

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Mrs. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Joseph Violanti, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, and Mr. Michael Dumin

Press: 1

Audience: 1

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

Mr. McGinley opened the meeting at 7:26pm, welcomed all in attendance and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McGinley held a moment of silence to honor Mr. Joseph Flicker, Marple Township Manager who passed away on Sunday.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Driscoll stated that all Board members are present except for Mr. Partridge. Dr. Shapiro is present via speakerphone.

Mr. McGinley made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve a monetary donation of \$200 to the American Diabetes Association in honor of Joseph Flicker.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

Note: The donation was funded by individual Board members, not the school district.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. Molinaro to accept the agenda, as presented.

Mr. Molinaro stated that he would like to add item 9.03, a motion to read, "To authorize the administration to retain Absolute Technology to review the district's current enrollment study and provide an update in order to satisfy PDE requirements for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00."

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to approve the amendment.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Molinaro stated that he would like to make a correction to the zip code noted in the motion under 9.01. The zip code should read, "19399."

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to approve the correction.

Mr. McGinley called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

6. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

6.01 Technology

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to approve the Paxon Hollow Wiring project contractor's Change Order No. 1 to provide Cat6A patch panels in the MDF/IDF cabinets for the total cost of \$3,869.00.

Note: The catalog item provided in the bid specification was the incorrect one. All vendors provided their base bid and alternate pricing based upon that catalog number. The difference between the specified part and the required part is indicated above.

Mrs. Galbraith called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY

7.01 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the professional resignation, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Nicole Settani - Reading Specialist
Paxon Hollow
Effective: June 30, 2008
Reason: Personal

- 2) Tara Sinisi – Special Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Effective: July 28, 2008
Reason: Personal

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the classified resignations, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Bonnie Miller- Title I Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: July 3, 2008
Reason: Personal
- 2) Tamara Wylie - Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: June 13, 2008
Reason: Personal

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.02 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the professional leaves, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Jaclyn DiStefano - Health/Physical Education Teacher
High School
Effective: August 25, 2008 through October 3, 2008
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: October 6, 2008 through January 23, 2009
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Doreen Dellinger - Part-Time Elementary Math Specialist
Culbertson/Worrall Elementary
Effective: August 25, 2008 through September 25, 2008
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: September 26, 2008 through June 19, 2009
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Danielle Baumeister-Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: August 25, 2008 through November 20, 2008
Reason: FMLA

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the classified leaves, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Judith Collins - Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: September 8, 2008 through September 19, 2008
Reason: Leave Without Pay

- 2) Marie Parenti - Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: August 25, 2008 through October 17, 2008
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.03 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the professional appointments, items 1 through 6.

- 1) Lynelle Howey - Spanish Teacher
Secondary Summer School Program
Certification: Spanish
Salary: \$29.00 per hour
Effective: June 23, 2008 through August 1, 2008
Reason: As needed
- 2) Dorie Martin - Reading Specialist
M.A Reading Certification: Eastern College; Certification: Reading Specialist, Elementary, Early Childhood; 12 years experience.
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$63,832.00
Effective: August 25, 2008
Reason: Replaces Nicole Settani (Resigned)
- 3) Carmen Zagrean - German Teacher
B.A. English/German: Babes-Bolyai University, Romania;
Certification: German; 0 Yrs Experience.
High School
Salary: \$40,788.00
Effective: August 25, 2008
Reason: Replaces Patricia Rich (Resigned)
- 4) Meredith Noelle Newton - LTS Health/Physical Education Teacher
B.S. Health/Physical Education: West Chester University;
Certification: Health/Physical Education; 0 Yrs. Experience
High School
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: August 25, 2008 through January 23, 2009
Reason: Replaces Jaclyn DiStefano (Medical/Child Rearing Leave)
- 5) Alison Finburg - LTS Special Education Teacher
B.S. Rehabilitation Services: Penn State University; Certification:
Elementary Education, Special Education; 0 Yrs. Experience
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: August 25, 2008 through November 20, 2008

Reason: Replaces Danielle Baumeister (FMLA)

- 6) Kathy Jo Coble - Special Education Teacher
M.Ed Education: Cabrini College; Certification: Special Education; 15 Yrs. Experience
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$61,400.00
Effective: August 25, 2008
Reason: Replaces Tara Sinisi (Resigned)

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the classified appointments, items 1 through 6.

- 1) Victoria Logothetis - Non-Instructional Assistant
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$9.42 per hour
Effective: September 2, 2008
Reason: Replaces Lauren Quinn (Resigned)
- 2) Susan Becker - 12-Month Secretary
High School
Salary: \$20,429.00
Effective: July 1, 2008
Reason: Replaces Sue Wienckowski (Reassigned to Principal's Secretary)
- 3) Anthony Palazzo - Summer Custodial Assistant
Worrall Elementary
Salary: \$8.25 per hour
Effective: July 15, 2008
Reason: Temporary Position
- 4) Bernadine Sheridan - Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: July 29, 2008
Reason: As needed
- 5) Dyan Peterson - Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: July 29, 2008
Reason: As needed
- 6) Joann O'Brien - Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: July 29, 2008

Reason: As needed

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.04 Transfers

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the following transfers of professional personnel for the 2008-2009 school year as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Meg Henigan	Russell	MNHS	Psychologist
Linton Williams	MNHS	Russell	Psychologist
Amanda Kenney	Worrall	Worrall/Culbertson	Psychologist
Marie Kozak	O'Hara	Russell/St. Anastasia	School Nurse
Patricia Callow	O'Hara	Culbertson	School Nurse
Fran Lake	Russell	DCCS, St. Pius	School Nurse
Mary Clement	O'Hara	Episcopal/MNHS	School Nurse

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.05 2008-2009 ACT 93 Salaries

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the 2008-2009 salary for employees in accordance with the Act 93 Confidential Employees Compensation Plan effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.06 2008-2009 MNAA Salaries

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the 2008-2009 salary for employees in accordance with the MNAA Compensation Plan effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.07 2008-2009 Contractual Employee Salaries

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the 2008-2009 salaries for the following employees effective July 1, 2008:

Joseph Driscoll
Lance Freeman

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

7.08 Position Creation

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the creation of one (1) Special Education Assistant position at Paxon Hollow Middle School to meet IEP needs, effective the 2008-2009 school year. *This position is paid for by the School District of Haverford Township.*

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the creation of one (1) Special Education Assistant position at Culbertson Elementary to meet IEP needs, effective the 2008-2009 school year. *This position is paid for by the School District of Haverford Township.*

Mr. Dewey called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

8. BUDGET AND FINANCE

8.01 Bills for Payment

ATTACHMENT 1

Mr. Molinaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to approve and authorize payment of 2007-2008 General Fund bills in the amount of \$632,308.55, 2008-2009 General Fund bills in the amount of \$5,404,597.42 and Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$50,900.00.

Mr. McGinley asked Mr. Driscoll to explain the General Fund bills.

Mr. Driscoll replied that there is one bill in particular that drives that. About \$3.7 million is for the bus buy-back program that is due August 1, 2008. Plus, there is another ½ million that goes for all of our commercial packages for insurance for the year. What you are seeing is two of our major expenses for the year being paid in July plus additional insurances and supplies.

Mr. Sokorai called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

9. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

9.01 Facilities

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to approve Seraph, Inc. Security Consulting and Training, P.O. Box 831, Southeastern, PA 19399, to prepare an RFP for bids and perform construction administration for Marple Newtown School District Wide Security Renovation Project for the total amount of \$16,500.00.

Mr. Molinaro called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

9.02 Transportation

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to approve the purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet Uplander Mini Van per the vehicle replacement schedule, from Westgate Chevrolet Inc., Apple Automotive Fleet Division, 1200 Loucks Road, P.O. Box 7767, York, PA 17404, a contractor for the PA Department of General Services COSTARS Program at a cost of \$15,828.00. Funding for this purchase is included in the 2008-2009 operating budget.

Mr. Molinaro called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford F-250 Pick-Up Truck per the vehicle replacement schedule, from Flemington Car & Truck Country Fleet Sales DFFLM, LLC T/A Ditschman/Flemington Ford, 215 Routes 202 & 31, P.O. Box 1007, Flemington, NJ 08822, a contractor for the PA Department of General Services COSTARS Program at a cost of \$23,118. Funding for this purchase is included in the 2008-2009 operating budget.

Mr. Molinaro called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

9.03 Enrollment Study

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. Dewey to authorize the administration to retain Absolute Technology to review the district's current enrollment study and provide an update in order to satisfy PDE requirements for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Mr. Molinaro called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion passed 8-0.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were made.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McGinley stated that the August 12, 2008 Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for 6:00pm and the August 12, 2008 Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting will be scheduled for 6:30pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Molinaro made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. McGinley adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Joseph J. Driscoll, Board Secretary