

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, December 7, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Reorganization Meeting
Administration Building – Board Room

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mrs. Barbara Harvey

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

4.01 Board Secretary Joseph Driscoll calls for:

- a. Mr. Driscoll asked for nominations for President Pro Tem (no second required)

Mr. DeNucci nominated Mrs. Barbara Harvey

- b. Mr. Driscoll called for a vote
- c. Vote was 4 – 0 for Mrs. Harvey

4.02 Mr. Driscoll declares Mrs. Barbara Harvey elected President Pro Tem.

5. BOARD SECRETARY READS CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Mr. Driscoll read the certificates of election all the newly elected members

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Honorable John P. Capuzzi, Sr. simultaneously administered the Oath of Office and the Loyalty Oath to Leonard B. Altieri, III, Matthew J. Bilker, Matthew Catania, Stavroula Kotrotsios, and Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr.

The newly sworn-in board members were seated at the board table. Mr. Matthew Catania was not present

7. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT FOR 2016

7.01 President Pro Tem calls for:

- a. Mrs. Harvey asked for nominations for President for 2016 (no second needed)

Mr. DeNucci nominated Mrs. Kathryn Chandless
- b. Mrs. Harvey called for a vote
- c. Vote 8 – 0 to elect Mrs. Chandless as President
- d. Mrs. Harvey declared Mrs. Kathryn Chandless elected President for 2016.

7.02 Newly elected President assumes chair.

8. ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2016

8.01 Newly-elected President calls for:

- a. Mrs. Chandless asked for nominations for Vice President for 2016 (no second needed)

Mr. DeNucci nominated Mr. Matthew Bilker
- b. Mrs. Chandless called for vote
- c. Vote 8 – 0 to elect Mr. Matthew Bilker as Vice President

8.02 Mrs. Chandless declared Mr. Matthew Bilker elected Vice President for 2016.

9. APPROVAL OF THE 2016 MEETING CALENDAR (Majority Vote)

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2016.

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

Motion passed 8 – 0

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board for this portion of the meeting, Mrs. Chandless continued with the Regular Meeting.

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, December 7, 2015
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Ms. Stavroula Kotrotsios, 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: 0

Audience: 9

Continued from the Reorganization meeting.

8 members present ~ absent Mr. Matthew Catania

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

There was addendum to the Human Resource committee

Motion was made to accept the agenda as amended

Motion made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Ms. Kotrotsios

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was a question regarding the committee meetings, would the schedule be the same. Yes, they are the same.

3. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Once again congratulated the Band in the West Chester Christmas Parade and being on channel 6 with Adam Joseph.

4. COMMENDATIONS

None

5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The following report was given

- Mrs. Colin Hannan was awarded Advisor of the Year
- Mr. Issleman teacher of the year
- Student Council has 2 or 3 kids for a adopt a child
- The Lip dub is still the next big event
- The timeline will be a big piece of the video
- Cheerleaders got a bid to Nationals
- Trails of Robin Hood, Thursday, Friday and 2 shows on Saturday
- Enjoy the holiday

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to the new Board members and have a great holiday season.

7. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

None

8. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to reappoint Mark A. Sereni, Esquire as Solicitor in accordance with the following fee structure:

"in-court" attorney time:	\$175.00/hr. (increased from \$170.00)
"out-of court" attorney time:	\$165.00/hr. (increased from \$155.00)
legal assistant time:	\$85.00/hr. (increased from \$75.00)
retainer:	\$3,000.00/yr. (no increase)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

9. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

There are no Curriculum, Instruction and Technology items for this agenda.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

11.01 Committee Report - Matthew Bilker, Chairperson

11.02 Retirements

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Kathleen Saybolt – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: December 23, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) David Walsh – Building Supervisor (Custodian)
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: December 31, 2015
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Hristodoulos Kontaxis – Custodian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: December 31, 2015
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.03 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Marie Tori – Non-Instructional Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: December 23, 2015
Reason: Personal
- 2) Michael Maguire – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: November 27, 2015
Reason: Personal

- 3) Lori Strzelecki - Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 3, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.04 Terminations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Suja Chowdhury – Food Service Worker II
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: November 25, 2015
Reason: Job Abandonment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.05 Leaves

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Linda Smeddy – Bus Aide
Transportation
Effective: November 30, 2015 through and including
December 23, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave (unpaid)
- 2) Jennifer Straubb – Food Service Worker II
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: November 30, 2015 through and including
December 23, 2015
Reason: Medical Leave (unpaid)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.06 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Elizabeth Knowlton – Math Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: November 30, 2015
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.07 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Moira DiTrollo – LTS Biology Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: January 4, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Replacing Elizabeth Landes (Medical Leave)

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

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 5.

- 1) Tiffany Bryson – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: December 1, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Dustin Vasquez – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: December 1, 2015
Reason: As Needed
- 3) Lisa Correnti – Food Service Worker II
DCIU
Salary: \$12.43 per hour
Effective: December 1, 2015
Replacing: Annmarie Jones-Porter (Resignation)

4) Lowell Seymour – Non-Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$10.87 per hour
Effective: December 8, 2015
Replacing: Linda Moore (Reassigned as MNSD Bus Driver)

5) Jennifer McNabb-Jones – Custodian
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$15.49 per hour
Effective: January 4, 2016
Replacing: Dian Georgeios (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.08 Salary Adjustments

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Marple Newtown Contracted Employee salary changes effective July 1, 2015, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

11.09 Supplementary Contracts

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

1) Karen Hilden – Band Front Coach
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$1,122.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Sydney Ergler (resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

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

1) Dominic Frassinelli –Assistant Coach Baseball (7th grade)
Paxon Hollow Middle School

Effective: November 25, 2015
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 - 0

11. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$133,682.06.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

There are no Facilities and Transportation Committee items for this agenda.

13. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey reported that the IU's annual report is out, if you would like to see it see her

14. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that there is still no State Budget.

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

16. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was a question regarding the update on facilities

There will be a report a the committee meeting in January

17. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to all the new Board members

19. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary