

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Robert Sack, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Catania, Atsuh J. Baker, Matthew DeNucci, Nicholas Reynolds

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Jim Orwig,

Press: 1

Audience: 75 plus

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Altieri asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Hailey Parker who passed away.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Reynolds

8 members present

Both Student Reps were present

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

There was one change to "Other Reports". The wording in motion 3 was changed.

Agenda was approved as amended 8 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

Mrs. Chandless asked for any Public comments (Agenda Items only). There was none.

Mrs. Chandless then read a statement, a press release that was posted on the website. The Marple Newtown School District has been negotiating a successor labor agreement with its teacher's union ("MNEA") since January 9, 2015. The District takes this bargaining process very seriously, including most recently by releasing union representatives from their work day on October 12, 2015 in order to focus a full day toward reaching a settlement. Members of the District's bargaining team with full authority to recommend an agreement for Board approval have attended each bargaining session and have worked – both during and in between bargaining sessions – to incorporate aspects of the union's requests into the district's proposals. The District has carefully reviewed market conditions and its own internal and community needs, and offered MNEA a comprehensive compensation package that raises starting salaries and includes salary increases for current teachers that far exceed the current cost of living increase. The District greatly appreciates the work that our teachers do, and will continue to work in good faith to reach a settlement that is fair to all parties affected.

Larysa Dragonetti, a longtime resident of Marple Newtown, a proud music teacher at Worrall Elementary, and recently elected President of MNEA. The teachers of Marple Newtown have been working without a contract since June 30, 2015. She stated that she wanted to assure the Board, along with the community, that the Teachers have continue to deliver excellence in creating the best possible learning environment for our children. We will continue to do that. We would not put our children in the middle of anything. We are concerned that if we don't raise our standards and get more competitive it will be negative on our school district. What do people look for when looking to settle down, they are the schools. They look for high academic standards, small class size, having the arts, sports and cultural programs. They also look at the graduation rates and college acceptance. The Teachers deliver this. We are part of a team to have the best district possible. We want to be number one. We come in early and stay late and help students academically, have clubs and programs. We spend countless hours getting ready for our student when they come into the classroom. MNEA teachers are the lowest paid teachers in the six districts, and one of the lowest in the region. When we meet we want the Board to keep in mind what we do outside the classroom.

Mrs. Chandless responded that there was no doubt that the teachers deliver excellent instruction in the classroom. The teachers along with their negotiation team have to look at the compensation packages of the other districts. The Board wants to continue to talk to get a settlement.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Cary made comments on the 100 year timeline and congratulated the teachers and students that made it such a success. She suggested that everyone take the time to visit the high school and see this timeline.

7. COMMENDATIONS

None

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The following report was given by the Student Representatives.

- Tiger Cup ~ a competition between the grades based on attendance to events, attendance to school and GPA. Right now the Seniors are in the lead with 28 points, Juniors are in second with 20 points, Sophomores are in third with 16 points and Freshmen are in fourth with 11 points. The homecoming dance and spirit week totals still have to be added.
- Homecoming was a huge success. There were over 300 students who attended and that didn't include the band or the football team. Jonathan Monkemeyer was the Homecoming King and Rebecca Gallagher was the Queen. The dance was also a success, half of the school attended.
- The Powder Puff and Lip Dub are the next events.
- In the process of planning for the PASC conference that Student Council is hosting in April.
- Spirit wear is being ordered. If you would like to order just let us know. We are really excited about the Breast Cancer T-Shirts that came in today.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cary gave the following report:

We remember Hailey Parker and her family in our thoughts and prayers. Funeral services for Hailey Parker were held today. She was a fifth grade student at Culbertson Elementary School who was diagnosed with a brain cancer last spring.

Youth Leadership Summit

The Youth Leadership Conference was held at the high school on October 6th. Congressman Meehan sponsored the event and Marple Newtown high School hosted it. This was our second time hosting the event. There were 46 high schools and 700 students present. Speakers at the conference included Nicole Brewer of CBS 3 (an alumna of MNHS), Vince Papale, Cheryl Collelouri of Headstrong, and Jay Wright. It was a wonderful experience for our students and the high school team did a great job. Eileen Bellew, of our food services department, and her team prepared bagged lunches for the 700 students and the meal service was smooth and efficient. Impressive work by all involved!

Junior Initiative Program

The high school held its Junior Initiative Program on October 15. I was happy to present two sessions to the students on the career of an educator. The program includes all juniors and culminates in the students visiting and interviewing local businesses and presenting the information they learn to their peers. Mr. Dennis Andrews coordinates the program and did a nice job in planning for the many presentations.

100th Year Timeline Project Completed

The 100th Year Celebration Timeline Panels were completed in time for Homecoming weekend. Mike and Bryan did a great job in constructing frames for the panels and the panels look amazing! Please take some time to visit the high school and see this beautiful,

permanent display. Michael Karpyn, Brian Isselmann and many others are to be commended for their commitment to the project.

Joint PTO Council

Last week, I met for the first time with the joint PTO council. This council represents the PTO officers from all six schools. I was truly impressed with the level of dedication and support provided by the PTOs. They do a great job for their schools and for the district. A huge thank you is extended to all members of the PTOs.

The Next Issue of InCommunity

The coming issue of *InCommunity* (Late November) will feature high school facilities and how students have achieved greater success because of the facilities. Also in the issue there will be board members and teachers recognized for their commitment/achievement.

Academic Report

Dr. Bompadre and her team did a presentation on academic achievement and growth at the CIT meeting last week. The presentation was informative, well-done, and yielded good questions from the parents and board members.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Individual Services contract for Student No. 881337 to attend Lindamood Bell for the 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new contract, but a renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement for Student No. 840824 to attend The Woodlynde School. This agreement was written and approved by the District's Special Education Counsel.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the admission of Student No. 881813 to the Russell Elementary School effective October 5, 2015. The parents of Student No. 881813 respectfully are seeking Board approval of admission under Board Policy 202. Parents are "under contract" with the purchase of a home in the Broomall area

with settlement on the property scheduled for November 18, 2015. Appropriate documentation and a letter of petition to the Superintendent requesting admission have been submitted. Under Board Policy 202 the Board may permit admission of a student for one semester while parents establish residency. If, by the end of the semester the family fails to establish proper residency, the Board may charge tuition and/or dismiss the student from the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 840083 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the “In Lieu of FAPE” agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Student Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve a change in date for a trip to Memphis with Chris Vogel and 80 students. This trip was Board approved on June 23, 2015. They will now be travelling from February 9 to February 14, 2016 instead of February 11 through February 15, 2016. Reason for change of dates is the availability for reservations.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Arch Hunter, Teacher, to accompany 45 Marple Newtown High School students to travel to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on December 1, 2015. The total cost per student is \$45.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Helene White, Teacher, to accompany 24 Marple Newtown High School 11th grade American Literature Class students to travel to the Walt Whitman House in Camden, New Jersey on January 7, 2016. The total cost per student is \$10.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Michele Lunn, Teacher, to accompany the 7th grade class to The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) from May 4 to May 6, 2016. The total cost per student is \$215.00. There is no cost to the district.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the following Paxon Hollow Middle School teachers: Karen Siegel, Dean Vlahos, and Nancy Campo to accompany the 8th grade class to Hershey Park on June 9, 2016. The total cost per student is \$55.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.03 Student Club Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Doug Killough, Teacher, to accompany 45 students from the Marple Newtown High School Model United Nations Club to travel to the United Nations, New York on December 11, 2015. The total cost per student is \$45.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany 50-75 students from the Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Skirmish USA, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania on December 12, 2015. The total cost per student is \$85.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany 15-30 students from the Marple Newtown High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Camelback Mountain, Tannersville, Pennsylvania on December 19, 2015. The total cost per student is between \$55 and \$100.00. There is no cost to the district.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany 15-30 students from the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Killington, Vermont

from January 8 to January 10, 2016. The total cost per student is \$375.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Doug Killough, Teacher, to accompany 20-30 students from the Marple Newtown High School Model United Nations Club to travel to the Model United Nations Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from January 8 to January 10, 2016. The total cost per student is \$400.00. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.04 Student Athletic Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Kerren Vosheski, Coach, to accompany 17 Marple Newtown High School Cheerleaders to travel to Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pennsylvania on December 6, 2015 for the regional cheerleading competition to earn bid to nationals. The total cost to the district is \$625.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Kerren Vosheski, Coach, to accompany 16 Marple Newtown High School Cheerleaders to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania from January 21 to January 23, 2016 for the cheerleading state competition. The total cost to the district is \$815.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Kerren Vosheski, Coach, to accompany 16 Marple Newtown High School Cheerleaders to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida from February 5 to February 8, 2016 for the cheerleading national competition. The total cost to the district is \$202.00 for transportation to the airport. The total cost per student athlete for airfare and lodging is \$900.00 paid by the students.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.05 Student Clubs

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Chemistry Club. The purpose of this club is for students to enjoy and partake in fun scientific

activities that are also educational. The club advisor is Donald Sloat.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Asian Culture Club. The purpose of this club is to inform students about Asian Culture by creating presentations at each meeting about different countries and their cultures. The club advisor is Christopher Carson.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Retirements

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirement item(s) 1.

- 1) Toni Savchuck - Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: February 12, 2016
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Mildred Zepka – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: December 23, 2015
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Philip Lieggi – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: December 23, 2015
Reason: Retirement
- 3) Henry Chin - Custodian

Operations; Administration Building
Effective: December 31, 2015
Reason: Retirement

- 4) Spiridon Kanakis - Custodian
Operations; Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 4, 2016
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.03 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignations item(s)
1.

- 1) Christopher Costello – Physical Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: October 9, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations item(s) 1
through 6.

- 1) Therese Cooling – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: September 8, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 2) Stephen DiCecco – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: September 30, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 3) Ward Pensyl – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: October 9, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 4) Christine Lohr – Classified Substitute
Food Services

Effective: October 7, 2015
Reason: Personal

- 5) Annemarie Goldbeck – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: October 23, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 6) Lowell Seymour – Non-Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 30, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.04 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional terminations item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Barbara Lista – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services
Effective: October 1, 2015
Reason: Unable to contact for continued employment
- 2) Maria Cecchine – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services
Effective: October 1, 2015
Reason: Unable to contact for continued employment
- 3) Mary Beth Vogel – Substitute Nurse
Pupil Services
Effective: October 1, 2015
Reason: Unable to contact for continued employment
- 4) Christina Watts – LTS Social Studies
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 20, 2016
Reason: End of Assignment and transfer to PHMS Gifted Support
Teacher position

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified terminations item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Dustin Vazquez – DCIU Options Student Program
Food Services
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) Christine Cubler – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: Failure to provide necessary paperwork for employment
- 3) Melissa Shelly – LTS Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: October 23, 2015
Reason: End of Assignment (accepting full-time Special Education Assistant position with MNSD)
- 4) David Dunn – Bus Driver
District/Transportation
Effective: September 23, 2015
Reason: Deceased

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.05 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Kimberly Young – Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: March 5, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Medical Leave: March 6, 2016 through and including April 28, 2016
FMLA: April 29, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
- 2) Renata Cahill – School Counselor
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: February 2, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Medical Leave: February 2, 2016 through and including March 28, 2016

FMLA: March 29, 2016 through and including
June 22, 2016

- 3) Margaret Makela - Librarian
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 19, 2015 through and including
December 21, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: October 19, 2015 through and including
December 21, 2015
- 4) Jill Mascio – Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: November 19, 2015 through and including
December 23, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: November 19, 2015 through and including
December 23, 2015

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves, item(s) 1.

- 1) Joanne Goodman - Non-instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: October 9, 2015 through and including October 23, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.06 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments,
item(s) 1 through 9.

- 1) Electra Poulimenous – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: October 5, 2015 through and including January 20, 2016
Reason: Replacing Helene Marczyk (Sabbatical Leave for
Restoration of Health)
- 2) Brittany Milia – LTS Special Education Teacher

- Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: October 29, 2015 through and including January 20, 2016
Reason: Replacing Megan Smith (Medical Leave)
- 3) Laura Risley – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$46,022.00 (pro-rated @ BA/PC – Step 2)
Effective: November 16, 2015 (anticipated release date from current employer)
Reason: Replacing Theresa Saunders (Retirement)
- 4) Dawn Smitheman – Substitute Nurse
District
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: October 28, 2015
Reason: As needed
- 5) Mary Diane Spadafora – Substitute Nurse
District
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: October 28, 2015
Reason: As needed
- 6) Christina Watts – Gifted Support Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1))
Effective: January 21, 2016
Reason: Replacing Cynthia Petty (Reassignment)
- 7) Melissa Josef – LTS Librarian
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: October 20, 2015 through and including December 23, 2015
Reason: Replacing Margaret Makela (Medical Leave)
- 8) Peter Weiss – Health/Physical Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: November 9, 2015
Reason: Replacing Christopher Costello (Resignation)
- 9) Kristen Salvato – LTS School Counselor
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: January 29, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Replacing Renata Cahill (Medical Leave)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, item(s) 1 through 8.

- 1) Jacqueline Milano – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: September 24, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Peter Balzano – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Pupil Services
Effective: October 28, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 3) Jenny Lieu – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: October 1, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 4) Gloria Ingenito – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: October 1, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 5) Dawn Rockenbach – Office Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$11,930.00
Effective: October 26, 2015
Replacing: Replacing: Lisa Harrington (transferred to 10.5 month Secretary position at MNHS)
- 6) Melissa Shelly – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$14,330 (pro-rated)
Effective: October 26, 2015
Replacing: Annemarie Goldbeck (Resignation)
- 7) Shane Rostin – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: October 28, 2015
Reason: As Needed

- 8) Sarah Megonigal – Classified Substitute
 District
 Salary: To be determined by assignment/Pupil Services
 Effective: October 28, 2015
 Reason: As Needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.07 Transfers

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the professional transfer effective January 19, 2016, item(s) 1.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Cynthia Petty	PHMS	Gifted Support Teacher	Worrall	Gifted Support Teacher (replacing D. Peters)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.08 Tuition Reimbursement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the corrected tuition reimbursement amount for MNSD employee, Daniel Peters, from \$1,348.88 to \$2,400.00, in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.09 Daily Substitute Rate

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the day-to-day teacher substitute rate from \$80.00 to \$90.00 effective November 1, 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

13.10 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following supplemental appointments, item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Brian Walsh – Director, Fall Play
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,604.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Angela Wetner (resignation)
- 2) Seth Pancost – Stage Manager
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$434.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Charlie Margies (resignation)
- 3) Peter Rice – Stage Manager
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$434.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Charlie Margies (resignation)
- 4) Kelly Quinn – Girls Basketball, 2nd Assistant Coach
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,244.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces James Wienckowski (resignation)
- 5) James Ford – Boys Basketball, Assistant Coach
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,645.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces David McFadden (resignation)
- 6) Mary Flounders – Girls Basketball, Assistant Coach
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$1,870.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Walter Ross (resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following supplemental resignations, item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Scott O'Neill – Assistant Coach JV Baseball

Marple Newtown High School
Effective: October 12, 2015
Reason: Personal

- 2) Christopher Davis – Assistant Coach Baseball
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: October 13, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,319,740.06, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$46,132.50 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$87,706.54.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for August 2015 and September 2015. Treasurer's Report for August 2015 and September 2015, and Budget Transfers for October 2015.

Informational item monthly financial reports for September 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

14.04 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$7,472.00 from the Tiger Foundation Grants for 2015-2016.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$550.00 from Leslie N. Padilla for Autistic classroom support at Culbertson Elementary School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandless

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$1,915.00 from Marple Newtown Soccer Association for the purchase of replacing one soccer goal at Paxon Hollow Middle School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

15.02 Donation

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to accept the donation of \$1,400.00 to purchase a storage shed for Culbertson Elementary School, from the Culbertson Elementary School PTO.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey reported that Dr. Maria Edelberg was the new director of the DCIU.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that there was a council meeting and that there has not been much Legislative movement in the House or Senate and there is still no State Budget.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mrs. Dana Kaufman ~ wanted to remind the Board that when negotiating with the Teachers that they should remember that the Teachers, when asked supported the Board when they were asked.

Jamie McGowan ~ wanted to thank all of the teachers in the Marple Newtown School District. All of the teachers that taught her children loved them as well as all of the other students they teach. She speaks for all of the parents in support of the teachers of our district.

Ruth Sherman ~ is a 60 year resident, all of her children were educated in the Marple Newtown School District. She said that all these young people are in debt for their education and should gold stars next to their names. Don't waste your time or their time, get them a contract. If I won the lottery I would take care of the teachers.

Ellen Tranas ~ Can you explain you the process of the negotiations. Who meets and when.

Response ~ Mrs. Chandless said that the district has a team and well as the teachers. The other people involved would be a representative from PSEA and a mediator.

Mrs. Mundy ~ Thank you for the parking on Saturday's for the soccer games. Also, wanted to thank all of the teachers. Her family moved from Chichester. She came back home because of the schools. Having good schools raises property values, but also want good teachers to want to come to our school district.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

**Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary**