

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017
BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Solicitor: Mr. Mark Sereni, Esquire

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin, Mr. James Orwig, Dr. Gerald Rodichok

Press: 1

Audience: 25 for Presentation, 7 for Regular meeting

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

In the absence of Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Reynolds

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented.

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

Mr. Altieri requested a motion to remove the 2nd motion in 12.05 Class Rank

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

With no further discussion motion to accept agenda as amended passed 6 – 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Cary congratulated the Paxon Hollow Middle School 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team for their Undefeated Season. She presented a certificate to each player along with Mr. Gretchen, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director and Coach Molinaro. Dr. Cary also said that this is the first time in school history that the basketball team went undefeated at the middle school.

7. COMMENDATIONS

None

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The following report was given:
Executive Board of Student Council attended the Student Council Conference
Red Cross Blood Drive starting
Bocce Ball Championship
Spring Sports are starting

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cary gave the following report

Congratulations to our semi-finalists who are now finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition; Regina Fairbanks, Phillip Missan, and Sara Danenhower
Congratulations to the high school HiQ Team for going to the semi-finals and placing second in that round.
Marple Newtown High School will host the Delaware County Bocce Championship on March 1st from 3:00-7:00 PM. Come see our very talented team.
Get your tickets for Peter Pan at the Performing Arts Center March 16th through 18th.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

In the absence of Mr. Catania, Mr. DeNucci gave the following report:

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. DeNucci asked for motion to approve the re-appointment of Barbara S. Harvey as

the Intermediate Unit board member representing Marple Newtown School District for the term commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Student No. 882361 to attend the Melmark School, an Approved Private School (APS), for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new contract for Marple Newtown School District. The student resides in Melmark's Residential Treatment Facility and the parents are from the Bristol School District.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841508 to attend Green Valley Academy as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student No. 803839 to attend The Woodlynde School. This agreement was written and approved by the District's Special Education Counsel.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve the proposed Adjudication of Student No. 801296.

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

After a brief discussion there was a motion made to table this motion

Motion to table was made by Mr. Bilker, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

Motion to table was passed 6 – 0

Mr. DeNucci asked for a motion to approve revision of the Marple Newtown School Board 2017 Meeting Calendar to change the start time of the Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting, such that Facilities and Transportation Committee Meetings will begin immediately following the Budget and Finance Committee meetings.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Policies

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the second readings of Policy No. 251, Homeless Students, and Policy No. 823, Naloxone.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

12.03 Student Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Jill Gill, teacher, and Cecile Matthews, teacher, to accompany 18 Marple Newtown High School Bocce Club students to attend the PIAA IUS Indoor Bocce State Championship, Special Olympics in Hershey, Pennsylvania on March 24, 2017. The total cost to the district is \$551.70.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Helene White, teacher, to accompany 23 Marple Newtown High School students to travel to the Walt Whitman House in Camden, New Jersey on June 1, 2017. The cost per student is \$13.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

12.04 Technology

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the disposal of a laminator from Worrall Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the purchase and replacement of the district's network core router at a cost of \$75,823.57. The vendor is Integra One, 7248 Tilghman Street, Suite 120, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 18106. COSTARS Contract 003-085.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

12.05 Class Rank

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to change the secondary grading scale to a 10 point scale effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to change the GPA system from a 100 point scale to a 4.30 scale beginning with the class of 2021.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Position Creation

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Bus Aide position at an hourly rate of \$15.85, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, for a student(s) attending the Devereux Kanner Center, 390 Boot Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania, effective March 1, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Van Driver at an hourly rate of \$22.87, in accordance with the current MNNIEA Agreement, for a student(s) attending the Devereux Kanner Center, 390 Boot Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania, effective March 1, 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.03 Retirements

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirement(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Rudolph DiGiovanni – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: February 25, 2017

Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.04 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Maria Dion – Special Education Assistant
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: February 16, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 2) Jacqueline Copeland – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 3) Brandon Stump – Custodian (full-time)
Operations Department/ Russell Elementary School
Effective: February 3, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 4) Lisa Egan – Non-Instructional Assistant
Worrall Elementary School
Effective: February 10, 2017
Reason: Resignation
- 5) Tara Mohfanz – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: February 14, 2017
Reason: Resignation

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.05 Terminations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified termination(s) item(s) 1 through 3.

- 1) Sharon Baich – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: January 31, 2017
Reason: Did not complete necessary paperwork for employment
- 2) James Ross – LTS Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 3, 2017
Reason: End of Assignment
- 3) Walter Ritter – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: February 31, 2017
Reason: Reassigned to Bus Aide position

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.06 Leaves

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave(s), item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Synthia Shoemaker - Math Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 21, 2017 through March 28, 2017
Reason: FMLA
- 2) Pamela Sarikianos – School Counselor
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: January 17, 2017 through February 26, 2017
Reason: FMLA
- 3) Nicole Ainslie – Behavioral Health Worker
Culbertson and Russell Elementary Schools
Effective: May 30, 2017 through June 20, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave/FMLA
- 4) Mary Harper – Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: March 16, 2017 through April 7, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave utilizing all available leave balances

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Dan Hiller – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Effective: January 24, 2017 through and including March 6, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave
- 2) Jennifer Boyce – Special Education Assistant
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 6, 2017 through and including March 1, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave
- 3) Peggy Sargent – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: March 8, 2017 through and including April 16, 2017
Reason: Medical Leave
- 4) Deborah Young – Special Education Assistant
Loomis Elementary School
Return Date: February 3, 2017 through and including
March 12, 2017 (extended request)
Reason: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.07 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1.

- 1) Lynn Fisher - Librarian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Return Date: February 21, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 4.

- 1) Margaret Bristow – Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Return Date: January 30, 2017
Returning from: Unpaid Leave
- 2) Gary Simmins – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Return Date: January 3, 2017
Returning from: Unpaid Medical Leave
- 3) Raymond Haffelfinger – Bus Driver
Operations Department/Transportation
Return Date: February 13, 2017
Returning from: Unpaid Medical Leave
- 4) Lisa Bradley – Pupil Services Clerk
Pupil Services Department
Return Date: January 30, 2017
Returning from: Medical Leave

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.08 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Christina Callaghan – LTS Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$43,925.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: April 20, 2017 through and including June 20, 2017
Reason: Replacing Stacey Lancaster (Child Rearing Leave)
- 2) Michelle Hilferty – LTS Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$43,925.00 (pro-rated @ BA+24-Step 1)
Effective: March 2, 2017 through and including June 20, 2017
Reason: Replacing Holly O'Mahoney (Child Rearing Leave)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointment(s), item(s) 1 through 7.

- 1) Ylli Nasto – Custodian (full-time)
Operations Department/ Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15.84 per hour
Effective: March 1, 2017
Replacing: Brandon Stump (Resignation)
- 2) Sean Cummings – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: TBD by assignment/Operations Department
Effective: March 1, 2017
Reason: As Needed
- 3) John McKee – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: TBD by assignment/Operations Department
Effective: March 1, 2017
Reason: As Needed
- 4) James Ross - Special Education Assistant
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$14,688.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: February 6, 2017
Replacing: Lisa D'Alicandro (Resignation)
- 5) Edward Johnson – Custodian (full-time)
Operations Department/ Worrall Elementary School
Salary: \$15.84 per hour
Effective: March 1, 2017
Replacing: Christopher Vassallo's assignment
- 6) Walter Ritter - Bus Aide
Transportation Department
Salary: \$15.85 per hour
Effective: February 25, 2017
Replacing: New Position (MNSD Board approval 1/24/2017)
- 7) Dominique Summers – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$24.51 per hour
Effective: March 1, 2017
Replacing: Robert Patton (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.09 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers item(s) 1 through 3.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Kathleen Country	PHMS	Special Education Asst.	MNHS	Special Education Asst.
Marianna Costa	PHMS	Special Education Asst.	Russell	Special Education Asst.
Vicki Bear	Russell	Special Education Asst.	PHMS	Special Education Asst.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

13.10 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following supplemental resignation(s), item(s) 1 through 7.

- 1) Peter Rice – Stage Manager Advisor
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: January 30, 2017
Reason: Personal
- 2) Mike Farrelly - Assistant Coach Girls Softball
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 15, 2017
Reason: Personal
- 3) Samantha Snow – 2nd Assistant Coach Girls Softball
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 15, 2017
Reason: Personal
- 4) Michelle Conway – Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: February 15, 2017
Reason: Personal
- 5) Joe Messina – Coach Girls Softball
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 15, 2017
Reason: Personal
- 6) Natasha Ciminera – 2nd Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse

Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 15, 2017
Reason: Reassigned to Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse

- 7) Rachell Lovell – Assistant Coach Girls Softball
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: February 15, 2017
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following supplemental appointment(s), item(s) 1 through 7.

- 1) Natasha Ciminera – Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,048.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year
Reason: Replaces Michelle Conway (resignation)
- 2) Andrew Davis – 2nd Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,658.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year
Reason: Replaces Natasha Ciminera (Reassigned to Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse)
- 3) Seth Millrood – Coach Girls Softball
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$2,286.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year
Reason: Replaces Joe Messina (Resignation)
- 4) Andrew Butler – Assistant Coach Girls Softball
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,048.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year
Reason: Replaces Mike Farrelly (Resignation)
- 5) Sarah Krause – 2nd Assistant Coach Girls Softball
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,286.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year

Reason: Replaces Samantha Snow (Resignation)

- 6) Stephen Wisley – Stage Manager Advisor
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$221.50 (pro-rated @ 0.5 of 1.0 Unit; The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year (2nd semester only)
Reason: Replaces Peter Rice (Resignation)

- 7) Jennifer Fuqua – Assistant Coach Girls Softball
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$2,215.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2016-2017 school year
Reason: Replaces Rachel Lovell (Resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 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 one million, eight hundred fifty-five thousand, nine hundred eighty-one dollars and eighty-four cents, \$1,855,981.84, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$26,800.00 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$113,983.85.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

14.03 Monthly Reports

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve monthly financial report for December 2016. Treasurer's Report for January 2017, and Budget Transfers for February 2017.

Informational item monthly financial reports for January 2017.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

14.04 Taxpayer Request for Abatement of Penalty

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request of abatement and refund the penalty on Folio 25-00-03073-08 in the amount of \$608.53.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request of abatement and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01320-00 in the amount of \$317.71.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 5 – 1

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request of abatement and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-01802-44 in the amount of \$603.64.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 4 – 2

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the request of abatement and refund the penalty on Folio 30-00-02297-02 in the amount of \$1,546.72.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 4 – 2

14.05 Donations

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$500.00 Grant from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program for the High School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept donation of Football pants for High School Team.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$1,869.50 check from William Culbertson PTO for Venture Grants for Culbertson Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept \$2,724.00 check from Marple Newtown High School PTO for two water bottle filling fountains.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept a donation of office supplies from the O'Hara family for Russell Elementary School.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to accept a donation of \$500.00 from the Marple Newtown High School Girls Lacrosse Booster Club for white kilts.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

14.06 Major and Mastro

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the agreement with Major and Mastro, LLC to provide auditing services for fiscal year's ending June 30, 2017, 2018, and 2019 at \$18,000 per year.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

14.07 Plancon K

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the submission of Plancon K to the Department of Education.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

15.02 Request for Waiver of Facility Rental Fees

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown Youth Lacrosse's request that all fees be waived for the rental that was approved at the January 24, 2017 Board Meeting.

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

After a brief discussion about usage of the fields at the same time, timing must be worked out by the Organizations using the fields. The motion passed 6 – 0

15.03 Training

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve Jake Gallagher, Coordinator of Facilities, to attend the “Asbestos Contractor/Supervisor” course at Criterion Laboratories, Inc. in Bensalem Pennsylvania from March 27, 2017 to March 31, 2017. The cost for the course is \$600.00 and travel approximately \$225.00. Total cost to the District not to exceed \$825.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 6 – 0

15.04 Request for Reduction of Facility Rental Fees

Mr. Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the request for reduction of Policy 707 fees for the Eastern United States Kendo Federation to hold a tournament at the Paxon Hollow Middle School on either March 15 or March 22, 2017. This group would be a Category IV and their Policy 707 fee is approximately \$2,800.00.

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

With no further discussion motion failed 0 – 6

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that there has been a Budget Address – no details, will have more next month. The prospect of removal of property tax is back out there. It has been opposed by many and there has been a good amount of push back. Hopefully this does not go through.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bilker advised the audience that he and Mrs. Chandless met with Senator McGarrigle. The discussion was making the test later in the year, this would give more instruction time. Also, there is weeks of testing, so a suggestion of making the test shorter was discussed. Mr. Bilker and Mrs. Chandless will keep the community advised of any updates.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Woodcock had questions for the Board and request some supplies for the fields this year. He asked for the same thing as last year to get the fields ready for the season as

well as maintain them for the season. Also asked for an equipment shed and batting cage at the Gauntlett center for the 9th grade team. There will be a field day with parents and players.

Mr. Thomas ~ has a student at the high school and middle school. Now that the Transgender policy has been put back to the States what is the intention of the District. Mr. Thomas also had some Title 9 questions, example girls playing football. He had objections having girls playing football, felt that it was not right. It was suggested that Mr. Thomas e-mail both the Board and the District Solicitor with any questions he may have.

There was a comment from an audience member thanking the Board for the Transgender Policy. She also stated that she would be proud to play wide receiver on the football team.

Maura Mundy ~ Thanks for the Transgender policy. Will the Class Rank be discussed again?

Response ~ yes it will be discussed at the CIT committee meeting.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary