

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014  
BOARD ROOM  
MINUTES**

**Board:** President, Kathryn Chandless, Vice President, Nancy Galbraith, Robert Sack, Leonard Altieri, Barbara Harvey, James Lanzalotto, Atsuh J. Baker, Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Matthew DeNucci

**Solicitor:** Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

**Administration:** Dr. Merle Horowitz, Cr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Lou DeVlieger

**Press:** Mrs. Leslie Krowchenko

**Audience:** 9

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM

Mrs. Chandless asked the audience to take a moment of silence in memory of one of the district bus drivers, Michael Cipresso, who passed away suddenly.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. James Lanzalotto, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Robert Sack

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Sack, seconded by Mrs. Harvey  
Mrs. McAuliffe had an addition to the agenda (13.02 Resignations, Administrative)  
With no further discussion the Agenda was approved as amended

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

A parent voiced her concern about the safety of the schools on Election Day. She gave a copy of her letter to the Board so that they could read along as she spoke. She would like to see the schools closed on Election Day in May as they are in November.

## 6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Horowitz was pleased to announce that the Marple Newtown High School Student Council received the Gold Award for the National Council of Excellence and is applying for the Keystone Council of Excellence award. She was happy to present a certificate to Erin Murphy, President of the Student Council

## 7. COMMENDATIONS

None

## 8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The following report was given:

- ❖ Plagiarism Education week ~ students can stop by the writing center and test their knowledge about plagiarism
- ❖ April 24<sup>th</sup> the Guidance Department will host a college presentation on the admissions process
- ❖ Spring sports are in full swing
- ❖ Student Council received the Gold award of Excellence.
- ❖ April 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Volley ball night
- ❖ April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> ~ second senior project meeting
- ❖ May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ One Act Festival
- ❖ May 5<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> ~ AP Exams
- ❖ May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ MN Pride Week, Class Officer Election and Student Council Election
- ❖ May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Tiger Recognition Night
- ❖ May 16<sup>th</sup> Junior Prom and Seniors last day of school
- ❖ May 17<sup>th</sup> ~ District Gala
- ❖ June 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Senior Prom followed by Breakfast

Erin thanked Dr. Horowitz and the Board for all the support this past school year.

## 9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz gave the following report

- ❖ Harlem Wizard Basketball event was a great successful ~ Thank you for all who participated.
- ❖ Music Department won the Best Community in Music Award ~ congratulations to the district Music educators.
- ❖ Next week will be Ride the Bus ~ April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to Paxon Hollow, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the High School, followed by a luncheon and get any feed back the parents can share and ask questions.
- ❖ The Gala of the Arts will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at the High school showcasing the Music Department as well as the wonderful K - 12 Art work from our students. The Gala funds The Tiger Foundation in awarding grants to our teachers for the enhancement of education for our students.

## 10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe.  
With no further discussion the motion passed 9-0

## **11. OTHER REPORTS**

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the re-appointment of Nancy Galbraith as the Intermediate Unit board member representing Marple Newtown School District for the term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017.

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe.  
With no further discussion the motion passed 9 - 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication of Student No. 880902

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Galbraith  
With no further discussion the motion passed 9 - 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the proposed Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Student-Operated Branch Site Agreement, subject to review and approval of final language by the Solicitor.

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion the motion passed 9 - 0

## **12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **12.01 Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson**

*Discussion Items: Seniors Last Day of School – Mr. Greg Puckett  
2014-2015 District Calendar – Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Mr. Puckett spoke about the seniors and their last day at the High School. They would like to make a day to remember by having Senior Field Day with the following events

- ❖ Would start at the Stadium
- ❖ All kinds of field events
- ❖ Would be ½ day for the students
- ❖ Senior teachers would help
- ❖ Softball, Flag Football, etc
- ❖ Concession
- ❖ Yearbooks signing
- ❖ Student Council would help with food
- ❖ Students would provide own transportation
- ❖ Back up plan ~ Cafeteria

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve Senior Day.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Harvey  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

#### District Calendar

Dr. Bompadre gave brief report on the calendar ~ she explained there were two drafts for the Board to review. Some changes that were made on the first draft October 6 in Service Day changed to October 13<sup>th</sup>. In the second draft for the in service days in May would be flex days, the 19<sup>th</sup> for the Elementary Level, 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Secondary.

#### **12.02 Policy**

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 313,  
Evaluation of Professional/Temporary Professional Employees. The first  
reading was approved at the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2014.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Chandless  
With not further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

#### **12.03 Clubs**

Mrs. Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's Wiffle Ball Club at  
Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of this club is to give 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
girls the opportunity to participate in a sport to transition to 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
softball. The club advisors are Mary Flounders and Mary Ross.

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. McAuliffe  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

#### **12.04 District Calendar**

MOTION: To approve the 2014-2015 School District Calendar Draft\_\_\_\_\_ as  
presented.

This motion was tabled until the next Regular Board Meeting on May 27, 2014

### **13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

#### **13.01 Committee Report – Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Chairperson**

#### **13.02 RETIREMENT**

##### **PROFESSIONAL**

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional retirement, item 1.

1. Karen Lebo – First Grade Teacher  
Culbertson Elementary School  
Effective: June 18, 2014  
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

#### CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement, item 1 and item 2.

1. William Lahey – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: March 28, 2014  
Reason: Retirement
2. Anna Marchese – Non-Instructional Assistant  
Worrall Elementary School  
Effective: June 18, 2014  
Reason: Retirement

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Chandless  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to recognize the sad, unexpected passing of a dear classified employee, item 1.

1. Michael Cipresso – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Date of Death: March 31, 2014.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

### 13.03 RESIGNATIONS

#### PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignation, item 1.

1. Lisa D'Annunzio – English Teacher  
Marple Newtown High School  
Effective: April 11, 2014  
Reason: Personal

Motion made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 4.

1. Meghan Brogan – Special Education Assistant  
Russell Elementary School  
Effective: March 17, 2014  
Reason: Personal
2. Chandra Pastria – Food Services  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Effective: April 8, 2014  
Reason: Personal
3. Patrick Durnin – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective: April 15, 2014 after A.M. Run  
Reason: Personal
4. Joseph Lastichen – HVAC Technician  
District Maintenance Department  
Effective: April 22, 2014  
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mr. Baker  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the administrative resignation, item 1

1. Janet Rote – Confidential Executive Secretary  
Administration Building – Human Resources  
Effective – May 20, 2014  
Reason – Personal

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. DeNucci  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

**13.05 LEAVES**

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the extension of maternity leave, item 1.

1. Anne Jani – Special Education Teacher  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
From: April 23, 2014  
To: April 25, 2014

Motion was made by Mr. Altieri, seconded by Mrs. Chandless  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

#### CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves, items 1 through 4.

1. Lorraine Trainor – Special Education Assistant  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
From: February 11, 2014 to March 30, 2014  
Reason: Medical Leave
2. Monica Meehan – Custodian  
Marple Newtown High School  
From: February 18, 2014 to April 13, 2014  
Reason: Medical Leave
3. Carol Piraine – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
From: March 24, 2014 to April 28, 2014  
Reason: Medical Leave
4. Anne Winterbottom – Cleaner  
Marple Newtown High School  
From: April 9, 2014 to May 9, 2014  
Reason: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

### 13.06 APPOINTMENTS

#### PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the conclusion of the following professional appointments, items 1 and 2.

1. Michelle McAlea – LTS Special Education Teacher for Anne Jani  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Ending Date: April 25, 2014  
Reason: Anne Jani's return from maternity leave
2. Brigid Albany – LTS .6 Social Studies Teacher for Michelle McAlea  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
From: June 18, 2014  
To: April 25, 2014  
Reason: Anne Jani's return from maternity leave

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Baker  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 7.

1. Gary Simmins – Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Salary: \$22.82 per hour  
Effective: April 14, 2014  
Reason: Replaces Michael Standen
2. Kenneth Lucas – Classified Substitute  
District  
Salary: According to Assignment  
Reason: As Needed
3. Linda Duncan – Homebound Tutor  
District  
Salary: \$31 per hour  
Effective: April 23, 2014  
Reason: As Needed
4. Donna Packer – Custodial Leader  
Paxon Hollow Middle School  
Salary: \$16.89 per hour  
Effective: April 23, 2014  
Reason: Replaces Anne Winterbottom
5. John Flood – Grounds Worker  
District Maintenance  
Salary: \$15.16 per hour  
Effective: April 23, 2014  
Reason: Replaces Bill Stokes
6. Catherine Regan – Substitute Bus Aide  
Transportation  
Salary: \$14.75 per hour  
Effective: April 14, 2014  
Reason: As Needed
7. Adeline Everett –Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Salary: \$22.82 per hour  
Effective: April 28, 2014  
Reason: Replaces William Lahey

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



With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the correction of the assignment school and reason for the following classified employee, item 1.

1. Linda Duncan – Title 1 Assistant  
Culbertson Elementary School (not Loomis Elementary School)  
Salary: \$14.37 per hour  
Effective: September 16, 2013  
Reason: Replaces Lisa Hunt who was reassigned (not Christina Schwartz)

Motion was made by Mrs. Galbraith, seconded by Mrs. Chandless  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

### **13.05 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs. McAuliffe asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school year as attached.  
The amount of each contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mr. Baker  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

## **14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **14.01 Committee Report – A. J. Baker, Chairperson**

#### **14.02 Bills for Payment**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$932,409.48, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$106,454.25 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$108,782.27.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. Altieri  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

#### **14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for February 2014, Treasurer's Report for February 2014, and budget transfers for March 2014.

*Informational item monthly financial reports for March 2014.*

Motion made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**14.04 Donations**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept a \$750.00 from Keystone State Reading Council for Loomis Elementary School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$1,000.00 from the Society for Science and the public for Marple Newtown High School.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Chandless  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

**14.05 Actuaries**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the renewal agreement with the Pennsylvania Trust and Conrad Siegel Actuaries in the amount of \$7,250.00

Motion made by Mrs. Chandless, seconded by Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 -0

**14.06 Proposed Final Budget**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$73,400,000.00 and give the public notice that it is available for inspection.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded Mrs. Galbraith  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

**15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**15.01 Committee Report – Matthew A. DeNucci, IV, Chairperson**

*Discussion Item: The first reading of the revised Policy 707-Use of School Facilities*  
There was no discussion

**15.02 Facilities**

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the installation of a gas supply line to the Loomis Elementary School at PECO's cost of \$23,319.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Chandless  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the installation of gas piping from the supply regulator to the boilers at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. McAuliffe  
With no further discussion motion passed 9 - 0

MOTION: To approve the replacement of a chiller compressor at the Russell  
Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Motion Tabled at this time

MOTION: To approve the replacement of two chiller compressors at the Worrall  
Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.

Motion Tabled at this time

**16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT**

None

**17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

None

**18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

None

**19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mrs. Galbraith wanted to comment on Technology. In her opinion she feels that the district has made great strides over the last 10 years. We may not be where we want to be but we are moving forward and with the guidance of Chris Lee she feels that we are moving in the right direction

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned the meeting at 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted

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Mr. Joseph Driscoll  
Board Secretary