

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 12, 2019
Marple Newtown 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. DeNucci

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

Press: 0

Audience: 5

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 an additional request for abatement of penalty of taxes

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 January, informational for February, and Budget Transfers.

Will take the full Board for approval

5. Request to Close a Student Activity Account

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

A. Motion: Request to close the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) account at Paxton Hollow Middle School, balance \$339.90, and donate to the FBLA at Marple Newtown High School

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

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

A. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-00608-00 in the amount of \$857.57, (tabled from 2/26/19).

B. Motion: To approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01407-00 in the amount of \$315.26

Mr. Driscoll explained we only do face amount, never the discount.

Will take to the full Board for approval

7. Equipment Purchase

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

Mr. Driscoll explained the following:

A. Cafeteria Tables ~ at Paxton Hollow will complete all new tables

B. Radios ~ presentation a month or two ago, better communication on the busses with unlimited distance. It would also be for safety and security.

The cost of about \$150,000.00 for the entire district and includes antennas. These are all digital. Monthly cost would be about \$1,600.00 a month. Will have the final cost at the end of the month.

C. Musical Instruments ~ back on track of instrument purchase, have about \$20,000.00 worth of instruments that would be purchased.

D. Vehicles ~ maintenance vehicles maintenance, some vehicles being replaced from 2004

E. Bus Garage ~ to update some of the present equipment, example is the changing tires, we have been spending a lot of money getting them done off site. We can do this work ourselves.

Funds would be coming for budgetary reserve for these purchases.

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. 2019-2020 Budget Update

Mr. Driscoll explained that we will start up again next month. He is looking at the medical and the overall trust is down for health care. In April Mr. Driscoll will be presenting the final budget

9. New Business

There was none

10. Public Comment

A community member asked if the cell phones will interfere with the new radios in an emergency situation.

Response: They should not.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM.