

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Marple Newtown School District Board Room
Minutes

Board: Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Mr. David Dezzi, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Vice President, Mr. Anthony Maalouf, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, Mr. Joe Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Gina Ross

Press: 0

Audience: 3

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and advised that the Board met in Executive session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Maalouf, Mrs. Tomasco, Mr. Reynolds (by phone)

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Report under Commendations

7. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

Each year, the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union honors 20 outstanding educators from five counties (Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, New Castle, and Philadelphia). The recipients have made a positive impact through their work, dedication, and contribution. This prestigious award is accompanied by \$1000 classroom and school stipends as well as a special awards ceremony in the spring. Marple Newtown School District is proud to have three recipients this year. Last week these distinguished educators were honored at a dinner at the Drexelbrook. Congratulations to our 2022 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients:

Christine McCullough - Loomis Elementary
Sean O'Donovan - Worrall Elementary
Linda Wigo - Paxon Hollow Middle School

Mrs. Taylor Amabile, MNHS social studies teacher, was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). The organization seeks to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, and peer networks. Each year student members of NSHSS are invited to nominate the educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career. One of the students who supported Mrs. Amabile's nomination explained, "It's her passion. She's always pushing me to be the best version of myself. It's one of the reasons why I look forward to coming here every day."

Each Principal then spoke about the staff member who won the award in their building.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Collins gave the following report:

- MN Color guard got 4th place at the Color guard Championship
- Boys Lacrosse had a game against Valley Forge Military Academy today at 4:30
- Junior Prom is this Friday at Springfield Country Club
- Senior Prom is May 13th also at Springfield Country Club
- Senior Project is off and running. Permission slips have been signed and turned in
- Junior Initiative has been going on for the past month and students are presenting their projects in class this week
- Graduation for the class of 2022 will be on the football field this year
- For men's track, ~ Justin Quinn has made districts for the discus event and Joel Zacharias made districts for the long jump. We wish them best of luck
- MN Baseball is playing very well this year. Yesterday was the battle for first place in the Central League against Garnet Valley. Unfortunately, the Tigers lost 10 – 4
- Last, our annual Lip Dub is returning and will be held this Friday. Classes will be decorating hallways and singing along to their favorite songs during this fun and spirited event.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Currently our students in Grades 3 through 8 are completing the PSSA.

This past month I would like to share about Culbertson School having a successful Reading March Madness Book Tournament. Throughout the month, the students read an assortment of books and voted, after each vote, the bracket narrowed. The final championship included a two-book face off with Mr. Wigo and me recording the final two books. The entire event was a lot of fun!

Loomis Elementary School recently hosted Pizza Bingo, a Scholastic Book Fair, and the always popular Fun Fair! These events were a huge success thanks to our very dedicated Loomis PTO members, teachers, and principal.

Worrall Elementary School recently held a “Stuff the Truck” donation event for Cradles to Crayons, and it was a huge success! Students had the opportunity to donate gently used or new toys, clothes, and other children’s essentials as part of our final Character Education assemblies for the year. The truck was truly stuffed to capacity thanks to the generosity of our community!

This Earth Day, Worrall Elementary had a fantastic event thanks to the help of some High School friends! Mrs. Landes and her AP Environmental Science students created twenty interactive stations to help children learn how to do their part to help the Earth. Younger and older Worrall students were paired together as buddies, rotating through each station and enjoying the sunny weather. The students learned so much and had fun at the same time!

This past Friday, Russell School honored students at a Character Education assembly. Select students were recognized for demonstrating the pillar of self-esteem. Congratulations to those students.

MNHS CCAC hosted a summer job fair for our students. Leading up to the fair, the CCAC Counselors visited classes to promote the fair and prepare students to engage with the businesses in a productive way. Well over 20 businesses participated in this first time event at MNHS!

10. SECRETARY’S MINUTES

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the Resolution electing individuals to serve as members of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Chester Upland
Interboro

Fred Green
Edward Harris

Radnor Township
Ridley
Southeast Delco

Bradley Moore
Christine McMenamin
Sheree Monroe

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication of Student No. 880613.

Each Board member voted by a Roll Call Vote. All members read the transcript.

Mrs. Alberti ~ Yes

Mr. Dezzi ~ Yes

Mr. Bilker ~ Yes

Mrs. Harvey ~ Yes

Mr. Reynolds ~ Yes

Mrs. Tomasco ~ Yes

Mr. Maalouf ~ Yes

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

Mrs. Tomasco asked for a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication of Student No. 883299.

Each Board member voted by a Roll Call Vote. All members read the transcript.

Mrs. Alberti ~ Yes

Mr. Dezzi ~ Yes

Mr. Bilker ~ Yes

Mrs. Harvey ~ Yes

Mr. Reynolds ~ Yes

Mrs. Tomasco ~ Yes

Mr. Maalouf ~ Yes

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

Mrs. Tomasco asked for the following motions.

Motion to approve the agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) to perform a review and audit of the District's Gifted services during the 2021-2022 school year at a cost not to exceed Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to the District.

Motion to approve the Agreement for Behavioral Support Services from Gamut Early Intervention Services. This is not a new contract.

Motion to approve the Agreement with ProCare Therapy, a staffing agency that may be used to fill various positions such as PCA's and Bus Aides for students.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. Siano, Mr. Bilker gave the following report:

12.02 Podcast

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the use of the podcast *Serial* in the High School English classes to foster student communication, argument techniques, exposure to nonfiction narrative, academic writing prompts, critical thinking, rhetorical analysis, and standards associated with speaking and listening, which are pillars of our state standards. *Serial*, is a widely-taught, curricular initiative that meets the criteria for meaningful and engaging material. Additionally, using podcasts as both primary and secondary texts is a great way to incorporate multiple 21st-century skills. *Serial* is a content-rich nonfiction piece of narrative digital media, which is one of the major shifts in CCSS for English Language Arts and Literacy.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12.03 Textbook Adoptions

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following textbook adoption and purchases for the High School Science program as part of MNSD's curriculum seven year cycle. Additionally, these changes are necessitated by the need to update textbooks to the newest editions that align with the new proposed science standards from PDE, NGSS.

Course Name	Course Number	Original textbook	New textbook	Cost
AP Environmental Science	4616	Miller & Spoolman, Living in the Environment, 17th edition, AP edition, Cengage, 2012	Exploring Environmental Science for AP (Miller/Spoolman); Cengage	\$6,162.00
Honors Biology	4510	Miller & Levine Biology 2014	Biozone Biology for NGSS	\$6,189.92

AP Biology	4515	Urry et al Biology In Focus 2014	AP Biology Biozone	
Honors Physics	4710	Physics Principles and Problems © 2013	Inspire Physics ; McGraw Hill	\$15,956.55
College Prep Physics	4720	Hewitt - Conceptual Physics (2009)	Essential Physics; Pasco	\$27,658.80
Core Physics	4730	Hewitt Conceptual - Physics (2009)	Essential Physics ; Pasco (same as College Prep)	
Honors Chemistry	4610	Prentice Hall Chemistry 2008	HMH Modern Chemistry	\$14,906.26
College Prep Chemistry	4620	Holt Chemistry - (2006)	Savvas Experience Chemistry	\$14,520.00
Integrated Science College Prep	4420	McDougal Littell Earth Science @2005	Biozone	\$21,549.85

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12.04 Digital Resource Change

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following instructional digital resource changes as per MNSD's audit of programmatic use and applicability in the current in-person learning environment.

Adding:

- Turnitin - \$4,950
 - Reactivation of erstwhile license
 - Checks for originality (plagiarism) in student work (grades 9-12)
- IXL - \$66,951
 - Reactivation of erstwhile license
 - Dynamic skill practice for K-12 ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish
- Smore - \$250
 - Digital newsletter platform (Community Relations)

Eliminating:

- Study Island (replaced by Performance Matters and IXL) - \$33,180

- LinkIt (replaced by Performance Matters) - \$19,589
- Seesaw - \$5,225
- Typing Pal - \$1,200
- ROBOTC and Virtual World Software - \$1,000
- iReady
- DiscoveryEd (replaced by Newsela) – \$11,305

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12.05 Piloting and Purchase

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the piloting and purchase of Amplify Math to be used in three (3) ninth grade Algebra classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. Amplify Math is part of the highly-rated Illustrative Mathematics (IM) curriculum K–12 Math™. Amplify Math has a physical and digital component. The cost for the yearlong pilot for three classrooms is \$6,059.00 and will serve 220 students.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12.06 Student Trips

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

Motion to approve Mrs. Campo to accompany the Paxon Hollow Middle School eighth grade class to travel to Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 9, 2022. The cost of transportation is \$20.00 per student. The cost of the activity is \$55.00 per student. There is no cost to the District.

Motion to approve Mr. Massimo and Mr. Olimpi to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Band/Orchestra/Color Guard to travel to Disney in Florida from February 12 to February 16, 2023. The cost of transportation is \$425.00 per student. The cost of the activity and hotel is \$1600.00 per student. There is no cost to the District.

Motions was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12.07 Student Teacher Partnerships

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

Motion to approve a three-year partnership with West Chester University to host WCU student field placements; student observations; and student teachers as part of the

University's graduation requirement.

Motion to approve a one-year student teacher partnership with Neumann University. MNSD will host Neumann University student teachers as part of the University's graduation requirement.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

12.08 Technology Purchases

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

Motion to approve the purchase of online storage from Wasabi Hot Cloud Storage in the amount of \$15,514.83. This is a single payment for a five (5) year term.

Motion to approve the purchase of iLand backup platform for cloud file storage in the amount of \$24,006. This is a single payment for a three (3) year term.

Motion to approve the purchase of Check Point Security hardware in the amount of \$56,314.62. This is a single payment for all hardware and licensing.

Motion to approve the purchase of Crowd Strike security software and monitoring from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit at an annual cost of \$44,250.00.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Bilker gave the following report:

13.02 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional termination(s) item(s) 1 through 19.

- 1) Annette Brady – LTS School Nurse
Pupil Services Department/Worrall Elementary School
Effective: March 30, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 2) Jessica McColgan – LTS School Counselor

Marple Newtown High School

Effective: June 21, 2022

Reason: End of assignment

- 3) Marie Yeoh – LTS Spanish Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 4) Kristen Fuller – LTS Elementary Teacher
Elementary Schools
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 5) Dana Aubrey – LTS Elementary Teacher
Elementary Schools
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 6) Chelsea Maiers – LTS Elementary Teacher
Elementary Schools
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 7) Kerri McCormick – LTS ELL Teacher
Culbertson and Worrall Elementary Schools
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 8) Madison Sarnasi – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 9) Samantha Mastricolo – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 10) Jordyn Leone – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 11) Rachel Bronstein – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment
- 12) Kally Sioutis – LTS Behavioral Health Worker
Loomis and Russell Elementary Schools

Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

13) Susan Flicker – LTS Gifted Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

14) Vincent Mostardi – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

15) Christel Divincenzo – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

16) Katie Miller – LTS School Nurse
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

17) Alexa Logothetis – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

18) Trisha Adami – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

19) Elizabeth Currid – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: End of assignment

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified termination(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

1) Christine Gibbs – Bus Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: March 23, 2022

Reason: Failed to completed necessary employment documents

- 2) Fajr Minnis – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: March 30, 2022
Reason: Withdrew candidacy

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.03 Retirement(s)

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following administrative(s) retirement(s) item(s)
1.

- 1) Christine White – Assistant Principal
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: July 29, 2022
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

Act 93 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE

Motion to approve the following confidential employee(s) retirement(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Kathryn Kane – Assistant Transportation Supervisor
Transportation Department
Effective: June 16, 2022
Reason: Retirement

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional(s) retirement(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Jacquelyn Jumper – Special Education Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: July 29, 2022
Reason: Retirement
- 2) Joan Bohlander – Special Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: Retirement

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.04 Resignation(s)

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Erica Rufo – Mathematics Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 8, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Michael Paci - Science Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 29, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Erin Kleinschmidt – Speech and Language Pathologist
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Sophie Martin – Gifted Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: June 21, 2022
Reason: Resignation

Motion was made by Mr. Maalouf, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 9.

- 1) Jacqueline Loper – Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School
Effective: April 8, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Kaitlyn Gallen - Custodian
Operations Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: April 7, 2022

Reason: Resignation

- 3) Marissa Elskamp – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: March 10, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Rhajia Wright – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: April 7, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 5) Talaiha Horn – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: March 24, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 6) Dyan Peterson – Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Loomis Elementary School
Effective: April 21, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 7) Lynn Donato – Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 19, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 8) John Crewalk – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: April 7, 2022
Reason: Resignation
- 9) Jessie Hungate – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: April 20, 2022
Reason: Resignation

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.05 Leaves

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following administrative leave(s) item(s) 1 through 2.

- 1) Dennis Reardon – School Principal

Russell Elementary School

Effective: March 23, 2022 through and including May 6, 2022

Reason: Medical: March 23, 2022 through and including
May 6, 2022

FMLA: March 23, 2022 through and including May 6, 2022

- 2) Jennifer Canavan – Administrator of Employee Programs
and Compliance
Human Resources Department
Effective: June 9, 2022 through September 2, 2022
Reason: Medical: June 9, 2022 through September 2, 2022
FMLA: June 9, 2022 through September 2, 2022

Motion made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Brenna King – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: August 29, 2022 through and including November 18, 2022
Reason: FMLA: August 29, 2022 through and including
November 18, 2022
- 2) Julie Numerato – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: April 18, 2022 through and including May 5, 2022
Reason: FMLA: April 18, 2022 through and including May 5, 2022
- 3) Liza Raspa – Art Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Effective: August 29, 2022 through and including October 29, 2022
Reason: FMLA: August 29, 2022 through and including
October 29, 2022
- 4) Ashley Cooper – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: September 23, 2022 through and including June 21, 2023
Reason: Medical: September 23, 2022 through and including
November 7, 2022
FMLA: September 23, 2022 through and including
December 16, 2022
CRL: December 19, 2022 through June 21, 2023
- 5) Jennifer Gossman – School Psychologist
Russell Elementary School

Effective: April 25, 2022 through and including June 10, 2022
Reason: Medical: April 25, 2022 through and including June 10, 2022
FMLA: April 25, 2022 through and including June 10, 2022

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Walter Ritter – Bus Aide
Transportation Department
Effective: March 21, 2022 through June 17, 2022
Reason: Uncompensated Leave
- 2) Kathleen Sondermann – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: March 9, 2022 – April 4, 2022
Reason: Uncompensated Leave
- 3) Sarah Megonigal – Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: April 27, 2022 through June 16, 2022
Reason: FMLA
- 4) Dawn Patton - Secretary
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: June 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022
Reason: Medical: June 1, 2022 through and including July 31, 2022
FMLA: June 1, 2022 through and including July 31, 2022
- 5) Michael Zolochik – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Effective: April 6, 2022 – April 20, 2022
Reason: Uncompensated Leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.06 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Rachel Henriques – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Return date: August 29, 2022
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave
- 2) Julie Numerato – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary School
Return date: May 6, 2022
Returning from: FMLA
- 3) Rachel Gardner – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Return date: August 29, 2022
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave
- 4) Kelly Giano – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Return date: August 29, 2022
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Kathy Sondermann – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Return date: April 4, 2022
Returning from: Uncompensated Leave
- 2) Roseann Morrison - Custodian
Operations Department
Return date: March 30, 2022
Returning from: FMLA
- 3) Michael Zolochik – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Return date: April 21, 2022
Returning from: Uncompensated Leave
- 4) Marian McGee – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Return date: April 26, 2022
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mr. Maalouf

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.07 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following administrative appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1.

- 1) Brooke Tocci - Supervisor of Special Programs (K-12)
Department of Teaching and Learning
Salary: \$115,000.00 (prorated)
Effective: July 5, 2022
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 12/6/2021)
Dorie Martin-Pitone (Resignation)

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1.

- 1) Regina Kleiner - Science Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$66,996.00 (MA; Step 7)
Effective: July 1, 2022
Replacing: Michael Paci (Resignation)

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Zachary Peascheck - Custodian
Operations Department /Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$18.99 per hour
Effective: April 4, 2022
Replacing: Paul Philiposian (Retirement)

- 2) Ashley Pantalone- Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services Department/Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15,746.00 (prorated)
Effective: April 19, 2022
Replacing: Jacqueline Loper (Resignation)
- 3) Jesse Hungate - Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$27.59 per hour
Effective: April 18, 2022
Replacing: Gary Simmins (Resignation)
- 4) John Crewalk - Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$27.59 per hour
Effective: April 6, 2022
Replacing: Taliaha Horn (Resignation)
- 5) Liam Ferry
Operations Department
Salary: TDB by assignment
Effective: April 27, 2022
Reason: As Needed
- 6) Aimee Anderson - Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$27.59 per hour
Effective: April 27, 2022
Replacing: Fajr Minnis

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.08 Position Creation

ACT 93 – CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Dispatcher/Router Specialist position, in accordance with the current Act 93 Agreement, effective July 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of two (2) Elementary Teacher positions, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, due to increased enrollment, effective for

the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of four (4) Elementary Teacher positions, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, due to the implementation of the Designed Thinking curriculum, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.09 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement. In the event of any COVID-19 related school closure or cessation of the particular activities which are the subject of each contract, these activities contracts are subject to suspension or cancellation, with payments due thereunder prorated for services actually provided.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.10 Assistant Superintendent Contract

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo as Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, and to approve the terms of the Employment Agreement dated April 26, 2022 between the Board of School Directors and Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.11 English Language Learner Summer Learning 2022

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following professional personnel for the 2022 ELL Summer Learning Program. The following staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment, item(s) 1.

- 1) Kerri McCormick – ELL Teacher

Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: July 1, 2022 through July 29, 2022

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.12 Extended School Year (ESY) 2022

PROFESSIONAL

Mr Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following professional personnel for the 2022 ESY Program, as presented. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following classified personnel for the 2022 ESY Program, as presented. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0
Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.13 Elementary Tutoring Program 2022

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following professional personnel for the 2022 Elementary Tutoring Program; January 31, 2022 through May 6, 2022, item(s) 1. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment. (This tutoring program is funded via ESSERS II and III funds.)

- 1) Kristen Fuller – Elementary Tutoring Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: March 28, 2022
Reason: Elementary Tutoring Program

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.14 Summer Learning Program 2022

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment, pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, of the following professional personnel for the 2022 Summer Learning Program; April 27, 2022 through July 29, 2022, item(s) 1. The staff will be used on an as-needed basis as determined by student enrollment and program needs.

- 1) Linda Duncan – Summer Learning Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$31.00 per hour
Effective: April 27, 2022
Reason: Summer Learning Program

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

13.15 Contract

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to reapprove the two-year agreement, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, between Marple Newtown School District and Delta Dental Insurance Company, as presented.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Tracy A. Alberti, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,715,906.09, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$820,923.30, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$30,742.00, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$169,018.54.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for March 2022, Budget Transfers, and Treasurer's Report for January 2022, February 2022, and March 2022.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

14.04 Donation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept \$3,007.61 in gift cards from Giant Food Store.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tomasco, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

14.05 Tax Appeals

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-00967-00 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$450,000 assessment/\$450,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$109,730 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$1,203 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 25-00-05247-06 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows.

2022 \$820,000 assessment/\$820,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$55,000 below the 2022 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$603 to our District for tax year 2022.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-02463-08 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$1,100,000 assessment/\$1,100,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$220,000 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,413 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-01277-27 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$2,500,000 assessment/\$2,500,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$200,000 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$2,193 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize resolution on Folio No. 30-00-01313-02 real estate tax assessment appeal as follows:

2021 \$2,500,000 assessment/\$2,500,000 fair market value

This proposed resolution is a decrease of \$163,650 below the 2021 assessment and yields a tax dollar loss of approximately \$1,795 to our District for tax year 2021.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

14.06 Proposed Final Budget

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to adopt the 2022-2023 Proposed Final Budget, as presented on PDE 2028, in the amount of \$100,650,000.00, and to give notice that it is available for public inspection. The 2022-2023 Proposed Final Budget may change prior to the adoption of the Final Budget.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Tomasco

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson

Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

15.02 Marple Newtown High School – Lighting Controls Contract Renewal

Motion to approve Lutron Services Company, Inc. for the three-year contract renewal of the High School technology support plan for the energy management system for the high school lighting controls. This parts and labor contract renewal will be paid from the general fund at a cost of \$19,804.00.

15.03 Marple Newtown High School – Painting Project

Motion to approve Tanglewood Painting Corporation, 278 Bridgewater Road Brookhaven,

Pennsylvania 19015 for the painting of the interior of the high school in the amount of \$141,177.00. This will be completed under Costars Contract No. 534-165 and funded through capital reserve.

15.04 Retail Natural Gas Purchasing

Motion to approve the new gas PECO LVT Rate GC pricing, the 36-month weight-average in the lower cost 12, and 24-month terms to give schools a consistent Basis price over three school years and provides flexibility on locking in the NYMEX commodity for longer terms.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Alberti

With no further discussion motion passed 7 – 0

Absent: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Siano

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Harvey reported that the members of the IU Board have been approved. She also stated that she is proud to be a member of group of people that are committed to helping children.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Maalouf reported that on April 25th a 150 School Board members went to the capital to meet with legislators. Reminder that there is a breakfast at the IU on May 20th from 7:00 AM to 9 AM. Also, PSBA will also be monitoring the PSSA's results hoping for better results post pandemic.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bilker gave the following statement:

As many of you know, our District is preparing to renovate and expand Worrall Elementary School in the very near future. One of the plans the District was proposing was to add approximately 17 additional classrooms at Worrall to accommodate the significant growth in enrollment our District is facing. Obviously, however, that is not all within the limits of Worrall Elementary. And so what the District had been proposing was, following the completion of the expansion in 2023, to move the autistic support program from Culbertson to Worrall.

The District communicated this to the families of students who participate in that autistic support program. The board received feedback that those families were not in support of this move. In an attempt to have a conversation with these families on why the District believed this plan would not only benefit the district, but also their children who are in this program, we scheduled a meeting to discuss the topic last Tuesday.

I was joined by Desiree Tomasco, Tina Kane, Gina Ross, and several of our other central office administrators.

I have sat through a lot of difficult meetings over the past eight years – but after spending an hour with these families, I was personally, and I know I can speak for everyone on the district's side who was there – affected and impacted by the testimony that I heard. I am really grateful

to the parents who came out to share why they believed the program should stay at Culbertson.

This obviously doesn't always happen. The Board oftentimes has to make difficult decisions where not everyone can be happy. But following that meeting, the board and district met to digest and discuss what we had heard.

The results are that we are going to do our best not to move the Autistic Support Program from Culbertson.

We have asked our architect to contact PDE to determine if we have the legal ability to add on to Culbertson in light of the recent expansion we completed there. We believe the answer to that question is yes. As a result, we have asked our architect to revise the Worrall plans to account for fewer classrooms at that school, with the goal that we would add classroom as Culbertson, which would be needed to keep that program at Culbertson Elementary School.

We are committed to renovating Worrall Elementary School in the immediate future. This "audible" may affect our timeline. But it will be for the right reasons.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were several community members who spoke in reference to the renovations at Worrall and moving a program from Culbertson to Worrall. They were thankful to the Board and the Administration for having a meeting with them regarding this move to explain what they felt would be the effect on their students. They thanked the Board and the Administration for making the change to the plan and having the program remain at Culbertson.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

The condition of Media Line Road was brought up and maybe an email to PENNDOT would fix the problem.

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary