

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Jim Orwig

Press: Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 13

MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2015 WAS POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER. MEETING TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 29, 2015

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. McAuliffe

Ms. Amer, Student representative

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With some corrections and additions, motion was passed 8 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was a question regarding 13.09 ~ why a 5 year contract for Dr. Bompadre when there will be new Superintendent as of July.

It was explained that Dr. Bompadre's commission needs to be renewed prior to the start of a new Superintendent and that the Board is pleased with Dr. Bompadre's performance.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Horowitz brought up 2 students who were name to the All Delco Team ~ Andrian Sapnas and Abel Hoff. Both students made the 1st team All Delco offense. Congratulations to both students, their parents and coaches.

7. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Subers, President of MNAA, Chris Costello, President of MNEA and Tracy Baker, President of MNESPA thanked the Marple Newtown Board of School Directors for their dedication and service to the students of the Marple Newtown School District. Dr. Horowitz also thanked the Board and presented each Board Member with a certificate.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Amer gave the following report:

- It has been quite busy for Marple Newtown.
- Before winter break the students filmed this year's dub "The Best day of My Life". This was a huge success. It was filmed in the morning, edited and was view by all the students at the end of the day.
- After winter break Marple Newtown hosted Hi-Q Competition. Those participating were The Christian School, Chester and Marple Newtown. Marple emerged victorious with a generous lead.
- The month of January Marple Newtown participated in a game against Springfield in honor of Michael Shelly. Michael celebrated a huge milestone in his battle, for the first time scans and biopsy's how Michael has no signs if cancer and has just three more treatments.
- The Winter Concert included performers from the Choir, Select Choir, Orchestra, Select Strings, and Concert Band
- The Variety show was a great success. Funds raised will benefit the Senior class
- Upcoming events, Junior/Senior formal, Blood Drive, and Sophomore dance.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz gave the following report:

- In December, vocal and string ensembles from MNHS performed at the Four County Judges Holiday Party. The judges shared how impressed they were by the unbelievable special talents, beautiful smiles and professional demeanor of the students
- This past Thursday, our MN Elementary Select Ensembles performed at PHMS. Dr. Horowitz was able to attend the dress rehearsal to see our very talented young performers.
- The Verizon App challenge was won again by 8th grade students from Paxon Hollow. Their innovative ideas for a new app was titled Driving Under Intelligence.

They will move on in the Verizon App Challenge to compete for Best App idea across the nation.

- Congratulations to Worrall Special Education Teacher, Randi Rentz. She was chosen by the Wall Street Journal as Woman of Note for her authoritative work in the area of autism.
- The Potter Cup was held this past Friday. Paxon Hollow came home with the cup for the second year in a row. The Potter Cup has raised \$35,000.00 for Alex's Lemonade Stand, with a total of \$360,000.00 over the past 12 years. Kudos to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile event.
- Dr. Horowitz is delighted that we have launched a new mobile app for our school district. The app is available through Apple Store and through Google for free. Thanks to Chris Lee for his working with Dr. Horowitz to enable this initiative to happen.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting and December 1, 2014 Reorganization Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

11.01 Contract

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve Student No. 840645 to attend the Vanguard School, an Approved Private School (APS), as a new placement for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.02 Travel

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the mandatory attendance of the Marple Newtown School District Child Registrar, Teresa Werner, at PDE's Annual Child Accounting Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, from February 25, 2015 to February 27, 2015 at the cost of \$767.00. Our School District state subsidy is linked to new PDE regulations that will be presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.03 School Board Liaison Reports

Marple Newtown High School

Leonard B. Altieri, III

Mr. Altieri gave the following report for the High School: Mr. Puckett is a rock star. You can feel the energy as you walk in the building. The students were given a Drug Use presentation by the District Attorney Office. The Parent presentation will be rescheduled. Also, Mr. Puckett wants to raise the number of students going on to college. He recently took students to Penn State Brandywine. 4 of the 11 students were accepted on the spot, two were accept doing the summer sessions, five need to complete their applications.

Paxon Hollow Middle School

Matthew J. Bilker ~ Next Month

Mr. DeNucci gave the following report for Culbertson. Spoke with Mr. Wigo, still doing the Pledge as an entire school. They are also participating in First in Math and are second behind Worrall. They are also doing a morning TV show. Mr. Wigo is going to work with companies to get TV's in each room to broadcast the news.

Mrs. Harvey gave the following report for Loomis. This past week they had a winter wonderland day and had the 2nd grade hobby show. 5th grade student won a naming of the mascot for the SPCA. The name is Biscuit.

Mrs. McAuliffe gave the following report for Russell. Kindness week ~ encourage to random act of kindness, made handprints and had a can food drive. Kindness cards were made for the community. A fourth grade class won for Hooked on being Kind fishing theme. PTO will present each student with a kindness bracelets. Pizza Bingo is tomorrow night. Other upcoming events, Orchestra concert, Reading Olympics, and the Fun Faire.

Worrall Elementary School

A. J. Baker ~ Next Month

11.04 Life Skills Program Changes

Mr. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the physical transfer of the Elementary Life Skills Program from the Culbertson Elementary to the Russell Elementary School beginning in September of the 2015-2016 school year.

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

With a brief discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mrs. Harvey asked for a motion to authorize the administration to prepare and submit a Special Education Provision Revision Notice (SEPRN) to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education requesting approval of the Elementary Life Skills Programs to be relocated for the Culbertson Elementary School to the Russell Elementary School beginning in September of the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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 Policy

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the second reading of the revised Tobacco Use Policy No. 222.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12.03 Travel

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Debbie Snell, Coordinator of Student Information, to attend the A/CAPA Child Accounting Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from February 25, 2015 to February 27, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$767.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Debbie Snell, Coordinator of Student Information, to attend the PIMS Data Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from March 22, 2015 to March 25, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$250.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Dennis Reardon, Assistant Principal, to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania from March 17, 2015 to March 19, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$505.00.

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

NOTE: Mrs. McAuliffe left the meeting prior to the vote due to illness.

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 2

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Michele Lunn, Teacher, and Mrs. Jen Fidalgo, Teacher, to attend the Success For All Foundation Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from February 8, 2015 to February 12, 2015. The total

cost to the District is \$1180.00 which is for Jen Fidalgo. Michelle Lunn is covered by the Success For All Foundation Grant.

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

With a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Kim Shilling, Teacher, and Mrs. Jody Farkas, Teacher, to attend the Reducing Recurring Behavior Problems with Difficult, Disruptive and Non-Compliant Students Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on February 25, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$458.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Chris Gicking, Football Coach, to attend the Glazier Clinics in Baltimore, Maryland from February 6, 2015 to February 8, 2015 and in Atlantic City, New Jersey from February 27, 2015 to March 1, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$397.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Dr. Josephine Johnston, Curriculum Supervisor, to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo at the Hershey Lodge, in Hershey, Pennsylvania on February 10, 2015. The total cost to the District is \$115.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.04 Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Brian Isselmann, Teacher, Ms. Tracy Jacobson, Counselor, and Mr. Mike Winterbottom, Teacher, to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Wernersville, Pennsylvania with the LINK students from April 10, 2015 to April 12, 2015. The total cost per student is \$125.00. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Steve Smith, Coach, to accompany the Varsity Baseball Team to Hanover County High School in Richmond, Virginia on March 7, 2015 and March 8, 2015. All players and families are traveling on their own. Each family will pay for their own hotel room and their own meals.

Hanover High School does not charge anything for the stay and their boosters club serves all of our players' dinner between games.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to White Face Mountain, New York from February 6, 2015 to February 8, 2015. This trip replaces an October Board approved trip to Mt. Snow Resort, Vermont which had to be cancelled due to shortage of student participation. The total cost per student is \$375.00. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.05 Clubs

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Latin Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to learn about and appreciate Greek and Roman Cultures and the Latin Language. The club advisor is Mrs. Traci Dubs.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Ski Club at Paxton Hollow Middle School. The purpose of this club is to offer students and faculty an opportunity to go to a local mountain resort and enjoy the sport of skiing or snowboarding. The club advisor is Mr. Dean Vlahos.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.06 Textbooks

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the sale or disposal of the following High School French Materials and Textbooks - Discovering French Blanc 2:

103 Textbooks
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004

ISBN-13: 978-0-395-87489-9
ISBN-10: 0-395-87489-0
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

26 Activity Workbooks
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004
ISBN: 0-618-29912-2
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

2 Workbooks
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004
ISBN: 0-618-29886-X
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

9 Resource Books
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004
ISBN: 0-618-29894-0
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

1 Teacher's Edition
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004
ISBN: 0-395-88142-0
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the sale or disposal of the following High School Spanish Materials – La Catrina:

La Novela: El Último Secreto
Copyright: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999
ISBN: 0-673-21846-5
Publisher: Prentice Hall, USA

Video Teacher's Guide: Paso a Paso
Copyright: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1996
ISBN: 0-673-21758-2
Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall, USA

Video Workbook Teacher's Guide: El Último Secreto
Copyright: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999
ISBN: 0-673-21845-7
Publisher: Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, USA

Video Workbook: El Último Secreto
Copyright: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999
ISBN: 0-673-21844-9
Publisher: Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, USA

Video Workbook Teacher's Guide: Paso a Paso
Copyright: Scott Foresman and Company, 1996
ISBN: 0-673-21804-X
Publisher: Scott Foresman, USA

Video Workbook: Paso a Paso
Copyright: Scott Foresman and Company, 1996
ISBN: 0-673-21803-1
Publisher: Scott Foresman, USA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.07 District Calendar

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the 2015-2016 District Calendar, Draft A.

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

With a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

1) Danielle Thompson – Confidential Executive Secretary
District – Human Resources Department
Effective: December 12, 2014
Reason: Personal

2) Michele Meehan – Food Services Coordinator
Food Services
Effective: December 23, 2014
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Bridget Doherty – Theme Editor
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 1, 2014
Reason: Personal
- 2) Kurt Lane - Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: November 26, 2014
Reason: Personal
- 3) Maryann Siefert – Cafeteria Worker
Food Service
Effective: December 10, 2014
Reason: Personal
- 4) Miriam Campanaro – Cafeteria Worker
Food Service
Effective: September 7, 2011
Reason: Personal
- 5) Lori Strzelecki – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Effective: January 27, 2015
Reason: Resignation (to accept other position in MNSD)
- 6) Garry Wilson – Van Assistant
Transportation
Effective: December 18, 2014
Reason: Resignation (to accept another position in MNSD)
- 7) Greg Tosto – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 26, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 8) Lorraine Holt – Health Room Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 31, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

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

- 1) Kirsten Kelly – Supplemental (Girls Lacrosse, 2nd Assistant Coach)
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 5, 2015
Reason: Resigned

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

With no further discussion motion was passed 7 – 0

13.03 TERMINATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional terminations item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Abby Hughes – LTS Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: January 21, 2015
Reason: End of Assignment

- 2) Dominic Frassinelli – LTS Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 22, 2014
Reason: End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified terminations item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Andre Brooks, Jr. – Options Student
Food Services
Effective: March 28, 2014

Reason: End of Assignment

- 2) Kathleen Seward – Bus Assistant
Transportation
Effective: January 20, 2015
Reason: Job Abandonment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.04 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Heidi Jankauskas – Music Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 11, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: March 11, 2105 through and including March 26, 2015
FMLA: March 27, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
- 2) Larissa Macheski – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 9, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: March 9, 2105 through and including April 10, 2015
FMLA: April 11, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
- 3) Allison Hostutler - Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: May 3, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: May 3, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
- 4) Stephanie Murray – English Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Child Rearing Leave - extended
- 5) Christine Roy - Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Child Rearing Leave - extended
- 6) Helene Marczyk – Elementary Teacher

Worrall Elementary School
Effective: December 3, 2014 through March 31, 2015
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health - extended

- 7) Geraldine Goebel – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: November 26, 2014 through and including January 4, 2015
Reason: FMLA
- 8) Catherine Green – Speech Therapist
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: November 24, 2014 through and including
January 18, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave
- 9) Dana Locher – Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 20, 2015 through the end of the Fall 2015
semester (Specific date to be determined once the 2015-2016 school
calendar is approved.)
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve professional leave item 10

- 10) David Locher – Science Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: 2nd semester of the 2015-2016 school year and first
semester of the 2016-2017 school year (Specific dates to be determined
once the 2015-2016 school calendar is approved.)
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 1

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve professional leaves 11 and 12.

- 11) Patricia Callow – School Nurse
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: 2nd semester of the 2015-2016 school year and first
semester of the 2016-2017 school year (Specific dates to be determined
once the 2015-2016 school calendar is approved.)
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 12) Christine McCullough – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School

Effective: Extended Leave - October 23, 2014 through and including February 28, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: October 23, 2014 through and including December 4, 2014
FMLA: December 5, 2014 through and including February 28, 2015

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves, item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Barbara Manton – Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 5, 2015 through and including March 28, 2015
Reason: FMLA
- 2) Joseph Beal – Bus Driver
District Transportation
Effective: December 15, 2014 through January 30, 2015
Reason: Medical (leave without pay)
- 3) Bobbie McBride – Bus Driver
District Transportation
Effective: December 11, 2014 through January 16, 2014
Reason: Medical (leave without pay)
- 4) Andrea Zebert – Title I Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: January 17, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Medical (leave without pay)
- 5) Anna Caton – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 29, 2015 through and including February 22, 2015
Reason: Medical (leave without pay)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.05 RETURN FROM LEAVE

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave item(s)

1 through 4.

- 1) Danielle Baumeister – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: January 20, 2015
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Melanie Hinkle – Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: January 20, 2015
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Geraldine Goebel – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: January 5, 2015
Returning from: FMLA
- 4) Catherine Green – Speech Therapist
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: January 19, 2015
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Anna Caton – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: January 6, 2015
Returning from: FMLA
- 2) Bobbie McBride – Bus Driver
District Transportation
Return Date: January 16, 2015
Returning from: Medical (leave without pay)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.06 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, item(s) 1 through 13.

- 1) Alexandra Lojewski - LTS Elementary Music Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA – Step 1
Effective: March 9, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: LTS for Heidi Jankauskas (Child Rearing Leave)
- 2) Kyle Johnson - LTS Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA – Step 1
Effective: March 5, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: LTS for Larissa Macheski (Child Rearing Leave)
- 3) Kurt Ritter - LTS Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA – Step 1
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: LTS for Elizabeth Landes (Child Rearing Leave)
- 4) Richard Orlando - LTS Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA – Step 1
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: LTS for Christine Roy (Child Rearing Leave)
- 5) Michael Bannan - LTS English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA – Step 1
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: LTS for Stephanie Murray (Child Rearing Leave)
- 6) Sean O'Donovan – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA-Step 1
Effective: January 5, 2014 through and including March 31, 2015
Reason: LTS for Helene Marczyk (Medical Leave)
- 7) Matthew Hummel - .6 LTS Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646 (pro-rated) BA – Step 1
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Replaces Dana Locher (Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development)
- 8) Lorraine Neef - .4 LTS Social Studies Teacher

Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated) BA- Step 1
Effective: January 14, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Replaces Dana Locher (Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development)

9) Catalina Ottinger-Ovens – LTS School Psychologist
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated) BA-Step 1
Effective: January 28, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Replaces Amanda Kelley (Child Rearing Leave)

10) Paige Nassib – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$42, 646 (pro-rated) BA- Step 1
Effective: October 29, 2014 through and including March 3, 2015
Reason: Replacing Christine McCullough (Extended Child Rearing Leave)

11) Sarah Ahmann – Homebound Instructor
District assignment
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Reason: As needed

12) Ashley Lavinthal – Homebound Instructor
District assignment
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Reason: As needed

13) Peter McNeil – Homebound Instructor
District assignment
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Reason: As needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, item(s) 1 through 2.

1) Lori Strzelecki – Custodian
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15.11 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015

Reason: Replacing Melissa DiGiacomo (Transfer)

- 2) Garry Wilson – Van Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$21.82 per hour
Effective: December 19, 2014
Reason: Replacing James McGowan (reclassified to Bus Driver)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

- 3) Barbara Gatta – Theme Editor
Marple Newtown High School **Item removed**
Salary: \$15.00 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Replacing: Bridget Doherty (Resignation)

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approved the following classified appointments, items 4 through 8

- 4) Carla Vastine - LTS Title I Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$14.37 per hour
Effective: January 19, 2015 through and including June 17, 2015
Reason: Replacing Andrea Zebert (Medical Leave)
- 5) Jacqueline Dulgerian – Food Service Worker II
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$12.13 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Replacing: Beth Mariani (Resignation)
- 6) James Lord – Classified Substitute (Custodian)
Operations Department
Salary: \$15.12 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 7) Ralph Salamone – Classified Substitute (Custodian)
Operations Department
Salary: \$15.12 per hour
Effective: January 28, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 8) Abby Hughes – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: January 28, 2015
Reason: As Needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.07 REASSIGNMENTS

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Melissa DiGiacomo – Custodian
From: Russell Elementary School
To: Marple Newtown High School
Reason: Replacing Kurt Lane (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.08 ACTIVITY CONTRACT

Mr. Bilker 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 Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.09 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ELECTION

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to (1) accept the resignation of Constance E. Bompadre as Assistant Superintendent of the Marple Newtown School District, effective at the end of the day on February 28, 2015; (2) appoint Constance E Bompadre in accordance with 24 P.S. 10-78, to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Marple Newtown School District and to seek a commission for a term of five (5) years effective March 1, 2015; and (3) approve the Employment Agreement with Constance E. Bompadre, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.10 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the MNEA, MNAA and MNESPA negotiated agreements.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.11 MNESPA Compensation Plan

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Educational Support Professional Association (MNESPA) Compensation Plan for the period effective July 2, 1012 through June 30, 2017.

Motion was made 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. Baker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,681,815.85 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$190,385.71.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October and November 2014. Treasurer's Report for October and November 2014, and Budget Transfers for December 2014.

Informational item monthly financial reports for December 2014.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.04 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$2,000.00 from Thomas P. Gorski for High School Swim Team equipment.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.05 PA E-Z Pass

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the agreement with EZ Pass for seven transponders for our 72 passenger buses at a cost of \$10.00 each and to issue a check for \$500.00 to our prepaid commercial account.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.06 Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to abate penalty on Folio 30-00-01313-04

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

With some discussion motion failed 3 – 4

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to abate penalty on Folios 25-00-05487-00 and 25-00-000154- 03

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

With some discussion motion passed 5 – 2

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to abate penalty on Folio 30-00-01192-02 for Alliance Bank

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

With some discussion motion failed 1 – 6

14.07 Taxpayer Assessment Appeal

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement on

Folio 25-00-04059-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:
2014 \$381,100 asst/\$515,000IFMV. Interim tax dollar loss for the
2014 tax year is \$2202.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, 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

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Rose Tree Soccer Club to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve JR Guglielmi, Coordinator of Facilities and Christopher Brown, Supervisor of Transportation, to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from March 10, 2015 to March 13, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00.

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

With a brief discussion motion failed 4 – 3

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Administration to accept SERAPH's proposal for the SERAPH School Safety Management Training Certification Program, at a cost of \$5,250.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve a change order for the Compressor Replacement Project at Russell and Worrall Elementary Schools for replacement parts and installation of those parts that were not part of the specifications, at a cost of \$5,892.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.02 Projects

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Bonnett Associates, Inc., 220 Baldwin Tower, Eddystone, Pennsylvania 19022 to provide Specifications for Bid and Project Management for the Classroom Alterations Project at the Russell Elementary School at a cost of \$18,400.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Administration to advertise for and receive bids for the Classroom Alteration Project at the Russell Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey gave the following report ~ Aston expansion ~ hopes to have that approved and will not have to rent other locations for students.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Governor Wolf sworn in and has announced a new Secretary of Education, Mr. Rivera, former teacher in the Philadelphia School District and former Superintendent in Lancaster.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Regarding the Life Skills class at Russell ~ there is an elevator at Russell and should be in the specs when done. Also, will the parent drug presentation when rescheduled have an e-mail through Infinite Campus.

Dr. Horowitz will have Mr. Puckett have an e-mail sent when rescheduled.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted

**Mr. Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary**