

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless, Vice President, Nancy Galbraith, Robert Sack, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, James Lanzalotto, Atsushi J. Baker, Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, John McDevitt

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Louis DeVlieger, Mr. Michael Dumin

Press: Mrs. Leslie Krowchenko

Audience: 40

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Kathryn Chanless called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and welcomed all in attendance

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Leonard Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present were, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Robert Sack

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
Mrs. Chandless then asked for any revisions or additions to the agenda

Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe had an addendum to the agenda ~ #13, Human Resources and Policy Committee, 13.06 Appointments, Item 11
Mrs. Chandless to approve the agenda as amended.

With no further discussion, motion passed 7-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Exemplary Reading Program Award

Dr. Horowitz welcomed everyone and was delighted to see so many in attendance. Dr. Horowitz introduced Principal of Loomis Elementary, Ms. Christine White and asked that she come up and explain the reading award that Loomis received.

Ms. White explained that Loomis Elementary received the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Award, along with the Pennsylvania Keystone award which she is very proud to share. She explained that the teacher had to complete 52 elements for a site visit that commanded a second site visit. This honor took her and Dr. Himes to Texas this past spring to a convention where they learned that Loomis was in fact one of fourteen schools in the Nation. Dr. Himes, Ms. White and 7 Loomis staff members attend the conference over the weekend to receive the award, along with a monetary award to be used for more reading materials for the school. They also presented a two and one half hour workshop showing the model to other schools. She continued to say that she works with a wonderful group of professionals and that the award goes to the 45 staff members and 325 students at Loomis, they are the true recipients. It goes to prove that Students who read succeed. She introduced Dr. Himes, along with Helene Duckett, Reading Specialist at Loomis.

Dr. Horowitz than asked that all the staff members from Loomis stand and be recognized for this achievement.

7. COMMENDATIONS

Certificate of Appreciation ~ tabled until the November meeting..

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The student reps gave the following report. The upcoming events are Spirit Week, the homecoming dance was a great success, over 400 students attend. There is going to be a club fair held. They also spoke about the Honor Society, School store, French exchange students, and that the Soccer and Field Hockey teams made the playoffs. The also spoke about Bandarama and that the Band came in first at the West Chester and O. J. Roberts competitions. Other events coming up are the Powder Puff game, Adopt a Child, Conferences and Marple Newtown Community Pride day on November 22nd.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz explained that there is a new newsletter at the high school called "Eye of the Tiger" which was the idea of Dennis Reardon. In the October edition the LAMB Partnership

was highlighted. This program is a French exchange program from Lillebonne France. These students arrived a week ago and I am asking Dr. Bolinger to come up and explain what has been happening since they have arrived. Dr. Horowitz also thanked Dr. Bolinger for putting this program together.

Dr. Bolinger explained that they have been associated with this school since 1998 exchanging letters and e-mails. That the program is a special program that is sponsored by the government. The select group of students are required to take extra English classes. She explained that since their arrival they have been to New York, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, and attended a special program at Paxon Hollow Middle School with teacher Kerri Confora and her French classes. They were going to go to Washington D.C. and then have a parting party, returning to France on Saturday. She explained that our students will be going to France in April. The dates will be April 6th to the 19th. Some of the things that they will be doing while there is attending school for 3 days, and spending 3 nights in Paris to end the trip. Dr. Bolinger also showed the blog that the students have started. She introduced the teachers that traveled with the students. Both thanked Dr. Horowitz and the district for having the students visit. They are hoping that the exchange will continue for years to come. They also thanks Dr. Bolinger for all her hard work with organizing this wonderful trip.

Some of the host students spoke as well as their visitors. One of the things that they have done is gone to the malls. The French students were very impressed by the malls. The French students thanked Marple Newtown for welcoming them and they had a wonderful time.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. James LanzaLotta asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2013 Regular Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Mr. Leonard Altieri had corrections

#13.05 Position Creations ~ Note that these positions had been filled

#13.08 Salary Adjustments ~ Mr. LanzaLotta's name missing among the Ayes

#20 Comments from the Board ~ Reunion if November 30th, not November 13

Mr. LanzaLotta asked for a motion to approve the minutes with corrections

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. LanzaLotta asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement with the Mill Creek School for Student No. 802003.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. LanzaLotta asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement with the Mill Creek School for Student No. 802354.

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

Mr. Lanzalotta asked for a motion to approve Student No. 880940, to attend the Melmark School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the 2013-2014 school year. (This is a new contract, and a new placement. This student was placed in Melmark's Residential Treatment Facility and the parents reside in the Wilson-West Lawn School District.)

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 6-1

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Mr. A. J. Baker

12.02 Field Trips

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Dr. Constance Bompadre, Asst. Superintendent, Dr. Toni Himes, Supervisor, Dr. Lara Munch, Supervisor, Ms. Sandy Schaal, Supervisor, Mrs. Sue Mecouch, Supervisor, to attend the Aligning Teacher Effectiveness, Learning Communities, and Curriculum in Preparing for the Rigor of the Pennsylvania Common Core workshop in Grantville, PA on October 15, 2013. The total cost to the district for the conference is \$725.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Mary Anne Hrin, Teacher, to accompany the 8th grade class to travel to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire in Lancaster, PA on October 17, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$33.00.

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

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Ms. Sandra Schaal, Teacher, Mrs. Karen Can, Teacher, Mrs. Laura Wooden, Teacher, to attend the Arts and Education Symposium in Harrisburg, PA on October 30, 2013. The total cost to the district for the conference is \$120.00.

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

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher/ Coach, to accompany the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Skirmish USA in Jim Thorpe, PA on December 14, 2013 for a team building activity. The total cost per pupil is \$85.00.

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

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mr. Arch Hunter, Teacher, to accompany High School Social Studies students to travel to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Gettysburg, PA on December 18, 2013 for a lesson on The Battle of Gettysburg. The total cost per pupil is \$45.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher/Coach to accompany the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Bear Creek Ski Resort in Macungie, PA on January 10, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$50.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher/Coach to accompany the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Mt. Snow Ski Resort in Brattleboro, VT on February 28-March 2, 2014 for a team building activity. The total cost per pupil is \$350.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, Teacher/Coach to accompany the High School Varsity Softball Team to travel to Orlando, FL on March 13-17, 2014 for pre-season scrimmages. The total cost per pupil is \$800.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With not further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Michele Lunn, Teacher to accompany the 7th grade class at Paxton Hollow MS to travel to the Pocono Environmental Education Center(PEEC) in Dingman's Ferry, PA on May 7-9, 2014 to study nature. The total cost per pupil is \$225.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

12.03 Student Clubs/Activities

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the MN Ultimate Frisbee Club at Marple Newtown High School. The club advisor is Mr. Chris Carson. The purpose of the club is to bring students together to stay active by playing Frisbee.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the MN Yoga Club at Marple Newtown High School. The club advisor is Ms. Kelly McCool. The purpose of the club is to relieve stress and to meet new friends.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

12.04 Sale or Disposal of Textbooks

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the following motions

To approve the sale or disposal of the following Thomson Learning publication of Middle School Science Textbooks: 50 Living in the Environment, 12th edition 2002, ISBN#0534389619

To approve the sale or disposal of the following Glencoe Publishing High School Physics Textbooks: 120 Physics Principals and Problems 2009, ISBN#978-0-07-880721-3

To approve the sale or disposal of the following Glencoe - McGraw Hill Publishing High School BSCS Biology Textbooks: 150 A Molecular Approach 2006, ISBN#0078664276

To approve the sale or disposal of the following Kendall Hunt Publishing High School Biology Textbooks: 34 A Human Approach (BSCS) 1997, ISBN#0787703688

To approve the sale or disposal of the following Holt Publishing High School Biology Textbooks: 30 Biology 2006, ISBN#0030740614

To approve the sale or disposal of the following Benjamin Cummings Publishing High School Textbooks: 60 Campbell Biology – AP Edition 1996, ISBN#978-0-13-135691-7

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

12.05 Technology

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the lease of 23 iMacs for the MNHS Photography program at an annual cost of \$8,517.14 for five (5) years with HP Financial.

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

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Mediacast contract between Marple Newtown School District and Delaware County Intermediate Unit at an annual cost of \$5,500 for five (5) years. This is for Cable TV distribution and replacement of video resources discontinued by the Delaware County School Districts and Delaware County Intermediate Unit.

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

With no further discussion motion passed by 7-0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve a pilot agreement with Mind Research Institute to implement a pilot of the Spatial Temporal (ST) Math Software program at Russell Elementary School at a cost of \$5,000 as the initial startup fee to cover staff development and support.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With some discussion motion passed by 7-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Chairperson

13.02 RETIREMENT

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement, item

1. Maryann McTaggart – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary
Effective: January 2, 2014
Reason: Retirement (12 Yrs.)

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

13.03 RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. McAuliffe as for a motion to approve the following administrative resignation, item 1.

1. Susan Ferraro – Confidential Secretary
Human Resources
Effective: October 8, 2013
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Sack
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation, item 1.

1. Emanuel Carter – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: October 4, 2013

Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

13.04 TERMINATIONS

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified termination, item 1

1. Theresa Cardozza – Bus Drive
Transportation
Effective: September 29, 2013
Reason: Job Abandonment

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

13.05 LEAVES

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following administrative leave, item 1

1. Michael Facciolo – Building Supervisor
Operations
Effective: October 25, 2013 through November 29, 2013
Reason: Extension of FMLA

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave, item 1

1. Anne Jani – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Effective: January 2, 2014 through February 18, 2014
Reason: Medical Leave With Pay
Effective: February 19, 2014 through May 19, 2014
Reason: FMLA

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

13.06 APPOINTMENTS

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 10.

1. Linda Duncan – Title I Assistant
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$14.37 per hour
Effective: September 16, 2013
Reason: Replaces Christina Schwartz (Resigned)
2. Karen Friel – Classified Substitute (Title I)
Russell Elementary
Salary: 14.37 per hour
Effective: September 30, 2013
Reason: Replaces Andrea Zebert (Medical Leave Without Pay)
3. Joseph Timothy Lastichen – Maintenance Worker (HVAC System)
Operations
Salary: \$25.41 per hour
Effective: September 3, 2013
Reason: Replaces Donald Spielman (Retired)
4. Brittany Connor – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Salary: \$11.83 per hour
Effective: September 16, 2013
Reason: Replaces Jose Colon (Resigned)-Revised start date
5. Jacqueline Copeland – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.82
Effective: October 14, 2013
Reason: Replaces Dante Purifico (Reassigned)
6. Elisa Reynolds – Special Education Assistant
High School
Salary: \$13,640.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: October 11, 2013
Reason: New Position
7. Nicholas Jekogian – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.82 per hour
Effective: October 14, 2013
Reason: Replaces Dan Rickards (Resigned)
8. Robert Piraine-Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.82 per hour
Effective: October 14, 2013
Reason: Replaces Emanuel Carter (Resigned)

9. James McGowan – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$22.82 per hour
Effective: October 14, 2013
Reason: Replaces Theresa Cardozza (Terminated)
10. Honey Torretti – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: Varies according to assignment
Effective: October 8, 2013
Reason: As Needed

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

13.07 TENURE

Mrs. McAuliffe 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, items 1 through 11.

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| 1) Ashley Lavinthal
Worrall Elementary
Achieved: June 17, 2013 | 2) Lindsay Mitchell
Russell Elementary
Achieved: June 17, 2013 |
| 3) Jessica Buechele
Marple Newtown High School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 | 4) Peter MacNeal
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 |
| 5) Constantine Vlahos
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 | 6) Michele McAlea
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 |
| 7) Daniel Peters
Loomis Elementary
Achieved: June 17, 2013 | 8) Elizabeth Reese
Marple Newtown High School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 |
| 9) Tara Baselice
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 | 10) Gina Rodia
Russell Elementary
Achieved: June 17, 2013 |
| 11) Christine Miehle
Marple Newtown High School
Achieved: June 17, 2013 | |

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

13.08 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts for the 2013-2014 school year, items 1 through 2.

1. Dan Dortone – Coach – Diving
High School
Effective: September 26, 2013
Reason: Personal
2. Zachary Weimar – Assistant Coach – Boys' Soccer
High School
Effective: September 3, 2013
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Chandelss
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2013-2014 school year. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Robert Sack, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,331,041.51, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$27,265.60 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$96,016.21.

Motion made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed by 7-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2013 and Budget Transfers for October 2013.

Informational item monthly financial reports for September 2013.

Motion made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

14.04 Donations

Mr. Sack asked for a motion to accept \$250.00 from Active Image Media for "Raise the Bar".

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Altieri
With not further discussion motion passed 7-0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Leonard B. Altieri, III, Chairperson

15.02 Facilities

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve change orders for the Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project, items 1 and 2.

- 1) CM No. 364, Furnish and install brick infill under louvers at Mezzanine C200, at a cost of \$959.75.
- 2) CM No. 184, Backcharge to Farfield as documented in the Project Superintendent meeting minutes for masonry infill work at the pool mezzanine, at a credit of (\$7,784.64).

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, second by Mr. Baker
With no further discussion motion passed 7-0

Mrs. Chandless also stated that the Capital Project presentation would be at the next Facilities and Transportation meeting.

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None at this time

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Harvey advised that the House of Representatives passed HB 618 Charter Reform in June. The vote was 133-62. This bill allows districts to deduct pension for 2 years and also deduct food services cost. This is much needed relief for all school districts.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None at this time

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Question was asked about those teachers that made Tenure.

Dr. Horowitz explained that these teachers are observed twice a year for a three year period. They have to have satisfactory rating for all of those observations in order to achieve tenure.

Question about the Activity contracts

Dr. Horowitz explained that these are supplemental contracts. Example, Football coach may be 10 units and the years experience would determine the pay. These all part of the bargaining unit and are contractual.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Lanzalotto explained that he was with some gentlemen that were in town for their 50 year reunion while they toured the high school. They commented on how well received they were and that they took a 2 and 1 half hour tour. He wanted to thank Dr. Horowitz and the staff at the high school making them feel that they were still a part of the community.

Mr. Altieri noted that the letters are back on the High School.

Mr. Baker would like to see some parent help with reviewing the math programs. Also, commented that Bandarama was great.

Mrs. Chandless agreed with Mr. Baker. Once Dr. Horowitz, Dr. Bompadre, and Mr. Slonacker looked at programs, maybe they should be presented before having them implemented at the schools.

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kathryn Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday	November 12, 2013	Budget and Finance	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	November 12, 2013	Facilities and Transportation	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	November 19, 2013	Human Resources	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	November 19, 2013	Curriculum, Instruction & Technology	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: All Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meetings are held in the Board Room at the Marple Newtown School District Administration Building.

The Human Resources Committee meets at the Marple Newtown School District Administration Building in Rooms 205-206.