

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

Board: President, Kathryn Chandless. Vice President, Matthew Bilker, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, Matthew Catania, Atsuh J. Baker, Matthew DeNucci, Nicholas Reynolds, John McKenzie

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. James Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Gerald Rodichok, Dr. Heather Logue

Press: 0

Audience: 7

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stood on the Pledge from the Budget and Finance meeting

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey
6 members present

Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

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

Addition to #11 Other Reports

With no further discussion motion passed as amended 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There was none

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was none

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was none

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was none

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I am so proud to be the new Superintendent here at Marple Newtown. As an alumna of Marple Newtown, I have tremendous pride in the school system and I am very honored to serve the school district and community. I look forward to many productive years ahead working alongside the administration and school board.

I would like to personally thank Joe Driscoll for his assistance helping me become acclimated since I began on July 1st.

I would also like to thank Dr. Connie Bompadre and Dr. Dorie Martin Pitone and the entire curriculum team for their warm welcome and curricular initiatives planned for teachers this summer. Several teachers have participated in professional development opportunities. Thank you to the Pupil Services and Human Resources Department.

I am appreciative of all the collaboration and team work here at the central administration level, especially for sharing how each department works independently and collectively.

It is an exciting time with all the renovations being completed. I have regularly toured both schools and communicated regularly with Mr. Gallagher. Weekly updates have been communicated to provide information regarding the construction progress. I look forward to sharing reports in the upcoming months.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

There was none

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for the following motions:

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 881419 to attend the Child Guidance Resource Centers for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a contract renewal.

Motion to approve Student No. 600014 to attend the Woodlynde School, as per the "In Lieu of FAPE", for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new placement and new agreement written by the district's Special Education Counsel.

Motion to approve Student No. 882233 to attend the Hill Top Preparatory School, as per the "In Lieu of FAPE", for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new placement and new agreement written by the district's Special Education Counsel.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 841813 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2019-2020 school year. This is an existing placement and annual agreement.

Motion to approve the tuition agreement for Student No. 803871 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2019-2020 school year. This is an existing placement and annual agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Jeffrey Bomze, M.D. to provide medically related services, including ACCESS submissions and prescription overview, to students attending district schools. This is a renewal contract with Dr. Bomze.

Motion to approve the Individual Services contract for Student No. 882715 to attend Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a contract renewal.

Motion to approve Student No. 802968 to attend the Vocational Immersion Program offered by Valley Forge Educational Services. This is a contract renewal.

Motion to approve Student No. 881518 to attend the Woodlynde School, as per the "In Lieu of FAPE", for the 2019-2020 school Year. This is a new placement and new agreement written by the district's Special Education counsel.

Motion to approve the Independent Provider Contract with Maria Toggia, Certified School Psychologist, to provide direct and consultative school related psychological services to students in the Marple Newtown School District through the Office of Pupil Services. This is a contract renewal.

Motion to approve Tina Kane, Ed. D., Superintendent, to attend the PASA New Superintendents' Academy, Part 2: Systems Leadership, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 25 and September 26, 2019. The total cost shall not exceed \$450.00.

Motion to approve the agreement with Newtown Township to provide a School Resource Officer subject to review and approval of final language by the Solicitor.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Leonard B. Altieri, III, Chairperson

12.02 Student Trip

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Dr. Douglas Killough, teacher, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Cross Country Team to travel to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson Township, New Jersey on September 28 and September 29, 2019 to compete in the Safari Invitational at Six Flags. The cost of transportation is \$1000.00. The cost of

the activity including hotel, food and park admission is \$125.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of registration is \$600. The total cost to the district is \$1600.00.

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

After a brief discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson
Mr. Bilker asked for the following motions:

13.02 Terminations – Extended School Year

PROFESSIONAL

Motion to approve the following professional termination(s) due to the end of the assignment for the 2018-2019 ESY, Summer Learning and ELL programs, item(s) 1 through 37.

CLASSIFIED

Motion to approve the following classified termination(s) due to the end of the assignment for the 2018-2019 ESY, Summer Learning and ELL programs, item(s) 1 through 31.

13.03 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Georgia Vlahos – Title I Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: July 17, 2019
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Rebecca Vandevere – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Effective: July 18, 2019
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Lauren Fuhrman – Classified Substitute
Pupil Services Department
Effective: July 31, 2019
Reason: Resignation

13.04 Leaves

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Brendan Munley – Custodian
Operations Department/Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: July 23, 2019, through August 23, 2019
Reason: Medical Leave: July 23, 2019 through and including August 23, 2019

13.05 Return From Leave

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Traci Dubs – French Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: August 26, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Gary Simmins – Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Return Date: September 1, 2019
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Altieri

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.06 Appointments

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following administrative appointment(s), item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Thomas Gretchen - Principal
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$135,000.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: August 7, 2019
Reason: Reassignment due to Dr. Kane's appointment to Superintendent
- 2) Jaime Smyth - Principal
Loomis Elementary School
Salary: \$119,500.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: August 16, 2019 or start date contingent upon release from her present employer
Reason: Reassignment due to Dr. Gretchen's appointment to PHMS Principal

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

After a brief introduction of Ms. Smyth motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

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 through 4.

- 1) Brittany Horton – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$57,178.00 (MA – Step 3)
Effective: August 26, 2019
Reason: New position MNSD Board approved 5/23/2019
- 2) Nicole Hazelwood – Special Education Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$61,347.00 (MA – Step 5)
Effective: August 26, 2019 or start date contingent upon release from present employer
Reason: New position MNSD Board approved 4/23/2019
- 3) Jena Gardner – English Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$61,422.00 (MA+20 – Step 4)
Effective: August 26, 2019
Reason: Paula Schinski (Resignation)
- 4) Jocelyn Smith – LTS School Counselor
Culbertson Elementary School School
Salary: \$53,369.00 (MA – Step 1; pro-rated)
Effective: August 26, 2019 through November 4, 2019
Reason: Pamela Sarikianos (Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

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 4.

- 1) Jenny Baldwin - Bus Driver
Transportation Department
Salary: \$16.98 per hour
Effective: July 29, 2019
Replacing: Joseph Beal (Retirement)

- 2) Joanne Goodman - Office Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$12,660.00
Effective: September 3, 2019
Replacing: Dawn Rockenbach (Reassignment)
- 3) Briana Graziola - Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$15,208.00
Effective: September 3, 2019
Replacing: Tara Welch (Resignation)
- 4) Stacey Park - Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15,208.00
Effective: September 3, 2019
Replacing: Rebecca Vandevere (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.07 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

MOTION: To approve the classified transfers, item(s) 1 through 8:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1. Lillian Gervasi	Worrall	Special Education Assistant	Russell	Special Education Assistant
2. Teresa Pagani	Russell	Special Education Assistant	Worrall	Special Education Assistant
3. Bernie Arnold	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	Worrall	Special Education Assistant
4. Lorraine Trainor	Culbertson	Special Education Assistant	Worrall	Special Education Assistant
5. Lisa Massaro	MNHS	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assistant
6. Jessica Hendry	Loomis	Special Education Assistant	PHMS	Special Education Assistant
7. Mary Ross	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assistant
8. Patsy Gerstemeir	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	MNHS	Special Education Assistant

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.08 Position Creation

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Dean of Students position with

the assignment at Paxon Hollow Middle School, in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.09 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.10 Arthur J. Gallagher Benefit Services

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the renewal agreement between Marple Newtown School District and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. to act as the liaison between ACA Track, Independence Blue Cross and the Internal Revenue Service. Gallagher Benefit Services will assist the district to ensure that all of the required data necessary for the 1094 and 1095 filings for the 2019 calendar year are in the required format and accurate for the automated PPACA Compliance and IRS Reporting. The one-year proposed contract is in the estimated amount of \$3,250.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Catania, seconded by Mr. DeNucci

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

13.11 Educational Attainment

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to recognize the educational attainment of certain professional personnel for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson

In the absence of Mr. Baker, Mrs. Chandless asked for the following motions:

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$5,011,306.70, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$33,898.50, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$1,307,680.84 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$48,135.41.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mrs. Chandless asked for a notion to approve the monthly financial reports for May 2019 and June 2019, not final, and Budget Transfers for June 2019.

Informational item monthly financial report for July 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

14.04 Donations

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a \$3,000.00 check from Paxon Hollow PTO for the purchase of four (4) Elmo Classroom Document Cameras and Math Manipulative, five (5) sets.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

Mrs. Chandless asked for a motion to accept a Bi-level water fountain with bottle filling station in the amount of \$1,546.00, from Worrall PTO, to be installed by the Marple Newtown School District Facilities Department.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0
Absent: Mr. Baker, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Reynolds

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

There are no Facilities and Transportation Committee items for this agenda.

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

The new building for Aston Vo-Tech will be opening in September

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, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary