

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Jim Orwig

Press: Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 13

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Mongan along with students from Culbertson and Loomis played the Star Spangled Banner for the Board and audience.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Student Reps Ms. Amer and Ms. Dietrich

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

There were additions to Human Resource and Facilities

With the additions motion passed 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

The following report was given by Ms. Dietrich

- End of January was the Junior/Senior Class Dance, it was well attended and everyone had a good time
- Marple Newtown Band had their annual Spaghetti Dinner. The Jazz Band played while those who attended enjoyed a Italian delicacies. The fundraiser was well attended and helped raise money for the High School Band.
- 20 Student Council members attended the Region F conference at Pennridge High School on February 13th. The students listen to guest speakers, attended workshops led by students and made a lot of connections with student from other Pennsylvania Student councils.
- The Student Council ran a blood drive. The students donated over 80 pints of blood which could help of 240 lives.
- The Sophomore dance was well attended and help raise funds for the Sophomore class.
- Both boys and girls basketball made it the first round of the playoffs, unfortunately they lost both games.
- There will be a Volleyball night to raise money for the Freshman and Senior Class.
- March 14th will be the Harlem Wizard game against the Marple Newtown Staff.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bompadre gave the following report in the absence of Dr. Horowitz.

- Biggest news in education this month was the nomination of Pedro Rivera as Secretary of Education. Mr. Rivera has been the Superintendent of the School District of Lancaster. As Secretary he will have a wide-ranging role in helping to oversee and create education policy affecting students in kindergarten through college. He shared his top three priorities. First he needs to really invest the time to bring support for more school funding. He will be working with the Governor and the Legislature to work on new funding formula and provided the narrative that helps people understand how that funding can best support students. Second, he wants to expand learning opportunities for children and third his goal is to build confidence in our public school system. It is important for Rivera to bring the discussion of education back to what it's really about, the children of Pennsylvania. It shouldn't be all about punitive measures, assessments and resources. Education is about teaching kids. Mr. Rivera shared that some increase to funding

is the first sign of success he thinks we are going to see. He commented that the new governor has been very aggressive and masterful working across the aisle to engage multiple stakeholders in the funding issue.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting and February 10, 2015 Special Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

11.01 Contract

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 804582 to attend the Child Guidance Resource Center as a new placement for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No.842114 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. This is a new placement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

11.02 School Board Liaison Reports

Paxon Hollow Middle School ~ Mr. Bilker gave the following report

- The annual Potter Cup was held with Haverford~ this event raises money for Alex's Lemonade ~ Mr. Scott, Alex's father ran with the Road Trotters to Haverford. The amount raised over \$35,000.00 Ten year total of over \$375,000.00
- Students from Paxon once again earned the title best in State in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge. This year they designed an app called Drive Using Intelligence (DUI) that allows users to use an app to contact a cab should the app indicate that they cannot drive home.
- 7th grade will have a papermaker February 26th and 27.
- The Drama Club will present the Wizard of Oz on March 13th at 7:00PM.

Worrall Elementary School ~ Mr. Baker gave the following report

- The ongoing teaching for PSSA testing. Teachers visiting 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students and teaching with other teachers

- Concert for Elementary Band and Concert
- Motivation for the 1st and 2nd grade student. Students get the message and love working with Mr. Long.
- Bullying assembly.
- Pizza Bingo night.
- Worrall and Loomis beginning Band concert.
- Jump rope for the heart, raised over \$3,400.00.
- Valentine parties.
- Harlem Wizard assembly with Big J for the show on March 14.
- Motivation Monday for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.
- Pajama collections is ongoing.
- Book collection, Worrall has stepped up and really help with this cause with Melissa Loro.
- Dress as you favorite character day.
- Dr. Seuss celebration with Football players coming to read to students.
- Family night at Marple Sports Arena.
- Character education assembly.

11.03 Board Member Resignation

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Sherry-Lee McAuliffe from the Board of School Directors, effective immediately.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 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 Ms. Anita Stum, Teacher, and three students to attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from April 13, 2015 to April 15, 2015. The cost per pupil for lodging and meals is \$153.34 which is paid by the students. The total cost to the District is \$420.00 which includes the registration and car rental.

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. Chris Vogel, Teacher, and 45 choir students to travel to New York City to attend the Broadway performance of Les Miserable on May 9, 2015. The total cost per pupil is \$110.00. There is no cost to the District.

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 – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Retirement

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Phyllis Falls – Secretary
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 17, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.03 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Bernadine Sheridan – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 23, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 2) Debra Collings – Building Assistant and Non-Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: March 6, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.04 Leave

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Heather Molyneaux – Social Studies Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: March 23, 2015 through and including May 3, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave: March 23, 2015 through and including
April 17, 2015
FMLA: April 18, 2015 through and including May 3, 2015

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

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.

- 1) Christine McCullough – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: March 2, 2015
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.06 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Janeen Partridge - Confidential Executive Secretary - Human Resources
Human Resources Department
Salary: \$40,000.00
Effective: February 25, 2015

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Kelly Dougherty – Homebound Instructor
District Assignment
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: February 5, 2015
Reason: As needed
- 2) Jennifer Finley – Homebound Instructor
District Assignment
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: February 5, 2015
Reason: As needed

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

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 8.

- 1) Sheila Nichols – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$13,981.00
Effective: February 2, 2015
Reason: Replacing Greg Tosto (Resignation)
- 2) Jill Pittenger – Bus Aide (Reclassification from Bus Driver)
Transportation
Salary: \$16.16 per hour
Effective: February 2, 2015
Reason: Replacing Kathleen Seward (Termination)
- 3) Lowell Seymour – Bus Aide (Reclassification from Non-Instructional Aide)
Transportation
Salary: \$15.12 per hour
Effective: March 9, 2015
Reason: Replacing Garry Wilson
- 4) Linda Smeddy – Bus Aide
Transportation
Salary: \$15.12 per hour
Effective: February 25, 2015
Reason: To accommodate a student's needs as defined in an IEP

- 5) John Vella – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$23.39 per hour
Effective: February 25, 2015
Reason: Replacing Edward McClosky (Resignation)
- 6) Debra Collings – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: March 7, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 7) Karen Ebert – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$13, 981.00
Effective: March 9, 2015
Reason: Replacing Bernadine Sheridan (Resignation)
- 8) David Kurkian, Sr – Maintenance Worker (HVAC)
District
Salary: \$27.07
Effective: March 9, 2015
Reason: Replacing Joe Lastichen (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 - 0

13.07 Reassignment

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Danielle Young – Special Education
From: Marple Newtown High School
To: Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: February 10, 2015
Reason: To accommodate a student's needs as defined in an IEP

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.08 Supplemental

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

- 1) Rita McKeown – 2nd Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
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/season
Reason: Replaces Melissa Malick (Resigned)

- 2) Elissa Rogers – Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,366.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year/season
Reason: Replaces Rita McKeown (Reassigned to 2nd Assistant Coach, Field Hockey)

- 3) Eric Jackson – 2nd Assistant Coach, Boys Lacrosse (.5 position)
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$1,122.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: March 2, 2015 (season start date)
Reason: Replaces David Belson (Resigned)

- 4) Melissa McCarthy – Assistant Coach, Girls Track & Field (Moving from Field to Track events)
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,992.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: March 2, 2015 (season start date)
Reason: Replaces Justin Pak (Resigned)

- 5) Michelle Conway – 2nd Assistant Coach, Lacrosse (Girls)
Salary: \$2,244.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: March 2, 2015
Reason: Replaces Kristen Kelly (Resigned)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.09 Position Creation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) part-time (20 hours per week) Human Resources Specialist position, in accordance with the current Act 93 Agreement. This position will provide secretarial support to all areas of the Human Resources Department with primary emphasis on employee attendance and leave records, certification and compliance of such, and employee data base maintenance.

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

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 \$3,999,151.14, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$816,056.93 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$120,520.53.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, 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 December 2015. Treasurer's Report for December 2014 and January 2015, and Budget Transfers for January 2015.

Informational item monthly financial reports for January 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.04 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$250.00 check from Bentley Systems Inc. for STEM Scholarship for Loomis Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$199.82 check from William Culbertson PTO for Venture Grants – Special Education for Culbertson Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$3,224.05 check from William Culbertson PTO for Venture Grants for Culbertson Elementary School.

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

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 Marple Newtown Youth Lacrosse to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium every Sunday from March 8, 2015 to June 7, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Easter Sunday.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Youth Lacrosse's request to waive the staff fee required by Policy 707 for a Class III Category group using the Marple Newtown High School Stadium.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the St. Anastasia CYO to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium Track and Field Facilities for Track Meets on the following Saturdays: March 21, 2015 and March 28, 2015; April 11, 2015, April 18, 2015 and April 25, 2015; and May 2, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the St. Anastasia CYO to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium Track and Field Facilities for practice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from March 2, 2015 to June 1, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Philadelphia Spinners to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium for Professional Ultimate Frisbee Games on the following Saturdays: April 18, 2015, May 2, 2015, May 30, 2015, June 6, 2015 and June 20, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve JR Guglielmi, Coordinator of Facilities to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from March 10 to March 13, 2015 at a cost of \$461.51, which covers the conference fee and one night cost for the hotel.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Christopher Brown, Supervisor of Transportation to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from March 10 to March 13, 2015 at a cost of \$461.51, which covers the conference fee and one night cost for the hotel.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Administration to purchase Batting Cages for baseball and softball teams in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey gave the following report.

- The IU is having a seminar~ managing children that become oppositional it has started Part 1 2/17, Part 2 online and Part 3 at the IU on Malin Road
- March 26th at the Springfield country club ~ a seminar Children with Autism
- Conference at Drexel Hill Middle School on ADHD
- Health Insurance trust, districts saved 15,000.000.00. There are 32 districts presently in the trust.
- DCIU Joint purchasing in effect for all the districts.
- Public address system have been updated and all the IU buildings.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was a question about the Venture Grant ~ it was explained by Mr. Orwig that these are grants through the PTO at Culbertson to help with instruction in the classrooms.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted

**Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary**