

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, June 11, 2018
Marple Newtown High School Auditorium
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Present

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

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

Press: 0

Audience: 106

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and stood on the
Pledge from the Budget and Finance Meeting.

2. Additions to the Agenda

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

There was none

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reynolds asked for the approval of the minutes for the April meeting.

With no further discussion, the minutes were approved

4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities

- A. Presentation: Elementary enrollment and class size analysis present by
Dr. Constance Bompadre and Elementary Principals.

Dr. Bompadre gave the following presentation:

- Explained the process
- Kindergarten enrollment cap is 22
- Any overflow will be reviewed in July
- Grades 1 – 5 enrollment is watched weekly, then daily
- This is done by the building Principals and Mrs. Werner
- Cap for 1 – 2 is 24
- Cap for 3 – 5 is 28
- Once we know enrollment shifts will be made the in the buildings
- Any overflow will be at Culbertson and Russell
- Next year overflow only at Culbertson
- Addition of an Instruction Assistant if we get the cap or specific needs of the classroom
- Short term plans ~ Mr. Gallagher has had discussion with the Principals for the 2018-2019 school year plans

Dr. Bompadre then turned over the presentation over to the Elementary Principals for a brief presentation by each of them.

Mr. Wigo ~ Culbertson

- Make Library office new gifted support classroom
- Counselor to move to front speech classroom to be close to student services
- Speech to new office in the main hallway
- Music class room in gym hallway with unified arts
- New first graded in corner classroom of the first grade hallway
- New Camera installation
- Door replacement

Dr. Gretchen ~ Loomis

- Counselor to main office to be close to student services
- Instrumental to the stage
- Title One to new classroom next to Library
- Gifted to Instrumental to be close to student services
- ELL to guidance office
- New first grade in Kindergarten hallway
- New Camera installation
- Door Replacement

Mr. Readon ~ Russell

- Floor tile abatement and tile installation
- New Camera installation

- Door Replacement

Mr. Beltrante ~ Worrall

- Floor tile abatement and tile installation
- Door replacement
- New Camera installation
- Roof top air condition replacement

Mr. Gallagher advised that the door replacement would be if the doors are not working correctly or correctly operational for safety.

- B. Presentation: Bonnet Associates Incorporated Elementary Education specification facility study.

Mr. Pete Medica gave a brief presentation:

- Gave an overview of the Elementary schools
- Showed what the capacity is for each school
- Gave a breakdown of the planning summary and budgets

- C. Discussion: Proposed Field Project update

Mr. Pete Medica gave a brief presentation:

- Explained the difference between options A and B
- Last Octobers numbers have increased, added a Field House located possibly behind the main stadium
- Field house would have a team room, bathrooms, training room, locker rooms, small concession stand, and a small meeting room
- It would be available for all sports

5. New Business

There was none

6. Public Comment

The following questions were asked by several parents:

- Concern of class size
- Safety in the classrooms
- Managing of the class size and safety
- Study of the numbers ~ students with IEP's in a regular education classroom
- Emphasis seems to be on the fields ~ should be on education

- Right now have 2 schools at capacity
- If classes are at capacity, add an assistant in the classroom
- Pennsylvania Code #59.33 ~ requires an assistant for over 25 students
- Please look at the specifications
- Look at the plans ~ spend the money and get the job done
- Culbertson is going to be the school that will get hit with the most students, but what about the other schools
- Is there any possibility of a full day Kindergarten
- Why not have a Kindergarten center, this would free up space in the schools.
- Use space, careful not to over build
- Have an assistant if classes go beyond 26
- Spend money wisely

Response:

- Dr. Bompadre will continue to monitor registration
- Mr. Driscoll and Dr. Bompadre will get cost of a full day Kindergarten
- The field projection has been ongoing for 5 years, any construction will be started in June of next year. Goal is to make the decision at the end of June.
- There was a safety audit several years ago, the district is doing what was recommended at that time. There was another audit recently completed, additional security is being added as recommended from this audit
- There has been Federal Grant money as well as State funding for additional security for districts. It has not been made public how and when the monies will be disbursed or what districts will receive.
- The Pennsylvania code #59.33 will be looked at
- Concerns should be brought to the Administration

7. Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

***There was no audio recording of this meeting. Minutes are from presentation hand outs and notes taken.**