

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: **Board:** President Dave McGinley, Vice President Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Joseph Rufo, and Mr. Richard Sokorai.

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Lance Freeman, Mr. Michael Dumin, Dr. Constance Bompadre

Press: Leslie Krowchenko, County Press and Delaware County Daily Times

Audience: 18

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

President David McGinley called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Fred Dewey then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, and Mr. Joseph Rufo.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President David McGinley requested a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Joseph Rufo.

Mr. McGinley then asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. The following changes were requested:

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked to add the phrase "pending Solicitor's approval" to the end of the second motion in Facilities.

Mr. Joseph Rufo, on behalf of Mrs. Dana Kauffman, asked for the following additions:

13. Human Resources and Policies:

13.12 MNAA COMPENSATION PLAN

MOTION: To approve the Marple Newtown Administrative Association (MNAA) Compensation Plan in accordance with Act 93 for the period effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

13.13

MOTION: To approve the termination of the Public Relations Services agreement between Heather Way, LLC and the Marple Newtown School District effective September 29, 2010.

13.14

MOTION: To approve the following administrative appointment in accordance with the Administrative Compensation Plan for Act 93 Confidential Employees, item 1.

- 1) Anna Deacon – Part-Time Public Relations Coordinator
Superintendent’s Office
Salary: \$25.00 per hour
Effective: September 29, 2010
Reason: To coordinate all public relations communications for the district.

13.15 SALARY CHANGE

MOTION: To approve the 2010-2011 salary for Joseph Driscoll, Business Administrator, in the amount of \$159,805.00, per the current employment agreement.

With no further changes,
Motion passed, 7-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were no public comments.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was no report.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was no report.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT

Mr. David McGinley introduced the two student representatives, Mr. Stulpin and Ms. Toshtzar. Ms. Toshtzar began by saying Loomis Elementary won the annual Youth Night with most attendance. Clubs and membership have risen, and involvement in school functions is on the rise also.

Mr. Stulpin continued with functions and upcoming events, with such things as sales of school merchandise at Back to School night, the student section involvement in upcoming sporting events with orange- and white outs, and additional school spirit plans.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Merle Horowitz reported that 207 transfer students came to Marple Newtown for the 2010-2011 school year. 47 of them enrolled at the High School, 36 of them enrolled in Paxon Hollow, and 124 enrolled in our elementary schools. Needless to say, the Registrar was very busy. She then congratulated Christopher Lee for successfully getting new technology into the buildings and ready for the opening of school. Accolades also went to the Operations department, who worked very hard to get the buildings clean and ready for the start of classes.

Dr. Horowitz then addressed terms of No Child Left Behind, explaining why the High School appears to have dropped in both Mathematics and Reading. The Federal goals were to examine different groups for an explanation, i.e. different ethnicities, economically disadvantaged and special needs children. If groups had

40 or more students at a specific level, data was dis-aggregated. This past year, our High School had dis-aggregated sub group as a result of Special Education students. That gave us a wake up call to look at curriculum and instruction for those students, and we are making every effort to create strategies to assist those students.

Mr. McGinley then interjected the fact that Dr. Horowitz has been very proactive in making changes to help our students get the best education possible.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2010 Regular Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student No. 801091.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve Victoria Teti's attendance at the Professional Learning Communities at Work Summit in Phoenix, AZ from February 23-25, 2011. The cost of the conference is \$689.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the disposal of a textbook called, Write Source 2000, copyright 2000, that we no longer use. The Curriculum Office would like to give that book to students to use as a resource guide.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. Joseph Rufo.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve a calendar change for the 2009-2010 school year due to a snow day: November 3, 2009 will be an Act 80 day for professional development instead of February 12, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
Dr. Horowitz explained that as a result of the weather in 2009-2010, the district needed to add a day to the Senior's school year to get State funding. With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Dana T. Kauffman, Chairperson
(Mr. Joseph Rufo reported on behalf of Mrs. Dana Kauffman)

13.02 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the employment agreement between the Marple Newtown School District and Constance Bompadre, Ed.D. for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015 term, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the employment agreement between the Marple Newtown School District and Lance Freeman for the position of Director of Human Resources for the July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015 term, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.03 RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following administrative resignation, item 1.

1) Christopher Burwell – Systems/Network Administrator
Technology Department
Effective: October 1, 2010
Reason: Other Employment

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 7.

1) Jennifer Devine – Title I Assistant

- Worrall Elementary
Effective: August 27, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 2) Susan Browne – Principal’s Secretary
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: September 1, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 3) Jennifer Vandevere – Special Education Assistant
High School
Effective: September 2, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 4) Meredith Schuster – Title I Assistant
Loomis Elementary
Effective: September 7, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 5) Brenda Teague – Bus Assistant
Transportation
Effective: September 17, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 6) Terri Carr – Part Time Technology Assistant
Worrall Elementary
Effective: September 22, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 7) Anne Marie Tacchi – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Effective: September 7, 2010
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.04 TERMINATIONS

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for the following motion:

WHEREAS, an investigation of the conduct of the following employee was undertaken by the Administration;
WHEREAS the Administration suspended the employee;
WHEREAS a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges was served on the employee; and
WHEREAS the employee did not demand a hearing; It is hereby moved that the employee be removed pursuant to Section 514 of the School Code.

- 1) Kevin Kerber – Part-time Custodian
Operations
Effective: August 27, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.05 LEAVES

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following administrative leave, item 1.

- 1) Kathleen Dreyer – Assistant Supervisor
Transportation
Effective: October 11, 2010 through October 29, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Stephanie Matteo – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary
Effective: August 31, 2010 through September 28, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: September 29, 2010 through December 23, 2010
Reason: FMLA (Revised Dates)
- 2) Lauren DiBlasi – Elementary Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: September 13, 2010 through October 25, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay
Effective: October 26, 2010 through January 21, 2011
Reason: Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Beverly Blumberg – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary
Effective: November 2, 2010 through January 2, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,

Motion passed, 7-0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Kathy Boles – Special Education Assistant
Worrall Elementary
Effective: September 7, 2010 through October 5, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: October 6, 2010 through January 7, 2011
Reason: FMLA
- 2) Charles David – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: September 13, 2010 through October 25, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay
- 3) Karim Diarra – Full time Custodian
Operations
Effective: September 24, 2010 through October 15, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay
Effective: October 18, 2010 through December 10, 2010
Reason: FMLA
- 4) William Stokes – Custodian
Operations
Effective: August 21, 2010 through September 10, 2010
Reason: Extension of Medical Leave With Pay

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.06 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 6.

- 1) Ashley Lavinthal – Elementary Teacher
B.S. Education/Elementary Education: West Chester University;
Certification: Elementary K-6; 1 Year Experience
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$42,304.00
Effective: August 31, 2010
Reason: Replaces Tina Sweeley (Reassigned)

- 2) Kellylynn Nicholson- LTS Elementary Teacher
 B.S.-Education: West Chester University; Certification: Elementary;
 0 Yrs. Experience
 Worrall Elementary
 Salary: \$41,797.00 (Pro-rated)
 Effective: August 31, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Stephanie Matteo (Medical Leave/FMLA)

- 3) Wendy Schultheis – LTS – Special Education Teacher
 B.S.-Education: Lock Haven University; Certification: Special Education
 K-12; English 7-12; 5 Yrs. Experience
 High School
 Salary: \$41,797.00 (Pro-rated)
 Effective: August 31, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Leah Graeff (Child Rearing Leave)

- 4) Danielle Ashton - Tutor
 Pupil Services
 Salary: \$31.00 per hour
 Effective: September 10, 2010
 Reason: As Needed

- 5) Maria Cecchine, RN – Substitute Nurse
 Pupil Services
 Salary: \$ 20.00 per hour
 Effective: September 14, 2010
 Reason: As Needed

- 6) Robyn Casterioto, RN – Health Room Nurse
 Pupil Services
 Salary: \$25.40 per hour
 Effective: September 15, 2010
 Reason: IEP Needs

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
 With no further discussion,
 Motion passed, 7-0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 17.

- 1) Alexa Horvath – Special Education Assistant
 Culbertson Elementary
 Salary: \$13,243.00
 Effective: September 7, 2010
 Reason: New Position

- 2) Lisa Siracusa – Classroom Assistant
 Culbertson Elementary

- Salary: \$9,967.00
 Effective: September 7, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Amelia Hannon (Resigned)
- 3) Tara Welch – Special Education Assistant
 Culbertson Elementary
 Salary: \$13,243.00
 Effective: September 7, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Carol Cornell (Resigned)
- 4) Barbara Hubsher – Health Room Assistant
 High School
 Salary: \$10.04 per hour
 Effective: September 8, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Rosemarie Vannicolo (Resigned)
- 5) Theodore Townsend Jr. – Substitute Custodian
 Operations
 Salary: \$14.28 per hour
 Effective: September 7, 2010
 Reason: As Needed
- 6) Melissa Raffel – Title I Assistant
 Loomis Elementary
 Salary: \$ 13.96 per hour
 Effective: September 20, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Georgia Vlahos (Reassigned)
- 7) Karen Munin – Title I Assistant
 Worrall Elementary
 Salary: \$13.96 per hour
 Effective: September 20, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Jennifer Devine (Resigned)
- 8) Lisa Hunt – Title I Assistant
 Culbertson Elementary
 Salary: \$13.96 per hour
 Effective: September 20, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Stacey Lancaster (Reassigned)
- 9) Amy Fosco – Classified Substitute
 District
 Salary: According to Assignment
 Effective: September 13, 2010
 Reason: As Needed
- 10) Carol Moore – Classified Substitute
 District

- Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: September 13, 2010
Reason: As Needed
- 11) Steven Kroberger – Non-Instructional Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$10.04 per hour
Effective: September 20, 2010
Reason: Replaces Michael D’Annunzio (Resigned)
- 12) Maria Thompson – Non-Instructional Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$10.04 per hour
Effective: September 20, 2010
Reason: Replaces Susan Cristello (Resigned)
- 13) Cynthia Ryan – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$13,243.00
Effective: September 14, 2010
Reason: Replaces Michelle Pantellas (Transferred)
- 14) Rita McKeown – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: September 13, 2010
Reason: As Needed
- 15) Sherrie Ann Eckman – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: September 13, 2010
Reason: As Needed
- 16) Hilary Boucher – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: September 13, 2010
Reason: As Needed
- 17) Leah Wenger – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: September 20, 2010
Reason: As Needed

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,

Motion passed, 7-0

13.07 REASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following classified reassignments, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Stacy Lancaster
From: Title I Assistant
To: Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$13,243.00
Effective: September 7, 2010
Reason: New Position

- 2) Michelle Pantellas
From: .5 Special Education Assistant
To: Full time Special Education Assistant
Worrall Elementary
Salary: \$13,243.00
Effective: September 7, 2010
Reason: Replaces Anne Knox (Resigned)

- 3) Brian Paine
From: Bus Driver
To: Van Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$20.22 per hour
Effective: September 7, 2010
Reason: Voluntary reclassification

- 4) Georgia Vlahos
From: Title I Assistant
To: Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$13,242.00
Effective: September 7, 2010
Reason: Replaces Deborah Young (Transferred)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.08 POSITION ABOLISHMENT

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the abolishment of two (2) Part-Time Special Education Assistant positions, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement, effective the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.09 POSITION CREATION

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Full-Time Special Education Assistant position at Worrall Elementary School, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement, to accommodate IEP needs, effective the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Bus Aide position, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, effective the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.09 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the present MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.11 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Jennifer Vandevere – Coach – Girls’ Volleyball
Paxon Hollow
Effective: September 8, 2010
Reason: Personal

- 2) Holly Dunleavy – Coach – Band Front
Paxon Hollow
Effective: September 20, 2010
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2010-2011 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the present MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.12 MNAA COMPENSATION PLAN

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Administrative Association (MNAA) Compensation Plan in accordance with Act 93 for the period effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.13 TERMINATION OF SERVICES

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the termination of the Public Relations Services agreement between Heather Way, LLC and the Marple Newtown School District effective September 29, 2010.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.14 ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the following administrative appointment in accordance with the Administrative Compensation Plan for Act 93 Confidential Employees, item 1.

- 2) Anna Deacon – Part-Time Public Relations Coordinator
Superintendent's Office
Salary: \$25.00 per hour
Effective: September 29, 2010
Reason: To coordinate all public relations communications for the district.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

13.13 SALARY CHANGE

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the 2010-2011 salary for Joseph Driscoll, Business Administrator, in the amount of \$159,805.00, per the current employment agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, a roll call vote was requested:

Ayes: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Joseph Rufo

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passed, 7-0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Fred Dewey, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,828,896.97, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$5,000.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$4,764,767.50 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$13,593.15.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.

With no further discussion,

Motion passed, 7-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for July 2010.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.

With no further discussion,

Motion passed, 7-0

Informational item monthly financial reports for August 2010.

14.04 Real Estate Tax Appeals – Settlements

(All Real Estate Tax Appeals Settlements were consolidated into one motion)

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 25-00-00395-00. Annualized tax dollar loss to the School District for tax year 2010 is \$913.00;

To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 30-00-01087-62. Annualized tax dollar to the School District for tax year 2010 is \$74.00;

To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 30-00-02916-55. Annualized tax dollar to the School District for tax year 2010 is \$74.00;

To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 30-00-02807-00. Annualized tax dollar loss to the School District for tax year 2010 is \$10,893.00;

To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 30-00-00981-00. Annualized tax dollar loss to the School District for tax year 2010 is \$2,294.00;

To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 30-00-02291-00. Annualized tax dollar to the School District for tax year 2009 is \$1,059.00;

To authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on folio number 25-00-00395-00. 2011:\$263,220 asst/\$410,000 fmv.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

14.05 Donation

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to accept \$9,800.00 from Worrall Elementary School PTO to purchase four (4) Smart Boards.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to accept \$2,575.00 from Russell Elementary School PTO to purchase a kiln for the Art Room.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless and seconded by Mr. Joseph Rufo.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

14.06 Plan Con K

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve Plan Con K project refinancing for the 2010 General Obligation Bond.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.
A discussion took place regarding the need to file Plan Con K due to the refinancing of 2003 bond issues.

With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Richard C. Sokorai, Chairperson

15.02 Facilities Motions

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a change order for the Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project to renovate and replace the filter gutter system in the pool at a cost not to exceed \$198,809.56.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve Marple Township's request to increase the size of the property leased to them from the District at Worrall Elementary School, pending Solicitor's approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion,
Motion passed, 7-0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was no report.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no report.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. JoAnn Flett, parent of a High School student, requested that the Board advocate for additional crosswalks on Media Line Road, additional police presence between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., and have the school zone extended to include the Gauntlett Center property for the safety of students.

Mr. McGinley responded that the Board is in favor of her suggestions, but the crosswalk and police presence are township concerns, and the extension of the school zone would be handled by Penndot.

Ms. Suzanne McCutcheon of Newtown Square spoke to the Act 1 index for next year's budget, and implored everyone to be aware of the need for budget cuts; she asked the Board to review the model set up by the West Chester Area School District on their web page. She then requested that the CIT committee address the issue of High School credit being given to students taking advanced classes in Middle School. She then addressed the issue of CIT's research on Honors Classes v. AP classes in the High School, and asked the committee and the Board to review the Strategic Plan of October 2008 regarding guidelines on that subject.

Mr. McGinley stated that the Board has the West Chester summary; he wanted the public to know that the Board and administration looks at every line item to see how the budget can be reduced.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Galbraith welcomed the Boy Scout Troop in attendance at the meeting, and congratulated them on their diligence in getting a view of how their community operates.

Mr. Edward Partridge responded to Ms. McCutcheon's statement regarding budget cuts, saying that the Board has come to no conclusions yet, and that we are a long way from saying budget cuts are needed.

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President David McGinley adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary