

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 8, 2019
Board Room

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. John McKenzie

Administration: Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Mr. Jim Orwig, Dr. Heather Logue

Press: 0

Audience: 7

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions to the Agenda

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

There was none

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker asked that the minutes be approved as presented.

With no discussion the minutes were approved.

3. Bills for Payment

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund, Note: Food Service/Capital Fund Bills will be present at the final voting agenda.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Financial Reports

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval -

a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for October and November, informational for December, Budget Transfers, and Treasurer's Report for November.

Will take the full Board for approval

5. Donations

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

a. Motion: To accept a check for \$439.00 from the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation awarded to Elizabeth Landes, for a Teacher Mini Grant to help fund Innovative Educational experiences for our students.

Will take to the full Board for approval

b. Motion To accept \$1,630.90 from William Culbertson PTO for Venture Grants for Culbertson Elementary School.

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

a. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-02294-21 in the amount of \$854.61.

Will take to the full Board for approval

7. Board Policy

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

a. Motion: To approve policy 006 Local Board Procedures, first reading.

Mr. Driscoll explained PSBA had requested that Board Policy be reviewed.

There was question about the blank spaces in the policy.

Mr. Driscoll will have those blanks filled in and color code the changes. He will have this for the Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. Preliminary Budget Adoption

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval.

a. Motion: To adopt the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$89,150,000.00 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.

Mr. Driscoll explained that the Board can approve this motion or could approve a resolution not to exceed the Index of 2.3%. He explained that the structure of the debt would affect the Budget. He explained having the Bond be two issues for a more flexible management of the dollars. He also explained that growth is not much different from last year. He will have the cost of Medical in March and retirements in June. The vote on the final budget will be end of June.

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adopt the resolution, pursuant to Section 311 of Act 1, limiting the increase in the rate of tax for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to no more than the index of 2.3%, as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the School District.

Will take to the full Board for approval

9. New Business

There was none

10. Public Comment

There was none

11. Adjournment

Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.