

# MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting – Immediately following Budget and Finance

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee Meeting – Immediately following Facilities and Transportation

Administration Building – Board Room

## MINUTES

### Present

**Board:** Mr. Dezzi, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco, Mr. Maalouf,

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

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 0

### 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM and advised that the Board met in Executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

### 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Dezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**3.01** Committee Report – Tracy A. Alberti, Chairperson

In the absence of Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker turned the meeting over to Mr. Driscoll

**3.02** Additions to the Agenda

There was none

**3.03** Approval of Section 3 of the agenda relating to Budget and Finance

**3.04** Approval of Minutes

With no discussion minutes were approved

Mr. Driscoll asked that the following motions be taken to the full Board for approval.

**3.05 Bills for Payment**

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$621,451.98.

**3.06 Financial Reports**

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for August 2022, informational financial report for September 2022, Budget Transfers for year end June 2022, Budget Transfers for October 2022 and Treasurers Report for July 2022.

Mr. Driscoll explained that they are catching up and should be all up to date by the end of the month. Presently going through the audit which should also be completed by the end of the month

**3.07 Donation**

MOTION: To accept the donation of Fitness Equipment from Planet Fitness.

**3.08 Capital Projects**

MOTION: To commit excess fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the transfer of funds during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Mr. Driscoll explained that these funds are use for Capital projects such as the fields at the high school and pay for the Culbertson project. Will have a full report at the next meeting.

**3.09 Public Comment**

There was none

**3.10 Adjournment**

**4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**4.01 Committee Report – Nicholas J. Reynolds, Sr., Chairperson**

In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bilker turned the meeting over to Mr. Gallagher

**4.02 Additions to the Agenda**

There was none

**4.03 Approval of Section 4 of the agenda relating to Facilities and Transportation**

**4.04 Approval of Minutes**

With no discussion minutes were approved.

Mr. Gallagher asked that the following motions be taken to the full Board for approval.

**4.05 Fields Project - Change orders**

**MOTION:** To approve the following change orders for the lower field turf renovation project.

1) G. A. Vietri, Inc.

**Change Order No. EC-01 Summary:**

**COR 08 Remove Old Light Pole**

Cost to remove old pole mounted light fixture across from old stadium ticket booth and safe off electrical feed. G. A. Vietri, Inc.

Costs per G. A. Vietri, Inc. proposal dated 9/30/22 for Option 1 in the amount of \$3,664.81.

**COR 09 Power Connection to Flow Meter**

Cost to provide new electrical feeder to force main flow meter as requested by Marple Township Sewer Authority. Costs per G. A. Vietri, Inc. proposal dated 9/21/22 in the amount of \$4,516.62

**COR 10 Fiber Optic Connector Housing**

Cost to provide new Hubbell fiber optic connector housing in existing high school data room rack to accept new lower fields project connector panels. Costs per G. A. Vietri, Inc. proposal dated 10/5/22 in the amount of \$384.30

**Change Order EC-01 Total: \$8,565.73**

2) Uhrig Construction, Inc.

**Change Order No. GC-03 Summary:**

**COR 19 Added Asphalt Curbing at Lower Fields Driveway**

Provide approximately 155 linear feet of asphalt curbing along driveway to lower fields on main stadium side from new parking area down to end of driveway at accessible ramp. Costs per Uhrig Construction, Inc. proposal dated 9/16/22 in the amount of \$10,510.40.

**Band Practice Area Bedrock Removal**

In accordance with agreement reached between Marple Newtown School District, Uhrig Construction and it's subcontractor Highway Materials, Inc. on 8/26/22, Uhrig Construction will remove bedrock materials in area of new band practice area as outlined on drawing prepared by Pennoni Associates, Inc. and issued on 9/8/22 which locates bedrock that must be removed and where it will be permitted to remain with modifications to the

underground storm basin as approved by Newtown Township's engineer. Costs to be paid by Marple Newtown School District shall not exceed \$15,000.00.

**Change Order GC-03 Total:                      Not To Exceed \$25,510.40**

A brief discussion regarding the Not to Exceed being \$25,510.40. Mr. Gallagher explained that includes the curbing at the lower fields.

**4.06    Transportation - Information/Discussion Item(s):**

- 1) At this time, there are no motion items for the October 25, 2022 public agenda meeting.
- 2) "Here Comes The Bus" application was launched successfully on September 23, 2022.
- 3) Four (4) 2023 Ford Transit Connect XL Passenger Vans have been ordered.

Mr. Orwig explained that the Board has approved 8, ordering 4 now and 4 in January.

- 4) We are currently requesting quotes/pricing for cameras for the van fleet.

Mr. Orwig advised the Board that the transportation department is looking into a company called Bus Patrol. It is an integrated camera system. There is no cost for supplies. Both township police departments are on board with this system. An example of the product is when vehicles pass a stopped bus with their lights on, the system takes a picture of the license plate and send it to the local authority who in turn sends a ticket. This system is also endorsed by State Police.

**4.07    Other Business**

None

**4.08    Public Comment**

None

**4.09    Adjournment**

**5.       CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**5.01    Committee Report – Nicholas V. Siano, Chairperson**

**5.02    Additions to the Agenda**

There was none. There will be a motion at the end of the month to accept a donation from Loomis PTO in the amount of \$14,248.00

**5.03    Approval of Section 5 of the agenda relating to Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**

**5.04** Approval of Minutes

With no discussion minutes were approved

**5.05** Discussion Items

- 1) Presentation of the 2023-2024 Academic Calendars, Draft A and Draft B - Dr. Joel DiBartolomeo

Dr. DiBartolomeo presented two calendars to the Board. One calendar had students returning to school before Labor Day, the other calendar, students returning to school after Labor Day. Both calendars had the same student days and same teacher days. There will be a survey of the parents to see which they would prefer.

- 2) eRate Consulting - Christopher Lee

Mr. Lee explained that this would help us file federal funding for Category 1 services for internet and fiber optic networks.

Mr. Siano asked to take the following motions to the full Board for approval

**5.06** District Calendar

MOTION: To approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar \_\_\_\_as presented.

**5.07** Navigate 360

MOTION: To approve payment in the amount of \$26,000 to Navigate 360 for a risk assessment of the District's schools' safety and practices. Navigate360 Risk & Resilience Team is comprised of Board Certified Physical Security Professionals.

**5.08** Tutoring Program

MOTION: To approve an eight-week tutoring program at each MNSD elementary school for students in grades first through third grades. This program is anticipated to begin in the late fall, pending staffing and family response. Funding for this program will come from ESSER.

**5.09** Book Disposal

MOTION: To approve the disposal of 184 High School old world language books, Asi Se Dice level1. Published 2012 by glencoe McGraw Hill. Author, Conrad J. Schmitt.

**5.10** High School Club

**MOTION:** To approve the French Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to promote the French language and culture. The club advisor will be Kerri Confora.

**5.11 eRate**

**MOTION:** To approve the contract with: e2e Exchange for eRate consulting services. The annual contract costs for category 1 services is \$1,500.00. Category 2 services is a one-time cost of \$1,500.00 plus 3% of committed funding with a minimum fee of \$1,500.00 and a cap of \$4,500.00.

**5.12 Other Business**

There was none

**5.13 Public Comment**

There was none

**5.14 Adjournment**

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meetings at 7:04 PM.