

November 20, 2007 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Middletown Gaudet Middle School, Aquidneck Avenue on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Members Present

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello, Absent

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia

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On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Also present were Town Administrator Gerald Kempen and Finance Director Shawn Brown.

Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Facilities Director Edward Collins, Business Manager Catherine McLeish, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Cheryl Franklin, School Committee Chair Michael Crowley, Vice Chair Liana Fenton and members Edward K. Draper and Theresa S. Spengler.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger reviewed the plan process noting a core committee developed the plan. The plan reflects where the

committee would like to bring the community in the future.

Prakash Nair, REFP, Partner, representing Fielding Nair International addressed the Council and School Committee reviewing statistical information from around the country. Mr. Nair noted twenty learning modalities entered here:

- 1. Independent Study**
- 2. Peer Tutoring**
- 3. Team Collaboration**
- 4. One-on-one learning with teacher**
- 5. Lecture with teacher at center stage**
- 6. Project-based learning**
- 7. Technology-based Learning**
- 8. Distance Learning**

- 9. Research via wireless internet**
- 10. Student Presentation**
- 11. Performance-based learning**
- 12. Seminar-style Instruction**
- 13. Hands-on project-based learning**
- 14. Naturalist Learning**
- 15. Social/Emotional Learning**
- 16. Art-based learning**
- 17. Storytelling (floor seating)**
- 18. Learning by Building**
- 19. Team Teaching**
- 20. Play-based Learning**

Jay J. Litman, AIA, Senior Planning Consultant and Architect, and Frank M. Locker, Ph.D., AIA, REFP, Senior Planning Consultant, also representing Fielding Nair International continued the presentation reviewing the following areas:

The School Committee is requesting support from the Council for this project.

Discussion centered around the importance of education, how the project will be presented to the community and funding for the project.

On motion of Councillor DiPalma, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk