

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 (Not in attendance)

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Joseph Driscoll

Press: Leslie Krowchenko (Not in attendance)

Audience: 5

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 6:37 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, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. McAuliffe, Mr. Sack

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. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Chandless asked for a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$75,700,000.00 as presented on form PDE 2028, Pursuant to Act 1 of 2006. The Board authorizes and directs the Administration to pursue exceptions under Act 1.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 8 – 0

7 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A comment from the audience ~ Why doesn't the Board prepare a budget regarding travel, example \$45,000, and once those funds are gone then no further travel would be approved as well as giving Mr. Driscoll approval to handle tax abatements within a certain dollar amount. Both of these items would alleviate the lengthy discussions taking place at the Board meetings.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Mr. Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary**

