in Washington, D.C. against assistant principals from the other 49 states. She goes to Washington in April for the National recognition and she will be honored next October at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel for all principals and assistant principals in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Anna Deacon is preparing a press release to go out this week. Ms. White was unable to be here tonight, she had a commitment in Philadelphia. I told her that I would be recognizing her anyway, in her absence. We are very proud of her and when you see Chris please mention that as well.

## **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

No comments were made.

## **6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

No comments were made.

## **7. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

No comments were made.

## **8. OTHER REPORTS**

### **8.01 Settlement Agreement and Release**

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student No. 800096.

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

### **8.02 Policy**

### **ATTACHMENT 1**

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Partridge to approve the second reading of Policy No. 801 Public Records.

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

### **8.03 403(b) Plan Adoption and Third Party Administrator**

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to adopt a 403(b) Plan to be presented by Metropolitan Life subject to legal review by the district solicitor; to appoint PenServ Plan Services as the district's 403(b) Plan third party administrator; to approve, subject and legal review by the district solicitor, PenServ Plan Services' proposed written agreement; and to authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents after a legal review by the district solicitor.

Note: The draft 403(b) Plan has been presented to the administration.

Mr. Partridge asked Mr. Driscoll if there is any additional information that the Board needs.

Mr. Driscoll replied that this finalizes it. After reviewing everything with the solicitor, they thought that we need to take one more action just to make sure that everything is in place and in time for December 31<sup>st</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Nothing has changed or is different than what we presented over the last several months.

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

## **9. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

No comments were made.

## **10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mrs. Kauffman stated that she would like to thank whoever put up the High School's marquis message in front of the High School about Chris White's honor. I was driving by on Saturday and so I knew ahead of time. Maybe we could get it up on the web site.

Mr. McFall stated that it is already there.

Mrs. Kauffman replied thank you.

## **11. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No comments were made.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McGinley adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm.

**Respectfully submitted**

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**Joseph J. Driscoll, Board Secretary**