

# MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, May 10, 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. McKenzie, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Maalouf, Mrs. Tomasco, Mr. Siano, Mr. Bilker (by phone), Mr. Reynolds (6:43PM arrival)

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

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 0

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

Mrs. Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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

Mr. McKenzie led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

**3.02** Additions to the Agenda

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

**3.04** Approval of Minutes

With no further discussion minutes were approved

**3.05** Bills for Payment

Mr. Driscoll asked to take to the full Board for approval.

He explained that these are normal for this time of year. If there are any questions let him know.

MOTION: To approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$387,461.62.

**3.06** Financial Reports

MOTION: To approve the monthly financial reports for April 2021 and Budget Transfers.

Will take the to the Full Board for approval

**3.07** School Board Treasurer

Mr. Driscoll asked to take to the full Board for approval

MOTION: To elect Michael Nardo as School Board Treasurer and Custodian of Student Funds.

Section 404 of the school code stipulates"... and shall annually, during the Month of May, elect a Treasurer to serve for one (1) year beginning the first day of July following the selection..."

Mr. Driscoll explained that this motion takes place on a yearly basis. Since Mrs. Land is retiring this year, Mr. Nardo will be taking her place as School Board Treasurer.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**3.08** Donation

Mr. Driscoll asked to take to the full Board for approval

MOTION: To accept \$3,000.00 in gift cards from Acme Markets, Inc.

Mr. Driscoll explained the Pupil Services will distribute as needed.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**3.09** Food Service

Mr. Driscoll asked to take to the full Board for approval

MOTION: To approve the renewal of the contract with Chartwells School Dining Services for the 2022-2023 school year at an annual administrative fee of \$38,841.00 and an annual management fee of \$22,191.80.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this the 5<sup>th</sup> year and the last annual renewal. We will be talking about the next steps in the coming months.

**3.10 Public Comment**

There was none

**3.11 Adjournment**

**4. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

**4.02 Additions to the Agenda**

Mr. Gallagher advised that there was none

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

**4.04 Approval of Minutes**

With no further discussion minutes were approved

**4.05 Republic Trash Services Contract**

Mr. Gallagher asked to take to the full Board for approval

**MOTION:** To approve Republic Trash Services with the 2022-2025 (3-year) contract for the district-wide trash and recycle service. This contract bid was through the DCIU.

Mr. Gallagher explained that this is a 3 year contract and through the DCIU

Will take to the full Board for approval

**4.06 Bonnett Associates, Inc. – Culbertson Elementary School Phase 2 Expansion**

Mr. Gallagher asked to take to the full Board for approval

**MOTION:** To approve Bonnett Associates, Inc. for the architectural and engineering design of the Culbertson Elementary School phase-2 expansion.

Mr. Gallagher advised that there will be some approvals needed from the Township

Will take to the full Board for approval

**4.07 Trailer Purchase**

Mr. Gallagher asked to take to the full Board for approval

**MOTION:** To approve the purchase of Bri-Mar/BWise DT714LP-LE-14-A Low Profile Dump Trailer 14'Tandem Axle – 14,000# GVWRCombo Gate (splits and dumps) Ramps Underneath Dual Cylinder(4) D-Rings

Color: Black from TP Trailers Inc. 703 W. Ridge Pike Limerick, Pennsylvania 19468. This trailer will be purchased from the general fund under Costars Contract No. 025-153 in the amount of \$12,100.00.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**4.08 Equipment Purchase**

Mr. Gallagher asked for the following motion to the full Board for approval

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a Ferris ISX3300 61" 40 HP Lawn Mower and Ferris FW25 48" Lawn Mower from Eagle Power and Equipment Corp., 953 Bethlehem Pike, Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania 18936. The mowers will be purchased from the general fund under Costars Contract in the amount of \$25,428.00.

There was a question as to why the funds were coming out of General funds and not Capital Reserve.

Mr. Driscoll explained that you cannot purchase equipment from the Capital Reserve

Will take to full Board for approval

**4.09 Transportation**

Mr. Orwig advised that there are no Transportation items for this agenda.

**4.10 Other Business**

Mr. Gallagher advised that the turf has been delivered. The rain delayed the start of installations but should start this week and take about 10 days to be completed.

**4.11 Public Comment**

There was none

**4.12 Adjournment**

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

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

**5.02 Additions to the Agenda**

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

**5.04 Approval of Minutes**

With no further discussion minutes were approved

## 5.05 Discussion Items

### 1) Summer Learning Presentation - Teaching and Learning (Joel DiBartolomeo)

Dr. DiBartolomeo gave the following presentation

- Elementary at Culbertson ~ rising 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade ~ in person learning
- Monday to Thursday
- 8:20 to 12:00
- June 27 to July 29 ~ no classes week of July 3rd
- Transportation by parent
- ELA at Culbertson
- Monday to Thursday
- July 18 to July 25
- Transportation by parent
- Middle School at Paxon ~ rising 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade ~ in person learning
- Monday to Thursday
- July 11 to July 29
- Transportation by family
- High School ~ Credit Recovery
- Eligible to current students
- Six week course
- Asynchronous Course
- June 27 to August 5
- MNSD Teachers will be available 3 hours a week for online instruction coach in English, Math, Science and Social Studies
- Tutoring available during office hours by MNSD Teachers
- Credit Recovery with a MNSD teacher will cost \$60.00 per course

### 2) State Testing Presentation - Teaching and Learning (Joel DiBartolomeo)

Dr. DiBartolomeo gave the following report:

- Students began the year virtual
- Mix of students attending hybrid and virtual
- Test administration as atypical
- Testing took place in the spring
- PSSA participation down 27% last year
- Penalty for participation below 95% on the 2021 assessment has not been waived
- PA Act 136 of 2020 waived "Banked scores" for Middle and High School who would have taken Keystones 2019-2020 decreasing eligible testers in 2020-2021
- Participation contributed to 52% drop in numbers
- The drop was inconsistent across Keystone subjects

- Explained the MNSD comparisons of participation rate by grade for the PSSA's
- Explained the comparisons of participation rate by grade for the Keystone's
- Explained the State performance for ELA, Math, Science, by grade
- Explained PA performance for the Keystone's
- Explained MNSD performance for Keystone's
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**5.06** Disposal or Donation of Books

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

MOTION: To approve the disposal of the attached list of books from the Culbertson Elementary School Library.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.07** Mural

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

MOTION: To approve the painting of a mural of the Loomis Tiger on a canvas to be displayed in the school. Each fifth grade Loomis student will be invited to participate in painting the tiger. This is a gift from the Class of 2022.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.08** Athletic Trip

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

MOTION: To approve Chris Gicking, Coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Football Team to travel to Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania for football camp on July 16-19, 2022. The cost of transportation is \$400.00 paid by the District. The cost of the activity is \$375.00 per student paid by the student athlete.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.09** Band Trip

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

MOTION: To approve Jake Olimpi, Band Director, to accompany the Marple Newtown Marching Band to travel to Camp Canadensis in Canadensis, Pennsylvania for camp on August 25-28, 2022. The cost of transportation is \$2700.00 paid by

the District. The cost of the activity is \$179.00 per student paid by the students.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.10 Athletic Trainer**

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

MOTION: To approve the addendum to the current Mishock Physical Therapy, LP d/b/a Xcelerate Physical Therapy trainer agreement, as presented.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.11 Advanced Science Course**

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

MOTION: To approve the Advanced Science course name change at Paxon Hollow Middle School from Advanced to Enriched Science at grades six, seven, and eight. The course work, goals, and pathways would remain the same. Following this change at the middle school, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies will be identified using the same language.

Will take to the full Board for full approval

**5.12 Advanced Mathematics Course**

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

MOTION: To approve the Advanced Mathematics course name change at Paxon Hollow Middle School from Advanced to Enriched Mathematics, at grades six, seven, and eight. The course work, goals, and pathways would remain the same. Following this change at the middle school, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies will be identified using the same language.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.13 Purchase**

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

MOTION: To approve the purchase of Lucy Calkins, *Units of Study*, writing program that will be piloted and implemented at the elementary and middle schools during the 2022–2023 school year. Professional development for teachers will be available

starting this summer. This purchase in the amount of \$6,101.46, will be paid for using ESSER ARP grant funds.

Will take to the full Board for approval

**5.14** Informational Item(s)

(1) Marple Newtown School District Comprehensive Plan

MNSD's Comprehensive Plan will be posted to the Teaching and Learning webpages on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. The Plan will remain on the webpages for public review until it is voted upon for approval on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. The Comprehensive Plan for MNSD reflects a collaborative effort that included parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and School Board members. The planning committee investigated student performance information and best practices to identify MNSD's mission, District goals for the next three to five years, strategies and operations to meet said goals, and implementation of programs and training. For more information about the plan, please visit the Teaching and Learning website. The public is invited to comment.

(2) Marple Newtown School District Special Education Plan

MNSD's Special Education Plan will be posted to the Pupil Services webpages on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. The Plan will remain on the webpages for public review until it is voted upon for approval on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. The Special Education Plan reflects the district's procedures and practices for Special Education. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Pennsylvania Department of Education temporarily delayed the revision and review of all Special Education Plans. As such, the plan reflects a timeline of 2021-2024. For more information about the plan, please visit the Pupil Services website. The public is invited to comment.

**5.15** Other Business

There was none

**5.16** Public Comment

There was none

**5.17** Adjournment

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Harvey adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.