

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Jim Orwig

Press: 1

Audience: 9

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

In the absence of Kathryn Chandless, President, Mr. Bilker, Vice President conducted the meeting.

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bilker led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

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

7 Board members present

Student Representative: Taylor Swartz

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

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

There were corrections and additions to the Human Resource report.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended 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

Taylor Schwartz gave the following report:

- A few of the executive board of the Student Council attended summer workshops and conferences
- Taylor attended the National conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she made everlasting friendships and learned many things.
- The President of the student council attended the PASC Gold summer leadership camp at Susquehanna University, Taylor attended the conference held at University of Pitt Johnstown.
- They will be welcoming the incoming Freshman at orientation on August 26th
- On September 3rd there will be a student council preseason day for students interested in student council
- Events for the coming year are still be planned

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cary gave the following report:

New Teachers

- RELEVANCE MAKES RIGOR POSSIBLE. I asked our new teachers to think about this statement as they plan and execute lessons for their students. In order for us to achieve high rigor, we need to make the learning relevant so students will be engaged in their learning.
- New Teacher Induction began yesterday and continues through the week.

Academics

- A general letter to the parents was posted on the website today, August 25, explaining the overall, state wide results of the PA Common Core aligned PSSA.
- Student placement letters were sent home on August 17th.

Tiger Foundation and Gala of the Arts

- Eleven Tiger Foundation Grants totaling \$7,492.00 were awarded to teachers based on their applications for special projects -Awardees' projects to be posted on the website
- We are evaluating the feasibility of holding another Gala of the Arts for this year. Teachers expressed concern about their need to manage the event during the busiest time of the school year. New ideas are coming forward for a more robust fund raising effort that would not impact teachers during the busy spring months.
- I met with Jan Ceton, president of the Tiger Foundation board, on the topic of a new type of fund-raiser and he suggested the foundation is open to new possibilities.

Branding Committee

- Mike Larkin will lead a branding committee which will be comprised of various stakeholders. The committee's purpose will be to develop plans, processes, activities, events, etc. around how to communicate and implement the brand.
- We have samples of letterhead and business cards from which we will select the best designs that represent our K-12 unified brand. This is a starting place for building momentum around the branding concept.

Superintendent's Communications with Teams

- Two cabinet level meetings have been held
- One administrative council meeting was held (principals and cabinet members only)- admin council meetings will rotate –one month principals and cabinet only, next month full admin council meaning assistant principals, supervisors, and coordinators as well as principals and cabinet.
- One district level support staff meeting was held in order to give a voice to our support staff.
- One joint district level and school level support staff meeting was held because the district level support staff expressed a need to have more interaction with school level support in order to iron out basic procedures and policies that impact the effectiveness of both district and school level day-to-day practices.
- 30-minute weekly standing meetings with individual cabinet members were been calendared and have begun.
- Board, parent and student “getting to know you meetings” will be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- In the early fall, I plan to meet with various community groups.
- All district and school level “getting to know you meetings” are complete

All of these meetings/conversations are meant to help me shape a vision and direction for the district based on input from a variety of sources.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting and the July 21, 2015 Special Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Independent Provider contract with Nancy Nowell to provide Human Development educational services to students in the District's Life Skills Support programs for 2015-2016 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841414 to attend The Woodlynde School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new placement.

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

With no further discuss motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 870063 to attend the Vanguard School, an Approved Private School (APS) as a new placement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 803777 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 841957 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a contract renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 802354 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a contract renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 800342 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a contract renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 840087 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a contract renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition agreement for Student No. 802977 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a contract renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Independent Provider Contract with Elwyn, Inc. to provide therapeutic support services for Behavioral Health Services at Marple Newtown High School. This is a contract renewal.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the One-to-One Services Agreement with Elwyn for Student No. 840214 for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a contract renewal, not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 880389 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 840993 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841151 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 802977 to attend the Mill Creek School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement attached for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a renewed agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the attached Settlement Agreement for Student No. 840087. This agreement was written and approved by the District's Special Education Counsel.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 840324 to attend Talk Institute and School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a renewed agreement.

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

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 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 800195 to attend the Strath Haven High School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a renewed agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the attached Settlement Agreement that allows Student No. 881127 (and parents) 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 for the 2015-2016 school year. This is not a new agreement and no cost involved.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 802354 to attend the Mill Creek School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 800342 to attend the Mill Creek School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 803577 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. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841957 to attend the Mill Creek School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a not a new agreement.

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

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 Donations

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to accept the donation of 200 books from Rafferty Subaru. The books should arrive in September. One hundred books are for the Paxon Hollow Middle School and 100 books are for the Marple Newtown High School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.03 Policy

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the Home Education Programs, Policy No.137.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the Suicide Awareness Prevention and Response, Policy No. 236.1.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.04 Athletic Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Doug Killough, Teacher/Coach, to accompany 15 Marple Newtown High School Cross Country team members to travel to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from October 9 to October 11, 2015 to participate in a meet. The cost per student athlete for transportation is \$100.00. The total cost to the District for transportation is \$1,500.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Steve Resnick, Coach, to accompany 16 Marple Newtown High School Wrestling team members to travel to Nottingham, New Jersey on December 19, 2015. The team will participate in a tournament. The total cost per student athlete for transportation is \$25.00. The total cost to the District for transportation is \$400.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Steve Resnick, Coach, to accompany 14 Marple Newtown High School Wrestling team members to travel to New Oxford, Pennsylvania

on January 29 and January 30, 2016. The team will participate in a tournament. The total cost per student athlete for transportation is \$50.00. The total cost to the District for transportation is \$700.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.05 Conferences

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Dan Peters, Teacher, to attend the American Orff Schulwerk Association National Conference from November 10 to November 14, 2015 in San Diego, California. The American Orff Schulwerk Association has asked Dan to serve as the Equipment Chair for the 2016 Conference being held in Atlantic City in November, 2016. Dan is honored to be recognized for his dedication to the Orff Schulwerk pedagogy and the opportunity to serve as chair would provide him with a once in career opportunity to work with some of the preeminent music educators in the country. To serve as chair he would need to attend this 2015 conference to shadow the individual serving as the chair for this year's conference. There is no cost to the District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 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) Theresa Saunders – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.03 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Matthew Landes – Math Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

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) Lisa Baker – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Decline job offer after formal approval on July 21, 2015
- 2) Adeline Everett – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: August 10, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 3) Helen Cline – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 4) Carol Blanton – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 5) Deena Bhrim – Office Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 6) Joan Beckey – Non-Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: August 5, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 7) Rose Pierce – Bus Aide
Transportation
Effective: August 21, 2015
Reason: Personal

- 8) Anne Blithe – Food Service Worker I
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: August 21, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.04 Leaves

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Thomas Gretchen – Assistant Principal
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: July 29, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing available sick leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, item(s) 1 and 3 as amended.

- 1) Kathleen Saybolt – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: September 1, 2015 through and including
November 6, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing available sick leave
- 2) Elizabeth Landes - Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 6, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Medical Leave: January 6, 2016 through and including
February 19, 2016
Child Rearing Leave (unpaid): February 20, 2016 through
and including June 22, 2016
- 3) Jody Farkas – Special Education Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: September 2, 2015 through and including December 23,
2015
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing available sick leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Celeste King – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: September 1, 2015 through and including
November 1, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing available sick leave
- 2) Jennie Dreyer - Custodian
Russell Elementary School
Effective: July 6, 2015 through and including September 7, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing available leave

Motion was made by Mr. Catania, 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.

- 1) Joanne Boulanger – Reading Specialist
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: September 1, 2015
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health

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

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.

- 1) Diane Standen
Russell Elementary School
Effective: September 8, 2015
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.06 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Christopher Costello - Interim Assistant Principal
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$84,000.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: August 3, 2015
Reason: Replacing Thomas Gretchen (Medical Leave)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, item(s) 1 through 10.

- 1) Sara Posey – LTS School Psychologist
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: October 1, 2015 through and including April 20, 2016
Reason: Replacing Jennifer Gossman (Child Rearing Leave)
- 2) Courtney Spinelli – School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$47,849.00 (MA – Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: Replacing Kim Polonsky (Resignation)
- 3) Christina Watts – LTS Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015 through and including
January 20, 2016
Reason: Replacing Dana Locher (Professional Development Leave)
- 4) Kyle Johnson – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015 through and including
November 6, 2015
Reason: Replacing Kathy Saybolt (Medical Leave)

- 5) Jennifer Kaiser – Math Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (BA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: Replacing Matt Landes (Resignation)
- 6) Monica Dwyer – Spanish Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$47,849.00 (MA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: Replacing Marianna Gazzara (Resignation)
- 7) Thomas Keer – LTS Math Teacher (0.4 position)
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (BA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Replacing Michelle Lunn (Math Grant Coach)
- 8) Kerri Ward – English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$47,849.00 (MA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: Replacing Christian Jaspersen (Reassigned to Assistant Principal at Marple Newtown High School)
- 9) Matthew Pimental – Gifted Support Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$47,849.00 (MA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015
Reason: Replacing Kristen Jimenez (Resignation)
- 10) Joseph McFetridge – LTS Art Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: September 1, 2015 through and including January 20, 2016
Reason: Replacing Jill Robostello (Child Rearing Leave)

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

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 15 as amended.

- 1) Patricia Pitcairn – Food Service Worker II
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$12.43 per hour

Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Ann McGrath (Retirement)

- 2) Annemarie Jones-Porter – Food Service Worker II
DCIU
Salary: \$12.43 per hour
Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Ann Gullburg (Resignation)
- 3) Lauren Colyer – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$14,330.00
Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Gordon Lang (Retirement)
- 4) Nina Shahikian – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$14,330.00
Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Eileen Kratz (Resignation)
- 5) Edward McElhinney – LTS Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$14,330.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 8, 2015 through and including
November 25, 2015
Replacing: Theresa McInaw (Personal Leave without pay)
- 6) Dave Engelbrecht – Grounds Worker (full-time)
District
Salary: \$16.58 per hour
Effective: August 31, 2015
Replacing: John Flood (Resignation)
- 7) David Cassel – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$23.97 per hour
Effective: August 26, 2015
Replacing: Lisa Baker (Resignation)
- 8) Young Cho – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$23.97 per hour
Effective: August 26, 2015
Replacing: Adeline Everett (Resignation)
- 9) Stacey Sandler – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: September 8, 2015

Reason: As Needed

- 10) Melissa Shelly – LTS Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$14,330.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: September 8, 2015 through and including
November 6, 2015
Replacing: Kyle Johnson (reassigned to LTS Teaching position at
Russell Elementary)
- 11) Lisa Harrington – Office Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$11,930.00
Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Deena Bhrim (Resignation)
- 12) Lowell Seymour – Non-Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$10.87 per hour
Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Joan Beckey (Resignation)
- 13) Erika Baylis – Title 1 Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15.10 per hour
Effective: September 8, 2015
Replacing: Sophia Raptis (Reassignment)
- 14) Jacqueline Milano – Classified Substitute District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: September 8, 2015
Reason: As needed
- 15) Christine Cubler – Classified Substitute District
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: September 8, 2015
Reason: As needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.07 Tenure

Mr. Bilker 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 (3) years of satisfactory service in the Marple Newtown School District in accordance with Section 1108 of the School Code, items 1 through 12.

1) Holly O'Mahoney	Culbertson Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
2) Colleen Deskis	Culbertson Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
3) Scott Leahan	Loomis Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
4) Adam Murray	Loomis Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
5) Meredith Noelle Newton	Loomis Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
6) Kim Young	Loomis Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
7) Kelly Sheridan	Worrall Elementary	Achieved: June 17, 2015
8) Jennifer Strimel	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Achieved: June 17, 2015
9) Christopher Carson	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 17, 2015
10) Edward Duffy	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 17, 2015
11) Kristen Jimenez	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 17, 2015
12) Eric Houck	Marple Newtown High School	Achieved: June 17, 2015

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.08 Transfers

PROFESSIONAL TRANSFERS

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the professional transfers effective the 2015 - 2016 school year, items 1 and 2.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Danielle Ashworth	Loomis	3 rd Grade Teacher	Culbertson	3 rd Grade Teacher
Adam Murray	Loomis	1 st Grade Teacher	Loomis	3 rd Grade Teacher

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED TRANSFERS

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers effective the 2015 - 2016 school year, items 1 through 15 as amended.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1. Karen Ebert	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	Loomis	Special Education Assistant
2. Eileen A. Fox	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
3. Danielle Young	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
4. Donna Schmidt	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
5. Anna Caton	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
6. Maria Boursalian	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
7. Diane Standen	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education

8. Lynda McDonald	Russell	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Assistant Special Education Assistant
9. Aveda Kitabjian	Worrall	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assistant
10. Donna Cummins	Loomis	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assistant
11. Lori Robinson	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assistant
12. Lorraine Trainor	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assistant
13. Paula Horton	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assistant
14. Dawn Farrelly	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assistant
15. Maria Thompson	Culbertson	Non-Instructional Assistant	Russell	Non-Instructional Assistant

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.09 Supplementary Contracts

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

- 1) Walt Ross – Assistant Coach Girls' Basketball (7th Grade position)
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 2) Thomas Barnes – Assistant Coach Girls' Basketball
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: August 1, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

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

- 1) Eric Houck – Faculty Manager/Assistant Athletic Director
Marple Newtown High School
Salary \$2,805.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance
with the MNEA negotiated agreement – 7.5 Units)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Christian Jaspersen (administrative assignment)
- 2) Edward Weems – Assistant Volleyball Coach

Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,472.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement – 7.5 Units)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Kristin Bond (resignation)

3) Matthew Hood – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$2,025.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement – 7.5 Units)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Mary Flounders and Tara Baselice (resignations)

4) Alysha Cook – 2nd Assistant Volleyball Coach
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,244.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement – 7.5 Units)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Gina D'Allura (resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.10 Position Creation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Cross Country Assistant Coach position, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, due to an increase in student participation and the health and welfare of the student-athletes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, 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

In the absence of Mr. Baker, Mr. Catania gave the following report:

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,687,366.86 Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$48,978.30 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$106,336.26.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for June 2015, not final.

Informational item monthly financial reports for July 2015.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.04 Taxes

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prosecute the following real estate tax assessment appeal for Tax Year 2016 regarding the following property: Folio 25-00-04498-01, Sproul Road, Marple Township.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to retain Bederson LLP as recommended by the District Solicitor.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.05 Advertising

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the agreement for Crozer-Keystone Health Care Systems for advertising at the Marple Newtown High School Stadium.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

15.02 Facility Use

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to allow the Delaware County Christian School the use of the Marple Newtown High School Stadium for their home football games on September 5, October 9, October 24, and November 7, 2015, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Miss Annett's Creative Nursery and Kindergarten's request for the District to allow them to use Paxon Hollow Middle School as an emergency shelter, contingent upon the review of the "agreement" by the District solicitor.

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

After a brief discussion, motion passed 7 – 0

15.03 Contract

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Administration to hire, contingent upon the review of the contract by the District solicitor, Stephen Parks & Associates, 412 Allegheny St., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, 16648 to make recommendations based on the District's scope of work, develop bid documents, attend and represent the District at all required approval meetings, review bids and make a recommendation, and construction administration through the completion of punch list for the Marple Newtown High School Athletic Fields Renovation Project, at a cost of 5.15% of the total cost of the project, including expenses.

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

After a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey reported that Dr. O'Shea will be retiring in September. The process has started to look for a candidate to interview for his replacement

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that this is week 8 without a budget

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was a question about the update on the Fields and Capital projects.

They will both be discussed at the next FNT meeting.

There was a question regarding the Volunteer clearances ~

Mr. Orwig explained that all the necessary forms are on the websites

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary