

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

**Board:** President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Robert Sack, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Bilker, Leonard Altieri, Matthew Catania, Atsuh J. Baker, Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Matthew DeNucci

**Solicitor:** Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

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

**Press:** Leslie Krowchenko

**Audience:** 8

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Leonard Altier, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Robert Sack

7 Board Members present

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Catania

There were Human Resource additions 13.03 Resignations, 13.07 Appointments, Professional and Classified. Page 14 remove #8. Change in the wording on the appointment of Dr. Bompadre

Agenda was approved as amended 7 – 0

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

NONE

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

NONE

**7. COMMENDATIONS**

NONE

**8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

Jamie Dietrich, Student Council President gave the following report

- The first day of school was a huge success, there was a bullying assembly, class pictures, stepping up ceremony, and welcoming the Freshman class
- September 12<sup>th</sup> first home football game which doubled as Michael Shelly night
- The student section of the stands held over 300 students all wearing orange Shelly strong t-shirts
- This Friday night is youth night. Elementary students are free and the Elementary with the highest attendance wins the coveted Youth Night Trophy.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> will be back to school night for parents
- October 12<sup>th</sup> there will be an Arts and Craft fair.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> is Homecoming and the 18<sup>th</sup> is the Homecoming dance.
- You can now sign up for text messages: Text @mnhs to 610-816-6608

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Horowitz gave the following report:

- Received 2 Governor Excellence Grants for the High School and Worrall
- Complimented the Art staff for the Art Show at the Newtown Public Library, the Art work is also displayed in the Board Room
- She also shared the In Community Magazine with the Board, thanks to Anne Deacon
- Great success for Marple and Newtown for the baseball teams for winning the Babe Ruth World Series. Dr. Horowitz brought up the players and coaches and presented them with certificates.

**10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Special Meeting and the August 26, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Catania, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 - 0

**11. OTHER REPORTS**

**11.01** Agreements

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement that allows Student No. 881127, who resides within District boundaries but attends a non-public school entity and has been identified as a gifted student to attend the District's Gifted Seminar program as per the terms set forth in the attached agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve Student No. 881337 to attend the Stratford Friends School and Lindamood Bell for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year per "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the Tuition agreement for Student No. 802977 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the Tuition agreement for Student No. 800342 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the Tuition agreement for Student No. 802354 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

## **11.02 School Board Liaison Reports**

Marple Newtown High School

Leonard Altieri

Mr. Altieri gave the following report:

- Met with the Principal and you can really feel the energy in the building
- Mr. Altieri said that Mr. Puckett did all the necessities on the first day.
- Mr. Puckett came up with a system for emergency evacuation and Mr. Altieri explained the system. The students now go to the football stadium and all the students know where to go. Once the teacher holds up the

green tape the administration knows that the teacher has all of the students, if they hold up a red, they know a student is missing.

- Also the high school will become a no place for hate school.
- He also explained the stepping up ceremony
- The class of 2015 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> class to graduate from Marple Newtown

Paxon Hollow Middle School

Matthew Bilker

Mr. Bilker gave the following report

- Spoke with Dr. Subers and the opening went very smooth
- There was a 6<sup>th</sup> grade social which was very well attended and all had a great time.
- Explained the CDT testing
- Toured Paxon for the first time in about 15 years. Saw a new wing and was disappointed that a new mural is going up over the one that he did when he was there.

Reports for the Elementary Schools will be given next month

Culbertson Elementary School

Matthew DeNucci

Loomis Elementary School

Barbara Harvey

Russell Elementary School

Sherry-Lee McAuliffe

Worrall Elementary School

A. J. Baker

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

**12.01** Committee Report – Leonard B. Altieri, III, Chairperson

**12.02** Field Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to Skirmish USA in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania on December 13, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$85.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the District.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 - 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to Camelback Mountain in Tannersville, PA on December 20, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$70.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the District.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**12.03 Clubs**

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Ping-Pong Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is for students to gather regularly to practice, play, and compete in table-tennis also known as Ping-Pong. They will work on teamwork skills as well as their individual skills. The club advisors are Amy Gallagher and Bill Cawley.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Share Our Strength Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is for the students to join with other organizations to plan and support events in order to raise money for charities that support students and children all over the world. The club advisor is Renee Francisco.

Motion made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**12.04 Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown School District Comprehensive Plan as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Catania, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**12.05 Travel**

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Ms. Sandra Schaal, Supervisor and Dr. Josephine Johnston, Supervisor, to attend the Educating Modern Learners: The Opportunities and Challenges of Schooling in a Connected World workshop in Grantville, Pennsylvania on October 14, 2014. The total cost to the District for registration is \$310.00.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the attendance of the following individuals at the 2014 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference, October 21 through October 24, 2014, representing Marple Newtown High School's and Worrall Elementary School's Governor's Expanding Excellence Competitive Grants: Richard Slonaker, Gregory Puckett, Dennis Reardon, John Beltrante and two School Board Directors. There is no cost to the District, as the expenses are covered by the grants.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the attendance of the following individuals at the one day training for Governor's Expanding Excellence Competitive Grant awardees on October 21, 2014: Steven Smilk from Marple Newtown High School and a team from Worrall Elementary School. There is no cost to the District, as the expenses for substitute teachers and mileage are covered by the grants.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

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

**13.01** Committee Report – Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Chairperson

**13.02** Retirements

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement Item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Albert J. Roberta – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: October 31, 2014  
Reason: Retirement
  
- 2) Mike Herm – Custodian (part-time)  
Operations  
Effective: October 31, 2014  
Reason: Retirement

Motion made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**13.03** Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional resignations, item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Angela Georgis – Special Education Teacher  
Marple Newtown School District  
Effective: November 14, 2014  
(or sooner if a qualified candidate is secured)  
Reason: Personal
- 2) Renee Francisco – Library Science Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: September 26, 2014  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations  
Item(s) 1 through 8.

- 1) Catherine Rutecki – Special Education Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: September 13, 2014  
Reason: Personal
- 2) Arlene Moldoff – Non-Instructional Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: August 27, 2014  
Reason: Personal
- 3) Lisa Tremonte – Special Education Assistant  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: September 2, 2014  
Reason: Personal
- 4) Laura Hancock – Van Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: August 27, 2014  
Reason: Personal
- 5) Dennis Kraus – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: September 2, 2014  
Reason: Personal
- 6) Janice Barbieri – Non-Instructional Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: September 23, 2014  
Reason: Resignation in order to accept different position in MNSD
- 7) Kelsey Ploppert – LTS Special Education Assistant

Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: September 23, 2014  
Reason: Resignation in order to accept different position in MNSD

- 8) Anne Winterbottom – Custodian  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: October 1, 2014  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

#### **13.04** Terminations

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified terminations  
Item(s) 1 through 52.

- 1) Alexis Lanciano – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 23, 2014  
Reason: To accept another position in MNSD
- 2) Sheryl Ambrose – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 3) Eleanor Battista – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 4) Martha Buzzelli – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 5) Mary Catherine Campetti – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 6) Jonelle Capodanno – Classified Substitute  
District



Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 7) Theresa Charles – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 8) Myrna Fitzgerald – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 9) Christine Friel – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 10) Jacalyn Gallen – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 11) Kathleen George – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 12) Mary Grady – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 13) Dean Hornton – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 14) Nancy Horowitz – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 15) Daniel Incollingo – Classified Substitute  
District

Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

16) Michele Kane-Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

17) Kevin Kerber – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

18) Kenneth Lucas – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

19) Joseph Maiorano – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

20) Sarah Megonigal – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

21) Carol Moore – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

22) Darlene Murray – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

23) Roseann Noonan – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

24) Rosanne Orfanelli – Classified Substitute

District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 25) Anthony Palazzo – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 26) Maria Rafferty – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 27) Mary Robinson – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 28) Joan Rubin – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 29) Cynthia Ryan – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 30) Christopher Sgalippa – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 31) Kyle Simpson – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
- 32) Rosemary Spiller – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 33) Richard Standen – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 34) Honey Torretti – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 35) Kate Archer – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 36) Leah Wenger – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 37) Barry Williams – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 38) Jerry Williams – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 39) Mariel Wright – Classified Substitute  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 40) Deborah Bonder – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 41) Demetria D'Ambrosio – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 42) Lauren Fenning – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 43) Christine Friel – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 44) Rachel Geller – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 45) Gabrielle Levenia – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 46) Thomas McHugh – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 47) Amy Payne – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 48) Linda Porreca-Donato – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 49) Sandra Rectenwald – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment
  
- 50) Lynda Seery – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014

Reason: End of Assignment

- 51) Julia Weathers – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

- 52) Kristy Wrazen – Homebound Instructor  
District  
Effective: September 15, 2014  
Reason: End of Assignment

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

### **13.05 Leaves**

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Jill Robostello– Art Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: November 22, 2014 through and including April 12, 2015  
Reason: Medical Leave: November 22, 2014 through and including January 18, 2015  
FMLA: January 19, 2015 through and including April 12, 2015
- 2) Christine McCullough – Elementary Teacher  
Loomis Elementary School  
Effective: October 27, 2014 through and including February 12, 2015  
Reason: Medical Leave: October 27, 2014 through and including December 9, 2014  
FMLA: December 10, 2014 through and including February 12, 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Andrea Zebert – Title I Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: September 2, 2014 through and including

January 16, 2014

Reason: Medical (Leave Without Pay)

- 2) Maryann Siefert – Cafeteria Worker  
Food Services  
Effective: September 2, 2014 through and including  
November 7, 2014  
Reason: Medical (Leave Without Pay)
- 3) Carol Piraine – Bus Aide  
Transportation  
Effective: September 5, 2014 through and including  
September 21, 2014  
Reason: Medical (Leave Without Pay)
- 4) Anne McGrath – Cafeteria Worker  
Food Services  
Effective: September 2, through and including September 28, 2014  
Reason: Medical (Leave Without Pay)

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

### **13.06** Return from Leave

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave item(s) 1.

- 1) Margaret Bristow – Special Education Assistant  
Marple Newtown High School  
Return Date: September 8, 2014  
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

### **13.07** Appointments

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel as Homebound Instructors for the 2014-2015 school year as attached. The rate of \$31.00 per hour is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

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

- 1) Nancy Vandersliced – Substitute Nurse  
District  
Salary: \$26.39 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As needed
- 2) Kimberly Russo – Substitute Nurse  
District  
Salary: \$26.39 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As needed
- 3) Robyn Casterioto – Substitute Nurse  
District  
Salary: \$26.39 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As needed

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, Item(s) 1 through 19.

- 1) Teresa Charles – Custodian (full-time)  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$15.12 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Hristdoulo Kontaxis (Transfer)
- 2) Jennie Dreyer – Custodian (part-time)  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$15.12 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Curt Lane (Transfer)
- 3) Rebecca Moldoff – Non-Instructional  
Worrall Elementary School  
Salary: \$10.34 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Arlene Moldoff (Resignation)
- 4) Janice Barbieri – Office Assistant



- Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$11,355 (pro-rated)  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing June Eicholz (Resignation)
- 5) Kelsey Ploppert – Special Education Assistant  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$13,640 (pro-rated)  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Lisa Tremonte (Resignation)
- 6) Lynda McDonald – Special Education Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$13,640 (pro-rated)  
Effective: September 29, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Catherine Rutecki (Resignation)
- 7) Omar Johnson – Classified Substitute (custodian)  
Operations  
Salary: \$15.12 per hour  
Effective: August 27, 2014  
Reason: As Needed
- 8) Alexis Lanciano – Cafeteria Worker, Food Services  
Marple Newtown High School  
Salary: \$12.13 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Lori Strzelecki (Transfer)
- 9) Sophia Raptis – Title I Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$14.37 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Melissa Raffel (Resignation)
- 10) Vickie McGowan – Health Room Assistant  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$10.34 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replaces Julie Fruncillo (Resignation in order to accept  
different position in MNSD)
- 11) Arlene Moldoff – Classified Substitute  
District  
Salary: As determined by assignment  
Effective: August 27, 2014  
Reason: As Needed
- 12) William Lessig – Bus Driver  
Transportation

Salary: \$23.39 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Dennis Kraus (Resignation)

- 14) Patricia Pitcairn – Classified Substitute  
District  
Salary: As determined by assignment  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As Needed
- 15) Eric Miele – Classified Substitute  
District  
Salary: As determined by assignment  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As Needed
- 16) Lydia Banks – Van Driver  
Transportation  
Salary: \$21.82 per hour  
Effective: October 2, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Laura Hancock (Resignation)
- 17) Renee Francisco – Title I Assistant (LTS)  
Russell Elementary School  
Salary: \$14.37 per hour  
Effective: September 29, 2014  
Reason: Replacing Andrea Zebert (Medical Leave)
- 18) Paul Philiposian – Classified Substitute (Custodian)  
Operations  
Salary: \$15.12 per hour  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As needed
- 19) Patty Dennin – Classified Substitute  
District  
Salary: As determined by assignment  
Effective: September 24, 2014  
Reason: As needed

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

### **13.08 Tenure**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to record in the records of the Board the attainment of tenure and the awarding of a Professional Employee Contract to the following Temporary Professional employees who have been certified by the Superintendent of Schools as having completed three years of

satisfactory service in the Marple Newtown School District in accordance with Section 1108 of the School code, items 1 through 13.

1. Brittany Fertman	Culbertson Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
2. Joelle Hedlund	Culbertson Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
3. Alyssa Brown	Culbertson Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
4. Danielle Ashworth	Loomis Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
5. Kelly Donaldson	Russell Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
6. Rebecca Pullin	Russell Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
7. Lindsay Kiefer	Russell Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
8. Kellylynn Nicholson	Worrall Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
9. Gina Johnston	Worrall Elementary	Achieved: June 18, 2014
10. Kerri Confora	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Achieved: June 18, 2014
11. Jillian Robostello	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Achieved: June 18, 2014
12. Carolyn Firkser	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 18, 2014
13. Jamie Zampier	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 18, 2014

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**13.09 Reassignments**

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the following classified reassignments, Item(s) 1 through 3.

1. Andrew Packer – Custodian
  - From: Loomis Elementary School
  - To: Worrall Elementary School
  - Reason: Replacing Gail Harley (Resignation)
  
2. Curt Lane – Custodian
  - From: Russell Elementary School
  - To: Marple Newtown High School
  - Reason: Replacing Lina Lassiter (Retired)
  
3. Hristdoulo Kontaxis – Custodian
  - From: Paxon Hollow Middle School
  - To: Loomis Elementary School
  - Reason: Replacing Andrew Packer (Transfer)

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**13.10 Salary Adjustments**

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Marple Newtown Administrative Association (MNAA) salary changes effective July 1, 2014, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to correct the salary to an hourly rate of the following classified employee, item(s) 1

- 1) Sherri Molinaro - .5 Pupil Services Secretary (20 hours per week)  
Pupil Services  
Salary: \$11.91 per hour  
Effective: August 4, 2014  
New Position

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

### **13.11 Activity Contracts**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2014-2015 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Sack

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

### **13.12 Act 93 Compensation Plan**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to re-ratify the Marple Newtown School District Act 93/Confidential Employees (Act 93 Employees) Compensation Plan in accordance with Act 93 for the period effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, page 3, section 2 to reflect the following:

#### **2. Allocation of Benefits**

The employer will pay 90% of the premium for the Independence Blue Cross 20-30-70 Plan. Additionally, the Board will self-insure the out-of-pocket co-pays for out-patient surgery and hospital in-patient services.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**13.13 Tuition Reimbursement**

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**13.14 Contract/Commission for Assistant Superintendent**

MOTION: To notify Constance E. Bompadre, that in accordance with 24 P.S. 10-77, the Board intends to re-elect her to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Marple Newtown School District and to seek a commission for a 3 to 5 year corresponding term. The Board and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools shall determine the terms and conditions of an employment agreement for Board approval.

Motion was passed by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**14.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson**

**14.02 Bills for Payment**

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$8,906,650.31, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$30,800.00, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$57,434.36

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports**

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for July 2014.

*Informational item monthly financial reports for August 2014.*

Motion was made by Mr. Catania, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**14.04 Donation**

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to accept \$250.00 donation from Beneficial Bank for "Raise the Bar".

Motion made by Mr. Catania, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**15.01** Committee Report – Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, Chairperson

**15.02** Facilities

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Michael Dumin, Director of Operations, J.R. Guglielmi, Coordinator of Facilities, and Andrew Dougherty, Grounds Supervisor, to attend the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course and Exam in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on December 2 through December 4, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$3500.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the replacement of the interior vestibule main entrance door system at Worrall Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$17,165.00, funds for this project to come from the Capitol Reserve Budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Catania, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

**16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

Mrs. Harvey attended her first meeting, very impressed. Going to a Retreat this Saturday to learn about what the IU is all about.

**17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

None

**18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

None

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

What is the plan for the search for a replacement of Dr. Horowitz?

Mrs. Chandless explained that the Board is using the Penn Center for a search.

Update on the revenue of the web ads.

Mr. Driscoll will get an update.

Question about the reading curriculum problem at Russell.

Mr. Lee explained that they have identified the problem. It is not on the districts part and they are working with the company to resolve the issue.

Dr. Bompadre also explained that this was unexpected and the district did their homework before the purchase.

One other comment was about the computer lab is no longer at Russell and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students no learning how to type. The parent believes that it is important that the students learn how to type in order to use technology.

Mr. Driscoll explained that the check will be held for the reading program and will be in touch with company.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:28PM

Respectfully submitted

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Mr. Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary