

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, May 14, 2019  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

**Present**

**Board:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds,  
Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr.  
Matthew Catania

**Administration:** Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake  
Gallagher

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 8

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM and stood on the Pledge from the Special Meeting.

**1. Additions to the Agenda**

Mr. Reynolds asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

There were none

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Reynolds asked for the approval of the minutes, as presented.

With no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

**3. Informational/Discussion Items**

Mr. Reynolds asked for the motion be taken to the full Board for approval

A. Recommendation for the motion to approve the upgrade for the district-wide access control. The product would be a Salto base wireless system. The upgrade will be completed by our Salto vendor, Delco Solutions, under Co-Stars Contract No. 034-065. This project will be paid out of capital reserve in the amount of \$137,457.00.

B. Recommendation for the motion to approve Loomis Elementary School sketch for the bully wall on the playground. This was designed by the high school art club and voted on by the Loomis Elementary School students.

C. Recommendation for the motion to purchase a new truck for the Operations Department. This truck will be purchased from Pacifico Marple Ford under Co-Stars Contract No. 025-274. This truck will be paid out of capital reserve in the amount of \$76,715.00. 1) 2019 F-450 Chassis, SD regular Cab 4 x 4 SD Cab 145" W DRW XL (F4H) (Dump Truck)

Will take to the full Board for approval

#### **4. Transportation**

Update:

Mr. Orwig gave the following report:

A. Mr. Orwig and Mr. Dodds have met with Russell, Loomis, Worrall, Culbertson, and Paxon Hollow PTO regarding the transportation updates.

Three transportation department goals have been shared with the PTO's

1. Reduce the time a child spends riding the bus by reducing the number of unnecessary "house stops" and creating designated "collection stops" in our neighborhoods.

2. Place an effort on having the same bus driver do both AM and PM bus runs. The intent is to have the student and parents build a positive relationship with the bus driver.

3. "Here Comes the Bus" application to be rolled out to parents no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

B. Initial bus routes have been drafted for the four elementary schools and PHMS. Drivers are currently conducting "dry runs" and we are adding their input to the computer generated route. MNHS and private school routes are being processed and should be "tested" no later than the second week of June.

C. Extended School Year (ESY) bus routes are also being established. The first day of classes for ESY students is Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## PSBA School Bus Safety Competition

A. Motion: To approve Adrian Scipione, MNSD Bus Driver, to attend and participate in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual PA School Bus Safety Competition in State College, Pennsylvania from June 21 to June 22, 2019. The cost of registration is \$50.00 per employee. The cost for lodging is \$99.21 per employee. The cost of mileage reimbursement is \$102.08. The total cost to the district is \$251.29.

Will take to the full Board for approval

## **5. Other Business**

There was none

## **6. Public Comment**

Community member advised that when at the Culbertson meeting there were only about 11 people there. They were concerned about their students being picked up and the community member hopes that the district will get jump on this and let the parents know what is happening.

Mr. Orwig advised that letters are ready to go.

Community member talked about "Here Comes the Bus"

Mr. Orwig explained that it will take two weeks at the beginning of school to iron out any problems with the routes. The app for "Here Comes the Bus" is GEO coding and has to be imputed into Transfinder.

## **7. Adjournment**

Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.