

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Newtown Square, Pennsylvania**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 10, 2015**  
**Board Room, Administration Building**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

**Committee:** Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Matthew DeNucci

**Board:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds

**Administration:** Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 3

**Call to Order:**

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Additions to the Agenda**

Mrs. Chandless asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

There were none.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Chandless asked that the minutes be approved as presented.

With no discussion the minutes were approved.

**3. Bills for Payment:**

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the full Board for approval.

- a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund bills list.  
Note: Food Service/Capital Fund Bills will be presented with the final voting agenda.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this the first of two for the month, nothing unusual, any questions please send an e-mail to him.

Will take to the full Board for approval

- b. Motion: To authorized the Business Administrator, with approval of the Superintendent, to release checks for payments during the month of December as needed.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is an annual request so we do not get behind on the bill list. The same request is done in July.

Will take to the full Board for approval

#### **4. Financial Reports:**

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the full Board for approval.

- a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for August. Informational for September, 2015, Informational for October, 2015 and Budget Transfers.

Mr. Driscoll explained that there was not out of the ordinary.

Will take to the full Board for approval

- b. Motion: To approve the June 30, 2015 Audit Report.

Representatives from Major and Mastro gave a report to the Board on the draft of the report.

Mr. Driscoll did point out that it is now law that the districts shows the total amount of the Pensions. This makes it look like the district is bankrupt, but we are not. Does not show the true value of the school district. Will not know how it will affect us until we would start borrowing money. The representative from Major and Mastro and Mr. Driscoll agree that all school districts are in the same situation.

Will take to the full Board for approval

#### **5. Grant**

Mrs. Chandless asked to take to the full Board for approval:

- a. Motion: To approve a grant from the Milk Marketing Board in the amount of \$16,000.00 for the Food Service Department

Mr. Driscoll explained that this would be used to purchase some equipment. This is a 1 year grant and the DCIU on Malin Road would use \$2,000.00 of the grant. There is no catch to this grant that he can see. One way to promote milk is having it served in plastic containers rather than cardboard. Federal standards and pension cost have hurt this program. Mrs. Bellew has been able to lower cost by rearranging the employees operating the program. So far have been able to keep self-sufficient.

There was a brief discussion on the time it takes to go through the lunch lines. Mr. Driscoll will look into this.

## 6. 2016-2017 Budget Timeline

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

- Do have a first look, not ready for presentation
- First vote would be on January 5, 2016
- Explained the pension increase
- Medical first look is 10% increase
- Prescription renewal is high
- Next couple of weeks will fine tune the preliminary budget
- Presentation in December or present and vote on January 5, 2016
- Benefits and some salaries on the drivers
- State budget still not settled
- Recommends we stay the course right now
- Regular meeting in January for 2<sup>nd</sup> vote
- Then there will be the exceptions

Mr. Driscoll also explained that there is a Senate Bill 990 which would eliminate Act 1 and referendum exceptions. This would strip the local School Boards of any control of finances. Any increases would need a vote by the public.

## 7. New Business

None

## 8. Public Comment

Question about waste ~ plastic containers, silverware, etc.

Mr. Driscoll explained that the waste is separated at the waste facility and is recycled. Will have Mr. Dumin send out more data to make sure that the schools know how it works.

## 9. Adjournment

Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.