

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Catania, Atsuh J. Baker, Matthew DeNucci, Nicholas Reynolds, Stavroula Kotrotsios

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. James Orwig, Dr. Gerald Rodichok

Press: 1

Audience: 12

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Chandless led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, and Ms. Kotrotsios

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

At this time I wish to introduce Ryan Fazio who won Best Art in the 28th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest. He is a 7th grader at Paxon Hollow. Ryan, please come forward and be recognized by the School Board and the public.

Congratulations, Ryan.

7. COMMENDATIONS

January is School Board Directors recognition month; Dr. Cary wanted to thank the Marple Newtown School Board Directors for their time and service to the District. Dr. Cary commented that it is an honor and pleasure to work with each one of them and presented the Directors with a certificate of appreciation along with an umbrella.

Worrall Elementary Title I

Worrall Elementary School will be recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education Division of Federal Programs at the Title I Improving Schools Conference on January 29th in Pittsburgh. Worrall is designated as a 2016-2017 Distinguished Title I School. This is Worrall's third year with this distinction.

I congratulate the Worrall Title I team members; Mrs. Munin and Mrs. Perdue, and Worrall's building reading specialist, Mrs. Sarkissian. Through their collaborative efforts they support each student and tailor lessons to the student's strengths and needs.

Principal Beltrante holds this team in high regard and is very proud of its success.

Mock Trial Team

The Marple Newtown High School Mock Trial opened its competition on Tuesday, January 17th at the Delaware County Courthouse in Media, PA. Arguing their case and presenting witnesses in front of Judge Margaret J. Amoroso of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, the team gave a strong effort against the defending district champions from the Merion Mercy Academy.

Matthew A. DeNucci and Matthew Bilker serve as Advising Attorneys for our team. Dr. Michael Karpyn is our faculty advisor.

Team members include: Anna Trantas, Taylor Brekus, Blake Jelus, Mameh Dumbuya, Andrew Santilli, Carter Pierucci, Owen Mannion, and Chels Thiruselvan.

The Mock Trial competition is a state wide competition sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Stipa gave the following report:

- High Q has started

- The Bocce team won today
- All the winter sports have started
- Had 15 Argentinian students visited the High School
- High School will host Paxon Hollow with the Potter Cup and the Elementary School Dance A Thon
- The High School will host a Blood Drive

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting, December 5, 2016 Reorganization Meeting and December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 804640 to attend the Yale School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new placement and 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. 803420 to attend the Mill Creek School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new placement and new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 803420 To attend the Mill Creek School for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to Student No. 841264 to attend the Mill Creek School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement. This is a new placement and new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement for Student No. 841264 To attend the Mill Creek School for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new contract.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841146 to attend the Green Valley Academy for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, as per the “In Lieu of FAPE” agreement. This is a new placement and new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 881722 to attend the Green Valley Academy for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, as per the “In Lieu of FAPE” agreement. This is a new placement and new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 842085 to attend the Green Valley Academy for the remainder of the 2016-2017 as per the “Settlement Agreement and Release”. This is a new placement and 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 General Healthcare Resources, Inc., independent contractor, for staffing needs. This agreement has been reviewed by our district solicitor.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 - 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Kaleidoscope Education Solutions, Independent contractor, for staffing needs. This agreement has been reviewed by our district solicitor and business administrator.

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

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 Policies

In the absence of Mr. Altieri, Mrs. Chandless gave the following report:

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve to approve the first readings of Policy No. 251, Homeless Students, and Policy No. 823, Naloxone.

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

After a brief discussion on Policy 823, motion passed 7 – 0

12.03 Athletic Conferences

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Mr. Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director, to attend the KSA Events Coaches Preview in Orlando, Florida from January 27 to January 30, 2017. This meeting is necessary in order to learn the ins and outs of the upcoming Football trip in August. The cost of this trip is paid by KSA Events. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Mr. Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director and assistant football coaches and volunteers designated by Mr. Gicking, to attend the Glazier Clinics in Baltimore, Maryland from February 3 to February 5, 2017 and in Atlantic City, New Jersey from February 24 to February 26, 2017. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 - 0

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Mr. Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director, to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from March 21 to March 24, 2017. The cost of the conference is \$500.00. The cost of lodging and travel is \$760.00. The total cost to the district is \$1,260.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.04 Student Trips

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Skirmish, USA on February 11, 2017. The total cost

per student is \$85.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Dr. Douglas Killough, teacher, to accompany 100 NHS/11th grade Social Studies students to travel to Washington, DC on March 23, 2017. The total cost per student is \$50.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve Ms. Tracy Jacobson, counselor, Mr. Mike Winterbottom, teacher, and Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher, to accompany LINK students to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Wernersville, Pennsylvania from March 30 to April 1, 2017. The total cost per student is \$200.00 which is paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

12.05 Clubs

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Video Game Club. The purpose of this club is to bring people who share a common interest together while also discussing and advancing on the given video game. The club advisor is Mr. Andrew Butler.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Position Creation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Bus Aide position at an hourly rate of \$15.85, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, for a student attending the Yale School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, effective January 25, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Custodian position (full time) at an hourly rate of \$15.84, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, effective January 25, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.03 Retirements

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Lynn Fisher – Library Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 21, 2017
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) James Bunting – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: December 31, 2016
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.04 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Jill Robostello – Art Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: December 16, 2016
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Heidi Jankauskas - Music Teacher

Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 3, 2017
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Kimberly Kelly – Non-Instructional Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: December 9, 2016
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Lisa D'Alicandro – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 19, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Skylar Burton – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: February 3, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 4) April Bubak – Bus Aide
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: January 24, 2017
Reason: Transfer to bus driver position
- 5) James Burke – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: March 15, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 6) Dustin Vazquez – Food Service Worker II
Food Services/Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 18, 2017
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.05 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional termination(s) item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Leigh Ann Coary – LTS School Nurse
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) Stephen Spangler – LTS Chemistry Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment
- 3) Erin O’Connell – LTS Special Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment
- 4) Alex Dragonetti – LTS Music Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment
- 5) Jessica Hawthorne – LTS Art Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment
- 6) Brittany Milia – LTS Special Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective; March 1, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.06 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Gina Johnston – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: January 30, 2017 through June 20, 2017
Reason: Child Rearing Leave: January 30, 2017 through and including June 20, 2017

- 2) Lynn Fisher - Librarian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: January 19, 2017 through February 20, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments
- 3) Michael Karpyn – Social Studies Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: 2017-2018 school year (1st and 2nd semesters)
(specific dates to be determined once the 2017-2018 school calendar is approved)
Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 4) Jennifer Strimel – English Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: May 17, 2017 through June 20, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments
- 5) Madelyn Norris – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 7, 2017 through June 20, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave: April 17, 2017 through and including
May 9, 2017
FMLA: April 17, 2017 through and including
June 20, 2017

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Maureen Guyer – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: December 13, 2016 through and including March 19, 2017
Reason: Unpaid Medical Leave/FMLA
- 2) Lisa Bradley – Pupil Services Clerk
Pupil Services Department
Effective: December 13, 2016 through and including
January 27, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave allotments
- 3) Raymond Haffelfinger – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: December 21, 2016 through and including
February 3, 2017
Reason: Unpaid Medical Leave

- 4) John Vella – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: January 3, 2017 through and including April 3, 2017
Reason: Unpaid Medical Leave
- 5) Margaret Bristow – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 13, 2017 through and including January 27, 2017
Reason: Leave Without Pay/FMLA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.07 Return From Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Patricia Callow – School Nurse
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: January 30, 2017
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 2) David Locher – Chemistry Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: January 30, 2017
Returning from: Sabbatical Leave for Professional Development
- 3) Kristen Eiser – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: January 30, 2017
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave
- 4) Jill Mascio – Special Education Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Return Date: February 27, 2017
Returning from: FMLA

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.08 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Matthew Flood - Curriculum Supervisor
Curriculum Department
Salary: \$107,000.00
Effective: February 7, 2017
Reason: Replacing Toni Himes (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Jessica Pollock – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$43,925.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: February 1, 2017 through and including June 20, 2017
Reason: Replacing Gina Johnston (Child Rearing Leave)
- 2) Jessica Hawthorne – Art Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$49,045 (pro-rated @ MA-Step 1)
Effective: February 1, 2017
Reason: Replacing Jill Robostello (Resignation)
- 3) Alex Dragonetti – Music Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$43,925.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: February 1, 2017
Reason: Replacing Heidi Jankauskas (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), item(s) 1 through 12.

- 1) Bryan McKeon – Maintenance Worker
Operations Department/District-wide
Salary: \$28.37 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: Theodore Townsend (Retirement)

- 2) Efthymia Kazantzidis – Non-Instructional Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$11.14 per hour
Effective: January 3, 2017
Replacing: Kimberly Kelly (Resignation)
- 3) James Ross - LTS Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: January 3, 2017 through and including March 17, 2017
Replacing: Maureen Guyer (Medical Leave)
- 4) Christopher Vassallo - Warehouse/Delivery Worker
Operations/District
Salary: \$21.77 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: Bryan McKeon (Transfer)
- 5) Michael Shemeld – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: Gary Burgwald (Retirement)
- 6) April Bubak – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: Phillip Lieggi (Resignation)
- 7) Ankica Topalidis – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: TBD by assignment/Food Services
Effective: January 25, 2017
Reason: As Needed
- 8) Roxanne Sgro – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: TBD by assignment/Food Services
Effective: January 25, 2017
Reason: As Needed
- 9) John Klein – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: Young Cho (Resignation)
- 10) Anna Montanaro - Bus Aide

Transportation Department
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: April Bubak (Transfer to Bus Driver position)

11) Ylli Nasto – Custodian (part-time)
Operations Department/Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: Entala Kocibelli's assignment

12) Walter Ritter – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: January 25, 2017
Replacing: James Bunting (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.09 Extended School Year (ESY) 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2017 ESY Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, item(s) 1 and 2.

1) Jeffrey Kuciapinski – ESY Coordinator
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: February 1, 2017 through July 28, 2017
Reason: 2017 ESY Program

2) Alyssa Brown – ESY Coordinator
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: February 1, 2017 through July 28, 2017
Reason: 2017 ESY Program

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.10 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, item 1.

1) Jordan Marmelstein Paxon Hollow Middle School Achieved: January 3, 2017

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 - 0

13.11 Transfers

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the professional transfer effective February 7, 2017, item(s) 1.

Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
Dorie Martin-Pitone	Curriculum Dept.	Supervisor of Social Studies, Art and Music	Curriculum Dept.	Supervisor of Language Arts and Federal Programs

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mrs. Chandless
With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Biker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers effective December 5, 2016, item(s) 1 and 2.

Name	From	Assignment	To	Assignment
Kathleen Country	Russell	Special Education Asst.	PHMS	Special Education Asst.
Sara Morris	Culbertson	Special Education Asst.	PHMS	Special Education Asst.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.12 Tuition Reimbursement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the attached tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the Act 93, MNEA, MNAA and MNESPA negotiated agreements.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Kotrotsios

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.13 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2016-2017 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Kotrotsios

After a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.14 Substitute Teacher Service Agreement

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Substitute Teacher Service (STS) agreement addendum as presented, effective January 25, 2017, subject to the review and approval of the district solicitor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Kotrotsios

After a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

13.15 Compensation for Tax Collectors

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve a change in compensation for tax collectors as set forth below:

2018 Tax Year	\$4.40/parcel
2019 Tax Year	\$4.50/parcel
2020 Tax Year	\$4.60/parcel
2021 Tax Year	\$4.70/parcel

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

After a brief discussion motion passed 6 – 1

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 four million, six hundred seventy eight thousand, forty three dollars and thirty five cents \$4,678,043.35, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$136,978.50 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$288,838.86.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October 2016 and November 2016. Treasurer’s Report for November 2016 and December 2016, and Budget Transfers for November 2016, December 2016 and January 2017.

Informational item monthly financial reports for December 2016.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.04 Band Uniforms

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the purchase of 30 additional Band Uniforms for the High School Band in the amount of approximately \$16,345.50.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.05 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on the following folios:

a. Folio 25-00-03073-08	\$608.53
b. Folio 30-00-01320-00	\$317.71
c. Folio 30-00-01802-44	\$603.64
d. Folio 30-00-02297-02	\$1,546.72

After a brief discussion, Mr. Baker asked for a motion to table this motion

Motion to table 14.05 was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion motion was tabled 7 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to refund penalties paid on the following folios per the request of the tax collector.

a. Folio 30-00-02436-00	\$154.10
b. Folio 30-00-00638-06	\$181.14
c. Folio 30-00-01679-00	\$72.66

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

14.06 Preliminary Budget Adoption

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adopt the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$81,450,000 as presented on form PDE 2028, Pursuant to Act 1 of 2006 and to authorize and direct the Administration to pursue exceptions under Act 1.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson

15.02 Stadium Use

In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. DeNucci gave the following report:

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Youth Lacrosse for the use of the Stadium:

- 1) Monday – Friday from March 6 to June 9, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 2) All Saturdays from March 12 to June 4, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 3) All Sundays from February 19 to March 12, 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 4) All Sundays from March 19 to June 11, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Marple Newtown Youth Lacrosse is also requesting that all fees be waived.

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

After a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.03 Disposal of Equipment

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the disposal of a Genie Lift. This lift was declared unsafe at the last inspection and has been replaced.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.04 Service Agreement

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve a service agreement with Lutron Services Co., Inc. for the lighting system at the High School for a period of three years at a cost of \$19,416.00 per year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.05 Bus Lease

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the bus lease with Wolfington Body Co. Inc. for the second half the bus fleet starting the 2017-2018 school year. The first half was leased from Wolfington Body Co. starting the 2016-2017 school year. The terms of the agreement are the same as the terms for the first half.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.06 High School Gym Use For Joint PTO Head Strong Dance-a-Thon

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the use of the High School Gym by the four elementary school PTO's on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Joint PTO Head Strong Dance-a-Thon, the request includes relief of charges.

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

After a brief discussion motion passed 5 – 2

15.07 District Wide Concrete Addition and Replacement Project

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Administration to hire, Bonnett Associates Incorporated, 220 Baldwin Tower, Eddystone, Pennsylvania 19022 to prepare design and construction documents, assist with procurement of public bids, review bids and make a recommendation, as well as construction administration through the completion of the District Wide Concrete Addition and Replacement Project at a cost not to exceed \$8,725.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.08 Transfinder Implementation Services Agreement

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Transfinder Implementation Services Agreement to build up to 106 bus runs at a cost of \$7,950.00.

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

After a brief discussion motion passed 7 – 0

15.09 High School Gym Use for Marple Jr. Tigers Wrestling Tournament

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the use of the High School Gym by the Marple Jr. Tigers Wrestling Club for their league wrestling tournament to be held February 5, 2017. They will need the gym from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and they have offered to pay the district \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 for the use of the gym.

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

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to amend the motion to read as follows: to approve the use of the High School Gym by the Marple Jr. Tigers Wrestling Club for their league wrestling tournament to be held February 5, 2017. They will need the gym from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Motion to amend the original motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 7 – 0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Killough wanted to thank Mr. Bilker and Mr. DeNucci for assisting with the Mock Trial. It was a great success. The Board asked Mr. Killough about his trip to Washington. He told them they are visiting several monuments along with the Vietnam Memorial and they will do rubbings of the names of the Marple Newtown graduates whom had died. He said that there were four names on the wall.

Mike Smith has several questions regarding the Budget. The question was about the Unassigned Fund Balance as well as the Budgetary Reserve. Mr. Driscoll explained the difference between the two.

Mr. Smith also had questions about the fields. He agrees that our schools and teachers are second to none, but our fields are an embarrassment. It was explained to Mr. Smith that at this time the fields at the High School are in the process of being re-done. It is a process that takes time and the Board wants to make sure that the fields are done right and at the same time remain fiscally responsible.

Mr. Smith also had a question on Operations Maintenance Budget. Mr. Driscoll explained that that includes salaries, benefits, supplies, grounds maintenance and security.

Mrs. Trantas ~ 0 % increase does not help with the cost of these projections. It was explained that these projects take time. That the project now is being paid in cash because borrowing is no longer that easy.

Vicki ~ explained that parents are frustrated with the time it takes to get some things done. It was explained that there is a list of capital improvements that are getting done, but it does take time. She also addressed the need for the Naloxone in the schools. It is administered the same as a Epi-pen and could save a life.

As far as facilities, come to the facilities meeting or can always e-mail if something needs to be reported.

Ed ~ on the board for the Soccer Association. Would like to thank the Board for all their work. Also wanted to report to his Board on what has happened with the files.

If was explained that things on moving on. There was a problem with some of the soil and the water management on the fields and they are now looking at the Gauntlett fields. Suggested that they come to the Facilities meeting when there will be an update.

20. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 9:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary