

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 12, 2016
Board Room, Administration Building

MINUTES

Present

Board: Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A.J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Ms. Stavroula Kotrotsios, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds

Administration: Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin

Press: 0

Audience: 3

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Baker asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

There was none.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker asked that the minutes be approved as presented.

With no discussion the minutes were approved.

3. Bills for Payment:

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

- a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund bills list.
Note: Food Service/Capital Fund Bills will be presented with the final voting agenda.

Will take to the full Board for approval

4. Financial Reports:

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

- a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for February. Informational for March, 2016, Treasurer's Report for March and Budget Transfers.

Will take to the full Board for approval

5. Food Service

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

- a. Motion: To approve 2016-2017 School Lunch prices as follows:
 - Elementary \$2.75
 - Secondary Paxon Hollow Middle School \$3.00
 - Marple Newtown High School \$3.25

In addition, Marple Newtown School District will provide service to Delaware County Intermediate Unit, Malin Road for School year 2016-2017 as per agreement.

Mrs. Bellew gave a handout to the Board with figures showing Revenue and Expenditures. She also explained the Healthy Kids program as well as Smart Snacks. She also explained that the cost drivers are salaries, benefits and pension. Also, Federal and State regulations are that we cannot raise cost of lunches more than \$.10, our lunches are subsidized. We could take the High School off the program, but we do not know what negative impact that would have. The subsidized lunch program is tied into the Title I program as well as the E-rate.

Will take to the full Board for approval

6. Donations

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

- a. Motion: To accept \$3,989.25 check from Paxon Hollow PTO for Elmo's for Paxon Hollow Middle School.

Will take to the full Board for approval

7. Taxpayer Request Abatement of Penalty

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

- a. Motion: To approve tax payer request for abatement of penalty on Folio # 25-00-01358-00 in the amount of \$244.03.

Will take to the full Board for approval

8. Bond Refinance Update

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

- a. Motion: To approve the agreement with NW Financial to serve as financial advisor for Marple Newtown School District.

Will take to the full Board for approval

- b. Motion: To approve Raffaele and Puppio, LLP as Bond Council for Marple Newtown School District.

Will take to the full Board for approval

9. Actuaries

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board

- a. Motion: To approve the renewal agreement with the Pennsylvania Trust & Conrad Siegel Actuaries in the amount of \$7,250.00 for 2016-2018 agreement (*Note the fee continues to remain the same as previous agreement*)

Will take to the full Board for approval

10. 2016-2017 Proposed Final Budget

Mr. Driscoll gave the following presentation:

- Proposed Final Budget vote this month
- June 28th would be the final vote
- State Budget passed without the Governor's signature
- Did receive some funds for Block Grant \$109,000.00
- Explained the Basic Ed Funding
- Plan-Con dollars has not be distributed, about \$300,000.00
- 2016-2017 State Budget not fast moving
- Our Budget would be status quo
- Index is 2.4%

- Exceptions do not apply
- Local sources are higher at this time
- Assessment growth \$118,332,317. Marple \$15,337,268, Newtown \$102,994,949.
- Collection rate 96.5%
- Interim and transfer taxes have increased
- Explained the State share of PSERS
- Explained expenditures, Salaries, Benefits, Medical, and Pension which should plateau in a few years. Medical there is a 6% increase RX 10% increase.
- The Budget also includes Textbook and Software adoptions which Dr. Bompadre explained. Dr. Bompadre also explained the assignment of a .05 FTE Technology Teacher and .05 FTE Instructional Tech Coach K-12, Mr. Dumin explained the request for additional personnel for Operations, 3 full time for grounds and 1 custodian at the High School and vehicle replacement.
- Mr. Driscoll also explained the addition to the Autistic Support Program, 1 full time teacher at the High School as well as a full time Special Ed Assistant

11. New Business

None

12. Public Comment

None

13. Adjournment

Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.