

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 2014
Board Room, Administration Building

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Committee:** **Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. James Lanzalotto**

Board: **Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless**

Administration: **Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin**

Press: 0

Audience: 10

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:41PM and the meeting stood on the Pledge from the Special Meeting.

1. Additions to the Agenda

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

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, Capital Fund and Capital Reserve bills.

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 March 2014, Informational for April 2014. Treasurer's report for March, Budget Transfers.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

5. Food Service

Mr. Driscoll explained that yearly Mrs. Eileen Bellew gives a presentation to the Board with regards to the Food Service in the district. Mrs. Bellew gave the following brief presentation. She explained:

- ❖ The cost of lunches in each of the schools.
- ❖ Revenues and Free and Reduced lunches.
- ❖ Ala Carte items.
- ❖ New regulations on snacks as of July 2, 2014.
- ❖ Expenses: Labor, Benefits, food cost, paper products and maintenance of equipment.
- ❖ She thanked operations for all the help in maintaining the equipment.
- ❖ Possible reduction of staff, 1 or 2 managers to cover more than one school.
- ❖ Quality goes along with cost.
- ❖ Partnership with the DCIU ~ Summer feeding program.
- ❖ New Vending machines
- ❖ Explained the grants that have been received "Farm to Table" for fresh food and veggie program.
- ❖ There will be new regulations with the Sodium levels in schools.
- ❖ Training of staff.
- ❖ Increase in cost for next year by \$.05. If the increase is not approve could impact the budget.
- ❖ The food service is able to make a profit.

A break in the meeting ~ Dr. Horowitz wanted to make a presentation to 2 of the district bus drivers. She explained that on April 26, 2014 the 16th Annual School Bus Safety Driving Competition was held at the DCIU. The bus drivers are judged on the driver's knowledge of rules, regulations and traffic laws, the ability to pre-trip the bus, and the ability to maneuver the bus through a variety of seemingly impossible driving skills. John Engelbrecht and Bill Hanly, two of the district bus drivers enter the competition. She was pleased to report that John finished in the top 10 and has the option to move on

to the State Completion and Bill missed the top 10 by only 9 points. Congratulations to both of these drivers.

Mr. Driscoll gave the following report on the district vending machines in the buildings. He explained that

- ❖ These are annual contracts.
- ❖ We are looking at a National firm.
- ❖ Commissions are a number game.
- ❖ Bids to the Board this month.

6. 2014-2015 Final Budget Update

Mr. Driscoll gave the following presentation

- ❖ June will be the final vote.
- ❖ The increase is within the index.
- ❖ Main change was medical which has changed since April.
- ❖ Medical Access ~ Pupil Services doing a great job on this.
- ❖ Title One is going up \$50,000. next year.
- ❖ Personnel budgets ~ no cuts to programs.
- ❖ There will be a savings of \$535,000. for personnel, those employees. leaving will be replaced, but salaries will be lower.
- ❖ Looking for a part-time secretary for Pupil Services. 5 Teacher at the High School ~ Algebra 1 teacher.
- ❖ 27 per class at the High School, a support class should be 12 or less and right now they are 15 to 18.
- ❖ Don't see much change from the other budgets presented.
- ❖ Collection rate is good.
- ❖ Not really going to get anything from the State.

7. School Board Treasurer

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

- a. Motion: To elect Denise Land as School Board Treasurer and Custodian of Student Funds. Section 404 of the school code stipulated "...and shall annually, during that Month of May, elect a Treasurer to serve for one (1) year beginning the first day of July following the selection....."

Will take to the full Board for approval.

8. Donations

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

- a. Motion: To accept a \$100.00 donation from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories for Loomis Elementary.
- b. Motion: To accept \$1,000.00 donation from Sage Clinic for the High School.

Will take both motions to the full Board for approval.

9. Taxpayer Request ~ Abatement of Penalty and interest

Mr. Driscoll explained that the property has already been levied. We may want to check with the Solicitor to see if there is any thing that can be done. This could take some time.

10. New Business

Mr. Driscoll explained that the final Bids from the IU are in and that he will have a motion to bring to the Board at the end of the month.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment

Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM

****Minutes from notes**