

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016
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. Jim Orwig

Press: 0

Audience: 7

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Altieri led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENT

Mr. Altieri, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bilker, Mr. Catania, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. DeNucci, Mrs. Harvey, Ms. Kotrotsios, Mr. Reynolds.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Addition to Agenda ~ 15.05 Facilities and Transportation

Agenda was approved as amended.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

None

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Dr. Cary gave the following report:

- We are proud of the **Band Fest Students**. What a great job they did tonight! Thank you to our wonderfully talented students and to their director, Laura Wooden.
- We are proud of our high school principal who earned his doctoral degree. Congratulations, Dr. Puckett.
- We are proud of our Marple Newtown Ice Hockey Club's Coaches and Elementary Team!

The following students won the DHSL Championship on March 18th.

Number	Name	Grade	School
1	AJ Tedesco (Goalie)	4	Worrall
17	Amanda Beatty	3	Worrall
8	Dillon Haslett	4	Culbertson
71	Ethan McKay	3	Culbertson
15	Jason DiPietro	4	St. Mary Magdalene
7	Matt DeNucci	K	St. Anastasia
99	Sean D'Alessandro	2	Loomis
68	Shane O'Neill	4	St. Anastasia
82	Tenzee Yeagaa Z'Ningray	3	Loomis
43	Tristan Lowe	2	Culbertson
28	Tyler Newby	3	Worrall
16	Zachary Dembyski	4	Russell

Coaches

Joe McKay

Larry Besa

Charles O'Neill

Jr. Coaches

Joe Fino

John Fino (current Senior at MNHS, member of MN Varsity Hockey Team)

Finished the regular season with a record of 13-2-1.

96 goals for, only 38 goals against (the fewest in the Elementary Division)

Defeated Haverford 6-4 to win the championship on Friday, March 18.

- We are proud of our Unified Bocce Ball Team. The team placed second in the PIAA State Championship Tournament on March 18th. We will formally recognize this team at our April meeting.
- We are proud of our music program. MNSD received a “Best Communities for Music Education” designation from the NAMM. We are one of 476 districts nationwide to receive this distinction. Thank you to our talented music instructors.
- We are proud of our Seven Young Authors who were winners in the DCIU Young Authors Contest. We will recognize these seven young authors at our May meeting.
- We are proud of our high school Theatre Arts program and the talented students who participated both on and off stage in the production of *The Little Mermaid*. We are proud of the producers, directors, and all adults who worked with the students to make a wonderful show.

7. COMMENDATIONS

None

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Both representatives gave the following report

- Region F conference April 26th
- 22 schools will be in attendance
- Workshops to better Student Council
- There are games being planned
- Learning experience to be better Student Councils

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cary gave the following report:

- We are looking for new sponsors for Sponsor a Scholar. Please encourage people to come forward to sponsor/mentor a student. We need only five sponsors for our new Class of 2019 program. Please contact my office if you wish to sponsor a scholar.
- Please join us on April 27th from 6-8 PM as we formally unveil and conduct the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 100th year timeline project. The ceremony will take place at the high school lobby. Come see the beautiful panels that display our hundred years of Marple-Newtown High School history. If you are interested in contributing to the project and contributors will be recognized on a plaque in the lobby- please contact Michael Larkin, Director of Communications and Development.
- PSSAs begin the week of April 11th. Please remind your students that the assessments reflect learning that has taken place all year. If students have done well in their studies

throughout the year, they should do well on the PSSA. Students should not fear the assessments nor become overly worried about them. However, they should give them their very best effort.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 803418 to attend St. Katherine Day School as per the Settlement Agreement and Release. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve Student No. 841797 to attend the Mill Creek School as per the "In Lieu of FAPE" agreement. This is a new agreement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement with Mill Creek School for Student No. 841797 to attend the Mill Creek School for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a new placement.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

12.02 Calendar

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the 2016-2017 District Calendar Draft A, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

12.03 Administrative Conferences

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Lauren Hopkins, Assistant Principal, to attend the 2016 Women's Caucus Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from May 1 to May 3, 2016. The cost of the conference is \$325.00. The cost of travel and hotel is \$540.00. The total cost to the district is \$865.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

12.04 Student Trips

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve Mr. Jordan Marmelstein, Teacher and Mrs. Mary Anne Hrin, Teacher, to travel to Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania with 250-300 students from Paxton Hollow Middle School on June 3, 2016. The students will be performing works related to concepts taught throughout the year in front of judges. The total cost per student is \$72.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

12.05 Student Clubs

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Bio Club. The purpose of this club is to allow students to be able to achieve a deeper understanding of Biology while engaging in activities. A new topic will be discussed each meeting along with a new activity. The club advisors are Mrs. Christine Roy and Mrs. Stephanie Doran.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Knit and Crochet for Charity Club. The purpose of this club is to teach students how to knit and/or crochet if they do not already know how and to knit and crochet projects for local charities. The club advisor is Mrs. Kerri Ward.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Science Journal Club. The purpose of this club is to promote science in a welcoming environment. Members will develop skills in scientific inquiry and academic writing. The club advisor is Mrs. Christine Roy.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Altieri asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Cover to Cover Club. The purpose of this club is to help students learn to write their own books/novels and hopefully soon enough have a full book to take home. People in the club will learn about plot development, story development, etc. The club advisor is Mrs. Kerri Ward.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Matthew J. Bilker, Chairperson

13.02 Retirements

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Michael Reinhart – Chemistry Teacher
Marple Newtown High School
Effective: April 13, 2016
Reason: Retirement

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.03 Terminations

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Paige Nassib – LTS Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Effective: March 15, 2016
Reason: End of Assignment
- 2) Sara Posey – LTS Psychologist
Russell Elementary School
Effective: April 20, 2016
Reason: End of Assignment

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.04 Resignations

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignation(s) item(s) 1 and 2.

- 1) Gloria Ingenito – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: March 1, 2016
Reason: Personal
- 2) John Zisis – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: March 1, 2016
Reason: Personal

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.05 Leaves

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Andrea Tamaccio – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: February 24, 2016
Reason: Medical Leave (unpaid)
- 2) Donna Packer - Custodian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Effective: March 29, 2016
Reason: Medical Leave (utilizing all available leave balances)
- 3) Lyle Leighton – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: March 7, 2016
Reason: Medical Leave (utilizing all available leave balances)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.06 Return from Leave

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following professional return from leave(s) item(s) 1 through 5.

- 1) Jennifer Hochhaus – Elementary Teacher
Culbertson Elementary School
Return Date: March 14, 2016
Returning from: Medical Leave

- 2) Margaret Makela – School Librarian
Russell Elementary School
Effective: March 29, 2016
Returning from: FMLA

- 3) Loretta Burns – Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: March 29, 2016
Returning from: Medical Leave

- 4) Jennifer Gossman – School Psychologist
Russell Elementary School
Effective: April 18, 2016
Returning from: Child Rearing Leave

- 5) Amy Miller – Health & Physical Education Teacher
Loomis Elementary School
Effective: April 18, 2016
Returning from: Medical Leave

Motion was made by Ms. Kotrotsios, seconded by Mr. Reynolds

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.07 Appointments

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Bridget Yarusso – LTS Science Teacher
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$42,646.00 (pro-rated @ BA-Step 1)
Effective: April 5, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Replacing Melanie Hinkle (Medical Leave)

- 2) Stephen Spangler – LTS Chemistry Teacher

Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$47,849.00 (pro-rated @ MA-Step 1)
Effective: April 11, 2016 through and including June 22, 2016
Reason: Replacing Michael Reinhart (Retirement)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Kyler Brink - Custodian
Culbertson Elementary School
Salary: \$15.49 per hour
Effective: April 4, 2016
Replacing: Jennifer McNabb-Jones (Resignation)
- 2) Brandon Stump - Custodian
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$15.49 per hour
Effective: April 4, 2016
Replacing: Adolf Dreyer (Reassignment)
- 3) James Jensen - Grounds Worker
Operations
Salary: \$16.99 per hour
Effective: April 4, 2016
Replacing: Michael McCaw (Resignation)
- 4) Theresa Tanzilli – Title I Assistant
Russell Elementary School
Salary: \$15.10 per hour
Effective: March 14, 2016
Replacing: Carla Vastine (Resignation)
- 5) Juanita Clemons – Bus Aide
Transportation
Salary: \$15.50 per hour
Effective: March 30, 2016
Replacing: Debbie Collings (Reassigned as van driver 2/4/2016)
- 6) Brian Rawlings – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$23.97 per hour
Effective: March 30, 2016
Replacing: Mildred Zepka (Retirement)

- 7) Entela Kocibelli – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: To be determined by assignment/Food Services
Effective: March 30, 2016
Reason: As Needed

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.08 Marple Newtown Education Association, Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Newtown Education Association for language revisions in the sections titled prescription plan and educational attainment as related to the terms and conditions of the 2015-2018 Marple Newtown Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, to be in effect during the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 term only, as presented.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.09 Supplementary Contracts

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the following supplemental appointments, item(s) 1 through 6.

- 1) Eric Houck – Assistant Baseball Coach
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$3,472.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Scott O’Neil (resignation)
- 2) Michelle Conway – Assistant Coach Girls’ Lacrosse
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,992.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Herb Staquet (resignation)
- 3) Natasha Ciminera – 2nd Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse
Marple Newtown High School
Salary: \$2,430.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
Effective: 2015-2016 school year
Reason: Replaces Michelle Conway (resignation)
- 4) Melissa McCarty – Assistant Coach Girls Track (Track Events)

Marple Newtown High School
 Salary: \$3,240.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
 Effective: 2015-2016 school year
 Reason: Melissa McCarty (resignation - previously resigned following the 2014-2015 season)

- 5) Mary Flounders – Intramurals Basketball Coach
 Paxon Hollow Middle School
 Salary: \$748.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
 Effective: 2015-2016 school year
 Reason: Adjusted contractual amount

- 6) Rachel Lovell – Assistant Coach Softball
 Paxon Hollow Middle School
 Salary: \$1,870.00 (The amount of the contract is in accordance with the MNEA negotiated agreement.)
 Effective: 2015-2016 school year
 Reason: Replaces Caitlyn Coogan (resignation)

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

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

- 1) Terri Harper – Assistant Coach Girls Track & Field
 Paxon Hollow Middle School
 Effective: March 10, 2015
 Reason: Personal

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

With further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.10 Transfers

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the classified transfers effective March 1, 2016, item(s) 1 through 3.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1. Peter Balzano	PHMS	Special Education Assistant	Loomis	Special Education Assistant
2. Michael DeRosa	Worrall	Custodian	PHMS	Custodian
3. Theresa Charles	PHMS	Custodian	Russell	Custodian

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.11 Board Policy – First Reading

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the first reading of policies listed below as presented:

Policy No. 309	Assignment and Transfer
Policy No. 317	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
Policy No. 317.1	Educator Misconduct
Policy No. 806	Child/Student Abuse

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

13.12 Board Policy – Second Reading

Mr. Bilker asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 915, Booster Clubs and Parent Organizations, as presented.

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

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 \$3,624,222.54, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$4,198.25 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$110,070.42.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

14.03 Monthly Reports

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

Informational item monthly financial reports for February 2016.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

14.04 2016-2017 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the 2016-2017 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget in the amount of \$8,572,995.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the 2016-2017 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Technical Schools Budget in the amount of \$12,725,006.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Agreement regarding the 2016-2017 Special Education Agreement in the amount of \$701,969.00.

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

With no further discussion motion passed 9 – 0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Reynolds asked for motions for the following 15.02, 15.03, 15.04, 15.05

15.02 Change Order

Motion to approve a change order for the District Wide PA System Project to install additional speakers not noted in the original scope of work at a cost of \$6,927.50

15.03 Renewal of Bus Lease

Motion to approve the renewal of the 3-year bus lease agreement with Santander Bank and to approve the related agreement with Wolfington Body Company, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the original lease agreement approved on February 26, 2013. Both agreements will be subjected to final approval of the solicitor. This three year lease provides 35 buses, an annual lease cost of \$336,000.

15.04 Donation

Motion to accept the donation of \$1,500.00 from the Russell PTO for the purchase and installation of a non-filtered, bottle filling water fountain.

15.05 Fencing at High School

Motion to approve the purchase of Portable Fencing for the outfield for the Varsity Baseball field and Varsity Softball field at the High School from Sports Fence International, 1422 Monroe Street, Strasburg, Colorado 87136 contingent upon completed references and applicability to natural grass and synthetic turf.

Motions were made by Mr. DeNucci, seconded by Mr. Catania

With no further discussion motions passed 9 – 0 n

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

None

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Altieri reported that Pennsylvania now has a budget and the 2016-2017 budget is being worked on.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

None

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Harvey wanted to thank the Russell PTO for the fountain.

Ms. Kotrotsios reported that she had been in contact with Dr. Subers. She reported that Paxon Hollow is getting ready for the PSSA testing. Paxon Hollow is also working on the Benchmark program in preparing for the PSSA. The Potter Cup has raised \$400,000 over the past 10 years for childhood cancer.

Mr. Baker reported that Worrall was having a fundraiser at Panera.

21. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for the Board, Mrs. Chandless adjourned by meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Driscoll
Board Secretary