

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Administration Board Road
Minutes

Board: Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Mr. Matthew Bilker, President, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Vice President, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Dr. Heather Logue

Press: 0

Audience: 36

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM and advised the audience that the Board met in Executive session to discussed Personnel matters.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. McKenzie led the Pledge of Allegiance

There was a moment of silence for Matthew Wzorek

Dr. Kane made the following statement:

It is with deep sadness that I share the loss of one of our students, Matthew Wzorek, who attended 2nd grade at Worrall Elementary School. Matthew passed away unexpectedly from complications surrounding influenza. Matthew's family lost a son and MNSD lost a student.

Matthew was known to always have a happy smile. He loved being with his friends, really loved Harry Potter, and really loved Worrall. To say that he will be missed is an enormous understatement.

Staff throughout the District showed their sympathy, support, and friendship for Matthew's family and Worrall School. Sunday evening many of us attended the candlelight vigil held at Worrall School. It was a beautiful tribute to Matthew with singing his favorite song. When his family launched lanterns into the sky, many of us saw a shooting star at the same time. It was an extraordinary evening with the community coming together to remember Matthew and show their support for his family and school.

Please keep Matthew, his parents, and older brother Jacob, in your thoughts and prayers.

3. PRESENT:

Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Siano
Absent:
Mr. DeNucci
Mrs. Tomasco

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Mr. McKenzie had to additions, 13.05 Leave and 13.07 Appointment

12.05 wording, should read "not to exceed"

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Kane gave the following report

Congratulate the art students from Loomis School and their art teacher Mrs. Trigone on their outstanding display of work in the Board Room. The event was very well attended and the children were excited to share their artwork and design techniques with me.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The following report was given:

- Girls basketball made it to district playoffs
- HQ team was successful
- Swimming went to champs
- Cheerleaders won Nationals
- Mini-thon is Friday night
- Spirit week is leading up to Mini-thon
- Blood drive April 30th
- Spring sports will be starting soon

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kane gave the following report:

Student Events

- Attended Russell's Kindergarten 100th day fashion show.
- Joined the Delaware Chamber of Commerce and the high school administration and Junior Initiative advisors for the annual Junior Initiative recognition.

Parent Events

- On February 4th there was a joint PTO meeting.

Faculty and Staff Events

- Make regular visits to all six school.
- The Rating and Reporting Committee has met a few times and are preparing a presentation for an upcoming Board meeting.

Community Connections

- Was an honored guest at the local ministerial meeting.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the re-appointment of Mrs. Barbara S. Harvey as the Intermediate Unit board member representing Marple Newtown School District for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the Staffing Agreement with Staffing Plus. This is not a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mr. Siano asked for a motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 881686 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. DeNucci, Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions.

12.02 Calendar

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Academic District Calendar, as presented.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.03 Teacher Trips

Motion to approve Dr. Michael Karpyn, teacher, to attend the National Council for History Education in Cleveland, Ohio from March 20 to March 22, 2020. Dr. Karpyn will be a presenter. The cost of transportation is \$495.00. The cost of the conference is \$220.00. The cost of lodging is \$370.00. The total cost to the district is \$1,085.00.

Motion to approve Mrs. Elizabeth Landes, teacher, to attend the Milken Educator Awards Forum Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana from March 26 to March 29, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$504.00 paid by the Milken Foundation. The cost of the conference is \$595.00 paid by the Milken Foundation. The cost of lodging is \$795.00 paid by the Milken Foundation. There is no cost to the district.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.04 Administrative Trips

Motion to approve Mrs. Stephanie Sturdivant, Worrall Elementary School Principal, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) Leadership forum in State College, Pennsylvania from March 29 to March 31, 2020. The topic is on School Climate and School Safety. The cost of transportation is \$213.44. The cost of lodging and meals is \$395.26. The cost of the conference is \$349.00. The total cost to the district is \$957.70.

Motion to approve Dr. Tina Kane, Superintendent, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) Women's Caucus 2020 in Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 17 and May 18, 2020. The cost of the conference is \$289.00. The cost of lodging is \$229.00. The total cost to the district is \$518.00.

Motion to approve Mrs. Christa Palladino, Assistant Principal, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) Women's Caucus 2020 in Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 17 and May 18, 2020. The cost of transportation is \$51.44. The cost of the conference is \$289.00. The cost of lodging is \$229.00. The total cost to the district is \$569.44.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.05 Athletic Trips

Motion to approve Ms. Jaime Cessna and Ms. Kayla Murray, coaches, to accompany three (3) student athletes from the High School Boys Swim and Dive Team to travel to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania from March 11 to March 15, 2020 for the PIAA Swimming and Diving State Championships. The cost of transportation is \$2,464.14. The cost of lodging and meals is \$3,425.00. The total cost to the district not to exceed \$5,889.14.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved as amended 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.06 Club Trip

Motion to approve Mrs. Jess Protesto and Mr. Donald Sloat, teachers, to accompany the High School FTC Robotics Club to travel to Red Lion, Pennsylvania on February 29 and March 1, 2020 for the State Championships. The cost of transportation is \$982.73. The cost of the activity is \$275.00. The total cost to the district is \$1,257.73.

Motion to approve Ms. Jill Gill and Ms. Laura Risley, teachers, to accompany the High

School Bocce Team to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania on March 18 and March 19, 2020 for the PIAA Unified Indoor Bocce State Championships/Special Olympics. The cost of transportation is \$1,109.78. The cost of the hotel is covered by the Special Olympics. The total cost to the district is \$1,109.78.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.07 Band/Color Guard

Motion to approve Mr. Matthew Hurley, coach, to accompany the High School Indoor Color Guard to travel to Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 18, 2020 for the Indoor Color Guard Mid Atlantic Championships. The cost of transportation is \$1,458.02. The cost of the activity is \$1,000.00 paid by the boosters. The total cost to the district is \$1,458.02.

Motion to approve Mrs. Laura Quackenbush, teacher, to accompany the Elementary Schools Tiger Band to travel to Wilmington, Delaware on May 9, 2020 to perform the National Anthem before the Blue Rocks Game. Transportation is provided by the students' parents. The cost of the activity is \$16.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.08 Clubs

Motion to approve The Kindness Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of this club is to be kind and make people happy. The club advisor is Mrs. Johanson.

Motion to approve The Girl Up Marple Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to provide a space to educate and empower young people in the school community focusing on gender equality, leadership and service. Girl Up is a United Nations Campaign, similar to Model United Nations. The club advisors are Ms. Hazelwood and Mrs. Friedman.

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.09 Technology

Motion to approve the contract with FinalSite for the development of a new website for the Marple Newtown School District and its schools. The cost for setup is \$10,000.00, and the annual cost is \$21,000.00, starting July 2020 for a term of five years.

Motion to approve the Delaware County Regional WAN and Internet contract: Delaware County Fiber Optic Network. These services provide network and internet connectivity to the county and Pennsylvania State networks and costs \$20,766.36 annually. The contract is for a term of two years starting July 1, 2020.

Motion were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

12.10 Donation or Disposal

Motion to donate or dispose of obsolete Microfilm Drawers from the High School used in the past by the Counseling Department and the Library: Microfiche Machine, 3M Tattle Tape Dual Bookcheck machine, Model 31B, 3M Library Systems Anti-theft Device, and Indus Model 11 Canon PC Printer 80, 330M@Auto Carrier, and View Finder.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – John P. McKenzie, Chairperson

Mr. McKenzie asked for the following motions:

13.02 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional termination(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Effective: March 18, 2020
Reason: End of Assignment

13.03 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional resignation(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Christopher Vogel – Music Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 29, 2020
Reason: Resignation

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Andrew Packer - Custodian
Operations Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 7, 2020
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Diana Palumbo - Cook
Food Services Department/Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: March 6, 2020
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Jaclyn Albany – Health Room Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: March 2, 2020
Reason: Resignation

13.04 Retirements

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Brian Gardner - Custodian
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 18, 2020
Reason: Retirement

13.05 Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional leave(s) item(s) 1 and 2. Item 2 as amended.

- 1) Galen Mooney – English Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 6, 2020 through February 27, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave
- 2) Kim Reardon – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: February 27, 2020 through and including May 8, 2020

Reason: Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Karen Munin – Title I Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: January 2, 2020 through April 10, 2020
Reason: Medical Leave

13.06 Return from leave

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Kylie Kusturiss – School Counselor
Russell Elementary School
Return Date: March 17, 2020
Returning from: Medical Leave

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Donna Spera – Food Service Worker II
Food Services Department/ Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: February 3, 2020
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 2) Brian Gardner - Custodian
Operations Department/ Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: February 3, 2020
Returning from: Medical Leave
- 3) Lisa Spencer – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Return Date: February 24, 2020
Returning from: Medical Leave

13.07 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

MOTION: To approve the following professional appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1, 2, and 3 as amended.

- 1) Jocelyn Smith - LTS Behavioral Health Worker
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$53,369.00 (pro-rated; MA-Step 1)

Effective: March 23, 2020 through June 5, 2020
Replacing: Samantha Grimes-Scott (Medical Leave)

- 2) Elizabeth Calhoun - LTS Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$53,369.00 (pro-rated; MA-Step 1)
Effective: March 16, 2020 through May 22, 2020
Replacing: Paige Dea (Medical Leave)
- 3) Jordyn Leone – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$46,109.00 (pro-rated; BA-Step 1)
Effective: February 28, 2020 through May 12, 2020
Replacing: Kim Reardon (Sabbatical Leave)

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), pending the completion of all necessary pre-employment requirements, item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Sherri Molinaro - Accounting Clerk
Pupil Services Department
Salary: \$26,882.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: February 26, 2020
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 1/28/2020)
- 2) Donna Rich - Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15,208.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: March 4, 2020
Replacing: Kevin Arba (Resignation)
- 3) Angelina Boccelli-Lupica - Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$15,208.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: March 2, 2020
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 1/28/2020)
- 4) Gissel Rivera- Van Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$24.51 per hour
Effective: February 26, 2020
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approved 11/26/2019)
- 5) Diana Palumbo – Classified Sub
District Wide
Salary: To be determined by assignment
Effective: March 7, 2020

13.08 Supplementary Contracts

Motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

13.09 Position Creation

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the creation of one (1) district-wide English Language Learners (ELL) Teaching position, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

13.10 Tenure

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, item(s) 1.

1. David Parsons Paxon Hollow Middle School Achieved: January 30, 2020

13.11 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the classified transfers, item(s) 1:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1.	Lindsey Britt	Russell	Special Education Assistant	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant

Motions were made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Harvey

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Kathryn V. Chandless, Chairperson

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,722,293.09, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$9,721.00, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$1,298,070.01, and Food Service bills in the amount of \$117,321.27.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the monthly financial report for December 2019, Budget Transfers and Treasurer's Report for December 2019 and January 2020.

Informational item monthly financial report for January 2020.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

14.04 Donation

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a \$2,000.00 check from an anonymous donor for school safety and security.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a \$1,000.00 check from Giant Food Store.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept \$3,712.86 from Marple Newtown High School Band Parents Association for repairs on district musical instruments and purchase the following items:

- Drafting Conductors Chair
- Focusrite Interface
- 12 – Mutes
- Acme Nightinggale Bird Call
- Acme Siren Whistle

Dobani Circular Bulb Horn
Cork Pop Gum
Slide Whistle
Bell

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept donation of two water bottle filling fountains from Paxon Hollow PTO in the amount of \$2,149.12.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a \$4,928.50 check from Russell School PTO for Display Rails for Russell Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a \$200.00 check from the Marple Newtown Class of 1989 for the Sunshine Club for students.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept \$180.87 worth of various supplies through Donors Choose Campaign for the Marple Newtown High School Orchestra.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

14.05 Taxpayer Request Abatement of Penalty

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve the request to abate and refund the penalty on Folio No. 25-00-00541-00 in the amount of \$275.34.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

14.06 Major and Mastro, LLC

Mrs. Chandless as for a motion to approve the agreement with Major and Mastro, LLC to provide auditing services for fiscal year's ending June 30, 2020, 2021, and 2022 at \$19,000.00 per year.

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

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Reynolds asked for the following motions:

15.02 Facility Use

Motion to approve Delaware County Community College Nursing program pinning ceremony to use the High School Performing Arts Center on May 11, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion to approve From the Top Dance studio to use the Performing Arts Center Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallagher advised the Board that they are asking for the fee to be waived for Thursday only.

Motion to approve the Delaware County Special Olympics Powerlifting team to use the fitness center, February through May, Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

15.03 Leisure Service

Motion to approve the bathroom renovations at the Gauntlett Community Center/Leisure Services through KPN /COSTARS or public bid. This project will be funded by Leisure Service.

Motions were made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bilker

With no further discussion, motion was approved 7 – 0

Absent:

Mr. DeNucci

Mrs. Tomasco

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was none

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was none

18. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was none

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There was none

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary