



There was no public comment at this time.

**6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

There was no report.

**7. COMMENDATIONS**

There was no report.

**8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

Ms. Nancy Ding and Ms. Olivia Menta reported on events at the high school, including the annual blood drive and the Student Council conference, where students will discuss ways to make contributions to their school. Marple Newtown also had students who placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the state for track, 19<sup>th</sup> for swimming, and 3rd place for humorous interpretation for speech.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Merle Horowitz reported on the preparation for PSSA. She stated that the tests will be given consecutively for the better part of a month, as follows: April 2 through April 16 will be Reading and Math; from April 19 through April 23 will be Writing, April 26 through April 30 will be Science, and then a week of make-ups from May 3 through May 7. She applauded the professional and support staff for preparing the students to take these tests. She then stated that Administrators will be preparing a budget to meet the needs of students and staff while also being fiscally conservative for taxpayers. She then wished everyone a happy and healthy break.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Mr. Joseph Rufo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 Regular Meeting and the March 9, 2010 Special Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked the Board to discuss making the minutes briefer, without paraphrasing discussions. Mrs. Nancy Galbraith stated she would bring a model of the DCIU minutes to the next CIT Committee meeting for the Board to examine and discuss.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

School Liaison Reports

Mr. Rufo asked the school liaisons to report on their buildings.

Culbertson – There was no report.

Loomis – Mrs. Dana Kauffman reported on the Reading Challenge incentive and Loomis’ several events, such as the Mitten Tree, that generate impressive community outreach. She also stated that the Newtown Square Woman’s Club held its annual essay contest, and that three winners were from Loomis.

Russell – There was no report.

Worrall – There was no report.

Paxon Hollow Middle School – There was no report.

Marple Newtown High School – There was no report.

## **12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School Grade 8 trip to Hershey Park on June 10, 2010 leaving 7:15 a.m. and returning 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Delaware County Community College. Delaware County Community College will partner with Marple Newtown School District to provide college level courses for students enrolled under the Dual Enrollment Grant.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Widener University. Widener University will partner with Marple Newtown School District to provide college level courses for students enrolled under the Dual Enrollment Grant.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.  
Mrs. Nancy Galbraith observed that it was a great thing for high school students to be able to take college courses.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School L.I.N.K. trip to SMYMCA Camp in Wernersville, PA from May 14, 2010 to May 16, 2010. Those students attending are involved in the student leadership initiative.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.  
It was explained that L.I.N.K. is a leadership initiative.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School trip to Millersville University in Millersville, PA from May 12, 2010 to May 13, 2010. Those students attending are involved in The National History Day State Competition.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to revise the current district calendar for 2009-2010 making June 21, 2010 a Flex Day and the last day for teachers, to make June 16, 2010 a half day for secondary students and to make May 28, 2010 a school day for seniors.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.

A roll call vote was requested:

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

Nay: Mr. David McGinley

Abstention: 0

With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-1

Mr. Christopher Lee then gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the current technology needs of the District. He also showed technological accomplishments and plans for the future. His updated cost for upgrades in technology is approximately \$340,000.00 to \$350,000.00. Mr. David McGinley asked if that money was in the budget. Mr. Joseph Driscoll replied that the costs are being examined, and more information will be provided as it is received.

### **13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

Committee Report – Dana T. Kauffman, Chairperson

#### **RETIREMENTS**

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement, item 1.

- 1) Benjamin Acchione – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: June 30, 2010  
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### **13.03 TERMINATIONS**

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following professional termination, item 1.

- Michelle Ezzie – LTS English Teacher  
High School  
Effective: March 1, 2010  
Reason: End of Assignment

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified terminations, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Marie O'Brien – Theme Editor  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: February 26, 2010  
Reason: Position Abolished
- 2) Elaine Dougherty – Theme Editor  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: February 26, 2010  
Reason: Position Abolished
- 3) Claire McGill – Theme Editor  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: February 26, 2010  
Reason: Position Abolished

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### 13.04 RESIGNATIONS

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Helen Elias – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: February 17, 2010  
Reason: Personal
- 2) Joseph O'Neill – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: March 12, 2010  
Reason: Personal
- 3) Bridgette Ramsey – Part Time Custodian  
High School  
Effective: September 1, 2009  
Reason: Corrected resignation date

- 4) Claire McGill – Title I Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary  
Effective: March 12, 2010  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### 13.05 LEAVES

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following administrative leave, item 1.

- Denise Land – Assistant Business Manager  
Gauntlett Center- Accounting Office  
Effective: January 4, 2010 through January 15, 2010  
Reason: FMLA

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, items 1 through 3.

- Rachel Stunzi - .5 Elementary Special Education Teacher  
Russell Elementary  
Effective: April 5, 2010 through April 16, 2010  
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay  
Effective: April 19, 2010 through May 14, 2010  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

- Karen Siegel – Mathematics Teacher  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: February 16, 2010 through April 8, 2010  
Reason: Medical Leave (Revised Dates)  
Effective: April 9, 2010 through June 23, 2010  
Reason: Child Rearing Leave (Revised Dates)

- Jennifer Walsh – Elementary Special Education Teacher  
Russell Elementary  
Effective: May 5, 2010 through June 22, 2010  
Reason: Medical Leave  
Effective: June 23, 2010  
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

13.06 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 to 3.

Deborah Bonder – Homebound Instructor

B.S. – Education: West Chester University; Certification: English; 36 Yrs. Experience  
Pupil Services  
Salary: \$30.00 per hour  
Reason: As Needed

Alison Dorsch – LTS Spanish

B.A. – Eastern University: Spanish/Secondary Education; Certification: Spanish; 0 Yrs,  
Experience  
High School  
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-Rated)  
Effective: March 15, 2010 through June 23, 2010  
Reason: Replaces Irene Cabrelli (Medical Leave)

Norma Rusek, R.N. – Substitute Nurse

District  
Salary: \$20.00 per hour  
Effective: March 17, 2010  
Reason: As Needed

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith commented on “how nice is it to have Deborah Bonder back in any capacity we can.”

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 7.

Alicia Powell – Part Time Custodian

Operations  
Salary: \$14.29 per hour  
Effective: February 22, 2010  
Reason: Replaces Bridgette Ramsey (Resigned)

Judith Scanzano – Food Services Substitute

Food Services  
Salary: \$8.00 per hour  
Effective: March 24, 2010  
Reason: As needed

Janet Rote – Classified Substitute

District  
Salary: According to Assignment  
Effective: March 24, 2010  
Reason: As needed

Nicole Scali – Non-Instructional Assistant

Russell Elementary  
Salary: \$9.42 per hour  
Effective: March 15, 2010  
Reason: Replaces Sheila Criscuolo (Reassigned to Special Ed. Asst.)

Karim Diarra – Full Time Custodian

Worrall  
Salary: \$14.28 per hour  
Effective: March 22, 2010  
Reason: Replaces Anthony Gallo (Medical Leave)

Michael Herm – Part Time Custodian

Loomis  
Salary: \$14.29 per hour  
Effective: March 22, 2010  
Reason: Replaces Charles Dougherty (Terminated)

Kevin Kerber – Part Time Custodian

High School  
Salary: \$14.29 per hour  
Effective: March 22, 2010  
Reason: Replaces Fellanxa Ciraku (Resigned)

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

13.07 POSITION ABOLISHMENT

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the abolishment of three (3) Theme Editor positions in Paxon Hollow Middle School effective March 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

SALARY CHANGES

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve salary changes for professional personnel effective as per agreement, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

A roll call vote was requested:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley,  
Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Joseph Rufo, Mr. John McDevitt

Nay: 0

Abstention: Mrs. Nancy Galbraith

With no further discussion, motion passed, 7-0-1

#### MARPLE NEWTOWN EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (MNESPA)

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Marple Newtown Education Support Professional Association (MNESPA) and the Marple Newtown School District effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

Mr. Fred Dewey thanked the negotiators on both sides for their hard work.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### 13.10 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

#### RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the resignation of the following personnel from activity contracts for the 2009-2010 school year, items 1 through 4.

Peter MacNeal – Coach- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys’ Lacrosse  
Paxon Hollow  
Effective: February 2, 2010  
Reason: Personal

Amanda Robinson – Coach – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball  
High School  
Effective: February 1, 2010  
Reason: Personal

Jennifer DeLuca – Director – All School Plays-Spring  
High School  
Effective: February 8, 2010  
Reason: Personal

Stacey Lancaster – JV Cheerleading Coach  
High School  
Effective: March 16, 2010  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2009-2010 school year as presented. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the present MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

#### ACT 93 Confidential Employees Retirement Benefit Incentive

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve a retirement incentive as specified in the Retirement Benefits Incentive Plan for employees under the Marple Newtown School District Administrative Compensation Plan for Act 93 Confidential Employees. This plan will be in effect for the 2009-2010 school year only.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

### **14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Report – Fred Dewey, Chairperson

#### Bills for Payment

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,411,837.96, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$2,000.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$579,380.56 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$100,093.35.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment to Babyak Landscaping for contracted snow removal in the amount of \$12,704.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

A roll call vote was requested:

Aye: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith,

Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Joseph Rufo

Nay: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. John McDevitt

Abstention: 0

With no further discussion, motion passed, 6-2

#### Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for January 2010, Treasurer's Report for February 2010, Budget Transfers for February/March 2010 and the Investment Schedule.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Informational item monthly financial reports for February 2010.

Plan Con J

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve Harold Gaughan to complete Plan Con J requirements for the six completed building projects, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Donation to Marple Newtown School District

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to accept the following donations made to Marple Newtown School District in 2009-2010.

A \$13,439.74 donation from Worrall Elementary School PTO to purchase playground equipment for Phase Two of the Playground Renovation Project.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
The Board thanked the Worrall PTO for its contribution.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

2010-2011 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Budget

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve the Resolution concerning the 2010-2011 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Budget of \$7,507,828.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Budget Expansion

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Budget Expansion, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

## **15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Report – Richard C. Sokorai, Chairperson

### 15.02 Facilities Update

Facilities Motions

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a change order for the High School Renovation and Addition Project for Food Service Equipment revisions at the Cashers and Servery requested by the District at no cost.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a request from Marple Newtown Recreation to use the stadium for the High School Soccer League on June 17, 18, and 24, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at a reduced rate as noted in the letter from Marple Newtown Recreation dated March 16, 2010, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to publicly advertise and accept bids for asbestos abatement at the Marple Newtown High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a change order to Luzon Inc.'s current contract for Asbestos Abatement at the High School Renovation and Addition Project to remove the asbestos at the ceiling of the pool at a cost of \$101,960.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
Mr. Michael Dumin explained that the spray-on flake material on the ceiling encapsulates the asbestos; the tongue and groove hidden by the flake material contains asbestos. Students are safe because asbestos is encapsulated, since it can't be crushed by hand, it isn't a danger. It is required to have it removed, and that cost will somewhat impact the budget, but it must be done. The removal will begin the week of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and will probably take ten to fifteen days to complete. Time for this has been built into the schedule.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a request from From the Top Studio of Dance to use the high school auditorium on June 4 and 5, 2010 at a reduced rate as noted in the letter from From the Top Studio of Dance dated March 9, 2010, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Rufo and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.  
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

## **DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith thanked the Board for approving the budget.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was no report.

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

Mr. David McGinley turned over this portion of the meeting to Mr. Richard Sokorai, who read a press release regarding the agreement between Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Educational Association Bargaining Agreement, as follows:

“The Marple Newtown School District unanimously approved a two year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the union for teachers and other professionals on March 9, 2010. The contract covers the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. The Bargaining Agreement is a culmination of over one-year of intensive, and in the face of a troubled economy, sometimes strained negotiations. Through the hard work of the School Board and the MNEA leadership, a fair agreement was reached. Highlights of the Agreement include a single \$1,000.00 payment to each MNEA member with no raise in salary for the school year 2009-2010, and a 3% average raise in salary for the year 2010-2011. The MNEA work schedule was also reduced by two days for each of the two years of the contract, with no change in the number of student days.

The District has also approved a three year contract with the Marple Newtown Educational Support Professional Association (MNESPA) on March 23, 2010. The contract covers the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. This Agreement was also reached after a year of tough negotiations. Highlights of this Agreement include annual salary increases of 3.5%, 3%, and 3% with a significant restructuring of the MNESPA medical benefits package.”

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no comments from the audience.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mrs. Dana Kauffman reported on the Drama department’s production of “The Wizard of Oz”, stating that there was a great involvement by the entire student body, staff, parents, alumni, and parents of former students. “Everyone did an awesome job, and a great show.”

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary**