

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: **Board:** Vice-President Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. John McDevitt, Mr. Joseph Rufo, and Mr. Richard Sokorai.

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

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

Audience: 9

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

Vice-President Nancy Galbraith called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Fred Dewey then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Joseph Rufo and Mr. John McDevitt.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-President Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.

With no changes or revisions, motion passed: 8-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was no public comment.

6. OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Preliminary Budget Proposal

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to adopt the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget Proposal pursuant to Act 1 of 2006 as presented. The Board authorizes and directs the Administration to pursue any referendum exceptions available under Act 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Edward Partridge and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman. Mr. Joseph Driscoll then informed the Board that, by passing the preliminary budget within the timeline required by law, he would then advertise the budget and post the District's intent to apply for all exceptions for seven days. Then he will apply for exceptions through Pennsylvania Department of Education, and wait for their finding on what is acceptable. Upon that decision, the Board could begin discussions on finalizing the budget.

A roll call vote was then taken:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith,
Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Joseph Rufo, and Mr. John McDevitt

Nay: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion passed, 8-0

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the Board.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.

With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary