

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Board: Vice President Robert Moldoff, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Edward Partridge, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro, Mr. Won Shin and Mr. Richard Sokorai. Absent: President Carol DeLuca

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Mrs. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Stanley Piecara, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Joseph Violanti, Ms. Eileen Bellew, Mr. Lance Freeman and Mrs. Karen McGinnis

Press: 3

Audience: 14

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER and 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Moldoff opened the meeting at 7:37pm, welcomed all in attendance and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Moldoff held a moment of silence for the passing of Keith Keyser who was a dedicated Marple Newtown educator for 36 years. Keith was a graduate of Marple Newtown High School who returned to teach at both Paxon Hollow Middle School and Marple Newtown High School. Keith taught a variety of courses grades 6-12 and was particularly proud of his experience with Humanities, Advanced Placement, European History and the highly innovative course Futures. An early embracer of technology, Keith included web page design and other technology activities in his instruction. In addition to teaching, Keith also coached football and JV baseball.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Driscoll stated that all Board members are present except for Ms. DeLuca.

Mr. Moldoff stated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to accept the agenda, as presented.

Mr. Partridge stated that he would like to add a motion under item 13.13 to approve the salary adjustment for Joseph Driscoll for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$140,894 per year, retro-active to July 1, 2007 and item 13.14, a motion to approve the salary adjustment for Lance Freeman for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$116,870 per year retro-active to July 1, 2007.

Dr. Shapiro stated that he would like to add a motion under item 13.06 Appointments, Professional, a motion to approve the professional appointment, item 7) Gary Salas - LTS Spanish Teacher, Salary: \$40,145.00 pro-rated, Effective: August 27, 2007, Replaces: Irene Cabrelli.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

No comments were made.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

No comments were made.

7. COMMENDATIONS

No comments were made.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Horowitz stated that we have had a very productive summer in our school district. Over 300 students participated in summer school programs at both the elementary and secondary levels. We had the second highest attendance in the history of the elementary summer school program with 183 students. Our schools are cleaner than ever thanks to the diligence of our Director of Operations, Mr. Michael Dumin. Mr. Dumin will always be remembered for demonstrating how to properly clean a school building with his custodial staff. My personal gratitude to Mr. Dumin and his entire custodial crew for a job well done. Our locker room renovation is progressing as planned. Mr. Dumin has been attending weekly construction meetings with appropriate personnel to stay on top of the project. Our administration, staff and students are quite excited about the renovation and cannot wait to see it completed. All computers in our six schools were properly cleaned and serviced this summer by Joe Violanti and the district's Technology Department for the first time in many years. I want to thank Mr. Violanti and his department for their efforts. We welcomed twelve new professional staff members at our new teacher induction last week as well as our new K-12 mathematics coordinator Deborah Ryan and our new K-12 Science Coordinator Suzanne Mecouch who have already begun to meet the professional staff and examine our programs and curriculum. They begin in-service sessions with all secondary math and science teachers this week. This summer, two of our High School students, Chris Scott and Kevin Lopez participated in a German Exchange Program. We will be hosting several students from Germany this fall. I am pleased to welcome Eva Kaufmann who is here to share information about this exciting educational opportunity and to introduce some special guests.

Eva Kaufmann stated that for the first time ever, Marple Newtown has a foreign exchange program. This was singularly as a result of encouragement given to me to search for such a program by our esteemed Superintendent Merle Horowitz. I was very pleased when I found just the program that would be a good fit to our school. This summer, we had two students who went to Germany. I will show you a power point presentation that will tell a little more about our program called the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). We had two students from our school who went to Ingelheim as well as others from neighboring schools. They spent two weeks at home with German families and they had a week of travel around the country. This took place for three weeks in June and July. The German students coming to Marple Newtown will arrive on October 20th and stay for two weeks leaving on November 3rd. There will be a two week home stay with no further travel. It will just be day trips from here since we are central to a lot of interesting places. They will also be here during Spirit Week and so I'm sure they will get quite an experience of what it is like in a High School in the United States. The program organizers are Mrs. Renata Losoney (a professor at Temple

University and runs a private German school at Rosemont College) and Mrs. Ann Sieger (works for the German school at Rosemont College).

Renata Losoncy stated that one of the things that she has done in her over 30 year teaching career is manage to get over 100 German kids in American homes since the early 1980's and somewhat less into German homes because American's are more hesitant to do this. I think meeting someone in their home is very important for our country today even more than 1980 but I have tried very hard to do this. It is different every year. It is all cultural exchange. We are not representing our country's position politically and yet sometimes we are put on the spot.

Ann Sieger stated that she is thrilled to be back. I student taught here three years ago. The purpose of my presentation is to give you an overview of the things that we saw. We did a lot of traveling in the daytime. We saw many different things. Germany is really a very modern country yet we still see a lot of old buildings. Everyday we met in a classroom. It looks just like anyone else's classroom but there were only nine students in our class. There is graffiti everywhere. Sometimes underneath you will see a complaint about refugees that have flooded Germany. Every Thursday in Wiemer the National Socialists try to get people interested in them. If you want to know what is right with America, go on an exchange program with our students. They are the best behaved and they are just so full of life and so curious about everything. It was such a pleasure to be with them.

Kevin Lopez stated that he went on the exchange trip. I want to talk about the differences that are in Germany. In Germany, they have tiny, little schools that are for 1st through 4th grade and then you have to take a really big test that determines your entire life at the end of 4th grade. There are three higher schools above that so you could go to either a community college or a really big college. Because I am not really that good at German, when I went there, I thought that I could get along by shadowing my host which was Svenja. I thought that I would follow her to all of her classes. On the first day of school, I didn't know what to expect. I sat down and didn't talk to anyone. It was surprising because after the first period was over, I got up waiting for Svenja to get up and walk to her next class. It turns out that the students just sit there all day and the teachers walk to them. They have it good! It's strange because they don't change classes unless they are going to gym or chemistry for experiments. It is really easy to follow the schedule because you just sit down. It is strange when the teachers come to you because if a teacher is sick in Germany, you just don't have class. You get to talk to your friends and do whatever you want. I was talking to students and they told me that they have the same group of classmates year after year after year until they graduate. I realize that this affected their social life too. They would only talk to that one little group when they went to school. When you come to America you may see one little clique that's separate and goes to their classes. Their clique is their class in Germany. I didn't just hang out with Svenja, I met another kid named Steffen and I stayed the night with him. I thought that I was going to meet all of his new friends and become really popular but then I realized it was the same kids that were in our class. It was a great experience for me and I think it will be a really good experience for them when they come here. They will probably be shocked when I get up and leave to go to the next class. They will meet a lot of new people. Chris and I tried to teach students football and they couldn't get the concept of it. They kept throwing the ball around and kicking each other. When they come to Marple they will have the opportunity to watch two football games. One is the homecoming game and they can come to the homecoming dance if they want to. It will also be Spirit Week. I'm not going to tell them what to expect. They are going to be shocked.

Chris Scott stated that he also went on the Germany trip. I am going to talk about our experiences in Wiemer. This took place during the last week after we had stayed with our host families. It was very nice. The people were very nice. The whole day we would be out touring Wiemer and then we would have our free time. We would go back and then eat our meal. We had to be back by 10:30pm. The doors closed at midnight. That is when we had to be home or we would have to sleep outside (joking). We would be sitting in our rooms hanging out and listening to American music and people would walk by and say, "Hey, you are Americans." That is how we would make friends. There was a game room too where we would meet more people. I had my

lacrosse stick with me and I would be walking around the hallways cradling and people would say, “You are not from around here because I don’t know what that is.” That started conversations too. We got to meet a lot of people. They were all very interested in America and very interested in what we were doing there. They were very happy that we wanted to learn more about Germany since they told us that nobody wants to know about Germany. They were not the most patriotic people but they were very happy that we were there especially in East Germany. We were in East and West. It was a lot of fun. There was a lot of graffiti as they mentioned. You could walk around and talk to people. The hospitality that they showed Americans was a lot more than I had expected after...well...everything. We had a scavenger hunt and people were happy to assist us and tell us more. It was very nice.

Mrs. Horowitz thanked Eva Kaufmann for bringing us this program this evening. It happens to work out nicely that when the German students are coming to America, it is when we are having a Board meeting. It is my intention to bring them to the October Board meeting to share their experience. I thank everyone for coming and sharing this wonderful experience and I thank Ms. Kaufmann for listening to my thoughts about bringing a foreign exchange program to our district.

Mr. Shin asked if we could have some sort of reception for them, maybe prior to the Board meeting.

Mrs. Horowitz replied that they are planning soon and will definitely have a welcome reception. Do these students speak English that are coming, Ms. Kaufmann?

Eva Kaufmann replied yes. They will all have some English. Most of the students are in 9th and 10th grade.

Mr. McGinley asked if Ms. Kaufmann has homes for all the exchange students to stay in.

Eva Kaufmann replied that she has nine homes definite. At the 9th grade Orientation, I made a brief presentation and said that we were looking for host families and quite a few people picked up forms. I told them that I needed them by next week. I am expecting quite a few more to come back. We are hoping that next year, we will have more than just two kids going to Germany now that this has become official. We are hoping to send 12-15 kids from Marple Newtown School District to Germany next year.

Mr. McGinley asked who finances it.

Eva Kaufmann replied that the district has very little financial obligation. We might spring for a couple of pizzas and some bus transportation. Our students pay for their own way and the students coming from Germany will pay their own way. The host families contribute for hosting the kids here. The German American Partnership Program does give us a small amount of money that helps defray the students’ cost.

Mr. McGinley asked how much it costs to send a student to Germany.

Eva Kaufmann replied that it is about \$1,900 plus spending money.

Mr. Shin asked if SAP could get involved in some way in making this program more available to those families that don’t have the economic means.

Mr. Partridge stated that he had set up contacts with SAP.

Mrs. Horowitz stated that she will meet with the Senior Vice President of SAP and will share that the group is coming and maybe can do something together in a partnership.

Mr. Partridge stated that there are probably about 300-400 Germans working at SAP.

Eva Kaufmann stated that there is a memorial scholarship at the Foreign Language Department from one of our Spanish Teachers that passed away some years ago which donated some monies for this program.

9. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

No comments were made.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

ATTACHMENTS 1, 2, 3 & 4

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Galbraith to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 Special Meeting, June 12, 2007 Work Session, June 26, 2007 Regular Meeting and the July 26, 2007 Special Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

11. OTHER REPORTS

No comments were made.

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

12.01 Policy Revisions

ATTACHMENT 5

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Shin to approve the first reading of revised Board Policy No. 233, Suspension and Expulsion as presented.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

12.02 Field Trips

ATTACHMENTS 6 & 7

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Shin to approve overnight field trips for Marple Newtown High School Interscholastic athletic teams qualifying for the district/state playoffs that require overnight stays in order to compete. *This action ensures compliance with Policy 121.1 – Overnight/Foreign Travel.*

-and-

To approve overnight field trips for Marple Newtown High School athletes who qualify for district/state playoffs and require overnight stays in order to compete. *This action ensures compliance with Policy 121.1 – Overnight/Foreign Travel.*

Dr. Shapiro stated that at the Work Session we had discussed putting in place a letter at the beginning of each school year from the principal giving authority to the athletic director to sign these forms on the principal's behalf if the principal is not around. Is it my understanding that we do not yet have that letter in place, Mr. Piecara?

Mr. Piecara replied that he met with the High School administration and they understand to draft a letter. I do not have that in my hand right now but they are aware of that direction.

Dr. Shapiro asked if it will be in place by the next Board meeting.

Mr. Piccara replied yes.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

12.03 Letter of Agreement – Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Shin to approve the Letter of Agreement between Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems and Marple Newtown School District for the provision of intervention services, consultation/technical assistance, liaison, assessment and other appropriate agency services in support of the Student Assistance Program (SAP). Holcomb will provide on-site services 1.5 days per week, 6.5 hours per day beginning September 10, 2007 and ending on the scheduled days during the week of June 9, 2008. MNSD agrees to pay Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems \$12,390 for these services. *The Safe Schools Grant has provided partial funding in the past. The same level of support is expected for the 2007-2008 school year.*

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

12.04 Disposition of Outdated, Unused Textbooks

Mrs. Galbraith made a motion and seconded by Mr. Shin to approve the sale, disposal or donation of outdated, unused K-5 Language Arts texts listed below: Collection Series, Farr, Strickland, and Beck, Harcourt, 2001

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY

13.01 Retirements

ADMINISTRATIVE

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Shin to approve the administrative retirement, item 1.

1) Philip Binder – Facilities Foreman (25 years)

Operations

Effective: August 15, 2007

Reason: Retirement

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the classified retirements, items 1 and 2.

1) William Magaziner – Bus Driver (14 years)

Transportation

Effective: August 10, 2007

Reason: Retirement

2) Sonia Lopez – Accounting Clerk

Business Office

Effective: November 2, 2007

Reason: Retirement

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.02 Resignations

PROFESSIONAL

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the following professional resignations, items 1 and 2.

1) Nicole Donze – English Teacher

High School

Effective: August 6, 2007

Reason: Personal

2) Nicholas Reynolds – Technology/Industrial Arts Teacher

Paxon Hollow

Effective: August 27, 2007

Reason: Personal

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mo approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 2.

1) Ruth Kapeghian – Part-time Secretary

Food Service

Effective: August 15, 2007

Reason: Personal

2) Mary O'Toole-Funk – Health Room Assistant

Paxon Hollow

Effective: September 4, 2007

Reason: Personal

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.03 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the professional leaves, items 1 and 2.

1) David Covell – Health/Physical Education Teacher

Paxon Hollow

Effective: September 19, 2007 – December 13, 2007

Reason: FMLA

Effective: December 14, 2007-June 17, 2008
Reason: Medical Leave

2) Lauren DiBlasi – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson
Effective: September 4, 2007 – November 9, 2007
Reason: FMLA

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.04 Salary Revisions

ADMINISTRATIVE

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the administrative salary revision, item 1.

1) John Beltrante – Assistant Principal
Paxon Hollow
From: \$95,953.00
To: \$96,540.00
Effective: July 1, 2007
Reason: Salary Correction

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

PROFESSIONAL

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the following professional salary revision, item 1.

1) Maureen Leon – LTS Fourth Grade
Worrall Elementary
From: \$41,745.00
To: \$40,945.00
Effective: August 27, 2007
Reason: Salary Correction

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the following classified salary revision, item 1.

1) Helen Town – Substitute Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
From: \$10.74 per hour
To: According to assignment
Effective: August 21, 2007
Reason: Rate Correction

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.05 Position Creation

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the creation of seven and one half (7.5) special education assistant positions to meet the needs of student IEPs effective the 2007- 2008 school year.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.06 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Partridge to approve the professional appointments, items 1 through 7.

1) Eleanor Adam - Homebound Instructor

BA-Rosemont College; MS-St. Joseph's University; Certification: Elementary, IT Specialist; 10 Yrs. Experience

Pupil Services

Salary: \$29.00 per hour

Effective: August 27, 2007

Reason: As needed

2) Kate Meehan – LTS Special Education Teacher

BA – Neumann College; Certification: Special Education

0 Yrs. Experience

Culbertson Elementary

Salary: \$40,145.00 per year

Effective: August 27, 2007

Reason: Replaces Lauren DiBlasi (FMLA)

3) Lisa D'Annunzio – English Teacher

BA-Villanova University; M.Ed -Villanova University; Certification: English 7-12; Communication/Theatre 7-12; 1 Yr. Experience

High School

Salary: \$48,335.00 per year

Effective: August 27, 2007

Reason: Reassigned from LTS to TPE to replace Nicole Donze (Resigned)

4) Kimberly Santucci- LTS English Teacher

BS-West Chester University; Certification: English 7-12; 0 Yrs. Experience

High School

Salary: \$40,145.00 (Pro-rated)

Effective: August 27, 2007

Reason: Replaces Lisa D'Annunzio as LTS for J. DeLuca (Child rearing leave)

5) Glenn Rosenfeld – LTS Health/Physical Education Teacher

BS-West Chester University; Certification: Health/Physical Education; .5 Yrs. Experience

Paxon Hollow

Salary: \$40,145.00

Effective: August 27, 2007
Reason: Replaces David Covell (Medical Leave)

6) Page C. Brown – Technology/Industrial Arts Teacher
BS-Millersville University; Certification: Technology Education; 0 Yrs. Experience
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$40,145.00
Effective: August 27, 2007
Reason: Replaces Nicholas Reynolds (Resigned)

7) Gary Salas – LTS Spanish Teacher
BS-West Chester University; Certification: Spanish K-12; 1 Yr. experience
High School
Salary: \$40,145 (pro-rated)
Effective: August 27, 2007
Reason: Replaces Irene Cabrelli (Medical Leave)

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

CLASSIFIED

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the classified appointments, items 1 through 15.

1) John J. Fitzgerald – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$16.53
Effective: September 1, 2007
Reason: Replaces John Jackson (Resigned)

2) Gary C. Burgwald – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$16.53
Effective: TBD
Reason: Replaces Steven Moyse (Resigned)

3) Diana Polumbo – Cook
Paxon Hollow
Salary: 11.87 per hour
Effective: August 21, 2007
Reason: Replaces Joan Rubbo (Resigned)

4) Harold Thomas – Part-time Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$16.53 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: Replaces Jenni O'Donnell (Resigned)

5) Bolyn Watson – Part-time Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$16.53 per hour

Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: Replaces Anthony Antrom (Resigned)

6) Debbie Johnson – Non-Instructional Assistant (w/ Ann Bradly)
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$9.12 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: Replaces Kim Ward (Reassigned-Special Education Assistant)

7) Ann Bradly – Non-Instructional Assistant (w/Debbie Johnson)
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$9.12 per hour
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: Replaces Kim Ward (Reassigned-Special Education Assistant)

8) Tracy Donnell – Instructional Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$5,603.00
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: Replaces Nancy Lewandowski (Retired)

9) Diane Kiewel – Library Assistant
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$15,178.00
Effective: August 27, 2007
Reason: Replaces Rosanne Cavacini (Reassigned-Principal's Secretary)

10) Diane Standen – Special Education Assistant
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$ 12,025.00
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

11) Denise Metz – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$12,025 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

12) Bernadine Sheridan – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$12,025 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

13) Valerie Bucci – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$12, 025 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

14) Dyan Peterson- Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$12,025 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

15) Anthony Vinci - .5 FTE Special Education Assistant (in addition to Non-instructional position)
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$6,012.50 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.07 Reassignments

CLASSIFIED

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the following classified reassignments, items 1 through 3.

1) Catherine Rutecki
From: Health Room Assistant-High School
To: Special Education Assistant-Russell Elementary
Salary: \$12,025 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

2) Kim Ward – Special Education Assistant
From: Non-Instructional Assistant – Culbertson Elementary
To: Special Education Assistant – Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$13,032.00
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: Replaces Rhona DeRosa (Reassigned-Professional Employee)

3) Eileen Kratz
From: Non-Instructional Assistant-Russell Elementary
To: Special Education Assistant – Russell Elementary
Salary: \$13,577.00 per year
Effective: September 4, 2007
Reason: New Position

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.08 Activity Contracts

ATTACHMENT 8

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2007-2008 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the present MNEA negotiated agreement.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.09 Supplemental Hourly Pay

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the payment of \$29.00 per hour for six (6) professional employees at the Paxon Hollow Middle School and ten (10) professional employees at the Senior High School to provide supervision of students for security and safety reasons, prior to the start of the contracted teacher workday.

Dr. Shapiro stated that this is in response to recommendations we received from our security consultant and the administration acting on those recommendations. This is part of what is going to be a much larger program about security in the district.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.10 Joint Memorandum of Understanding

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Education Association for Speech and Language Pathologist services for the 2007- 2008 school year.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.11 U.S. EEOC Agreement

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the Mediation Settlement Agreement between the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Marple Newtown School District regarding Charge Number 530-2007-03018.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.12 Policy Revisions

ATTACHMENTS 9, 10, 11 & 12

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve the second reading of revised Policy No. 004 Membership, Policy No. 004.1 Student Representatives, Policy No. 005 Organization and Policy No. 006 Meetings.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

13.13 Salary Adjustment

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Shin to approve the salary adjustment for Joseph Driscoll for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$140,894 per year, retro-active to July 1, 2007.

Mr. Partridge requested a roll call vote.

Mr. Moldoff called for a roll call vote.

Aye: Mr. McGinley, Mr. Shin, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. Moldoff, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Sokorai

Nay: Mr. Carpenter, Dr. Shapiro

Motion passed 6-2.

13.14 Salary Adjustment

Dr. Shapiro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Partridge to approve the salary adjustment for Lance Freeman for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$116,870 per year retro-active to July 1, 2007.

Mr. Partridge requested a roll call vote.

Mr. Moldoff called for a roll call vote.

Aye: Mr. Sokorai, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Moldoff, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. Shin, Mr. McGinley

Nay: Dr. Shapiro, Mr. Carpenter

Motion passed 6-2.

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE

14.01 Bills for Payment

ATTACHMENT 13

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. McGinley to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,893,732.17, Capital Fund-RFB bills in the amount of \$55,751.25 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$7,691.06.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

14.02 Transfers and Monthly Reports

ATTACHMENT 14

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Dr. Shapiro to approve the monthly financial reports for May 2007, Treasurer's Reports for May and June 2007 and budget transfers for June and July 2007.

Informational item unaudited monthly financial reports for June and July 2007.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

14.03 Worrall PTO Donation

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. McGinley to accept a \$10,000.00 donation from Worrall Elementary School PTO for the purchase of a Lap Top Cart.

Mr. Moldoff asked the administration to send a thank you letter to the Worrall PTO.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

14.04 School Lunch Prices

Mr. Sokorai made a motion and seconded by Mr. McGinley to approve the 2007-2008 school lunch prices as follows:

Elementary	\$2.00
Middle School	\$2.15
High School	\$2.35

Dr. Shapiro stated that we had talked at the Work Session about whether Ms. Bellew was going to consider raising a-la-cart item prices and also the prices for staff lunches. Even though those don't need Board approval, I was wondering if you have come to a conclusion on those.

Eileen Bellew stated that she is still working on those but should be done by the end of the week.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

15.01 Operations

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sokorai to approve Bonnett Associates Incorporated, 220 Baldwin Tower, Eddystone, PA 19022 to provide engineering services required to prepare construction documents including specifications and drawings for district wide security systems at a cost of \$18,000.00.

Mr. Shin asked if Bonnett Associates was selected with the help of our security consultants.

Mr. Dumin replied that they bid against each other. I am recommending Bonnett because their price was a little lower and we actually get the services of both because we have already paid Seraph to review the specifications and drawings as well as bidders and so on.

Mr. Sokorai stated that he thought that Seraph were only consultants. I thought that they didn't get involved in selling services in the actual design or installation of security.

Mr. Dumin replied that Seraph gave us a bid to design it and they would give generic vendors as recommendations for products. Seraph doesn't do installations or sell equipment and neither does Bonnett. I didn't want an equipment salesperson to write the specifications because then it starts to become proprietary.

Mr. Carpenter asked if this is primarily advice and consultation about what to do.

Mr. Dumin replied no. We got a lot of that from Seraph. This is the actual bid documents that go out on the street for contractors and vendors and so on.

Mr. Carpenter stated that we are getting it to the point to go out on the street.

Mr. Dumin stated that once this is approved, the documents will start.

Mr. Carpenter asked how much is the total preliminary advice costing us.

Mr. Dumin replied that it is \$18,000 for the specifications and documents.

Mr. Carpenter stated that the price does not include Seraph.

Mr. Dumin replied that we have already paid Seraph about \$2,900. Part of that included some training of staff. We also have the initial Seraph report which cost about \$15,000. Then it was another \$18,000 to get the actual documents.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mr. McGinley to approve St. Anastasia CYO's request to install a multi sport scoreboard on the wall facing the football/baseball field at the Gauntlett Center.

Dr. Shapiro asked for clarification as to which wall. Is this the wall with the drainpipe coming out of it?

Mr. Dumin replied yes. They will either have to choose a side or re-route the drain pipe. They can't cover the drain pipe over.

Dr. Shapiro asked if the scoreboard is small enough to put on either side.

Mr. Dumin replied that they have various sizes. That would be partially up to what the township is allowing. I think that they are going to have to adjust to that and only make it large enough to fit on one side or the other.

Dr. Shapiro asked if Mr. Dumin would highlight what the agreement is about.

Mr. Dumin replied yes. The agreement is for a scoreboard to be installed on the wall facing those fields which is the back wall of the Board room on the opposite side. That scoreboard is a generic scoreboard not for any particular sport. It will not have any school names on it. It will simply say "Home" and "Visitor". It will have a clock. The primary use will be for St. Anastasia's football program. They said that they will, through connections to them, allow other organizations to use it but they will control it. They are doing the installation. They are maintaining it and they are taking care of it. If, for any reason, it ever needs to be removed they will take care of that as well.

Dr. Shapiro asked if they will be paying for the nominal amount of electricity to run it.

Mr. Dumin replied that the electricity comes from their source. There is electricity that they already pay for out on that field that runs the lights and they are going to trench to the scoreboard and hook it right into that.

Dr. Shapiro asked if there will any advertising of any kind on the board.

Mr. Dumin replied no.

Mr. Moldoff asked if St. Anastasia is seeking all approvals from the township.

Mr. Dumin replied yes.

Dr. Shapiro stated that it is contingent upon them getting approval.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Partridge made a motion and seconded by Mr. McGinley to approve Bert Bell Memorial Football Conference's request to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium for their championship games on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Moldoff called for a voice vote. All present voted affirmatively. Motion carried 8-0.

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Galbraith stated that the DCIU had their opening ceremony this morning. I was honored to be asked to address the group. It is a huge group when you get them all together which I had never seen before. We have a

lot of really exciting things that will be coming out this year. As the year moves on and progresses I will be able to come back and give you more detail. It is going to be a very exciting year at the DCIU.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No comments were made.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

No comments were made.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were made.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

No comments were made.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Moldoff adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph J. Driscoll, Board Secretary