

## **January 31, 2011 - Special Town Council Meeting**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr.**

**Vice President Bruce J. Long**

**Councillor Richard Cambra**

**Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**Councillor Antone C. Viveiros**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present**

**POSTED – January 20, 2011**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Mrs. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following items of business:**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

- 1. 6:00 pm – Meeting with the School Committee and School Administration, re: Budget – to review estimated revenues and expenses.**
  
- 2. 7:30 pm – Town’s legislative concerns to be addressed at the 2011 session of the General Assembly – with the Town’s General Assembly delegation and School Administrators.**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**CC:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**Finance Director**

**Town Administrator**

**Town Solicitor**

**IT Director**

**Human Resource Manager**

**Town Planner**

**Tax Assessor**

**Public Works Director**

**Building Official**

**Police Chief**

**Fire Chief**

**Senior Director**

**Recreation Director**

**This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller, Finance Director Lynne Dible and Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay.**

**Present, representing the School Department were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Director of Facilities Edward Collins, School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler, members William O'Connell, Kellie DiPalma and Liana Ferreira Fenton.**

**1. 6:00 pm – Meeting with the School Committee and School Administration, re: Budget – to review estimated revenues and expenses.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown addressed the Council and School Administration explaining that this meeting is required by state law. Mr. Brown reviewed the Town budget forecast and school department budget expenditures entered here:**

**Mr. Brown reviewed a power point presentation entered here:**

**Council President Weber noted that the Council and Administration will pursue employee contracts to ensure the contracts are fair and equitable for all.**

**Superintendent of Schools Rosemarie Kraeger addressed the Council and Administration noting that the School Department has a budget subcommittee, which Councillor Viveiros is a member. The School Department utilizes a uniform chart of accounts which will be valuable when reviewing and preparing the proposed budget.**

**Ms. Kraeger reviewed the Basic Education Program and Performance Measures handout entered here:**

**Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger and Business Manager Raquel Pellerin reviewed the School Revenue Forecast – Fiscal Year 2012 entered here:**

**Present, representing the Town's General Assembly Delegation were State Senator Louis P. DiPalma, State Representative J. Russell Jackson, State Representative Daniel Reilly and State Representative Deborah L. Ruggiero.**

**2. 7:30 pm – Town's legislative concerns to be addressed at the 2011 session of the General Assembly – with the Town's General Assembly delegation and School Administrators.**

**The General Assembly portion of the meeting began at 7:45 P.M.**

**Council President Weber reviewed the following:**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed a letter sent to Senator DiPalma concerning Coyote issues within the Town. A public meeting will be held on February 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Gaudet School Cafeteria regarding the issue.**

**Town Administration Shawn Brown also reviewed Local, Aquidneck Island and Statewide legislative requests set by the Town in the January 18, 2011 resolution passed by the Council, entered above. Mr. Brown presented a memorandum concerning Pension Reform entered here:**

**Councillor Cambra left the meeting at 8:00 P.M.**

**Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger reviewed the School Department legislative agenda entered here:**

**State Senator Louis P. DiPalma reviewed the Town's legislative requests. Senator DiPalma requested language for the BRAC bill and for the student activity fee.**

**Councillor Silveira left the meeting at 8:25 P.M.**

**State Representative Deborah Ruggiero noted her support of the Town's requests.**

**State Representative Daniel Reilly expressed concern that if the MERS statute is revised and expands beyond Middletown, MERS may lose cash flow.**

**State Representative Russell Jackson noted the need for incentives to be built in the regionalization legislation.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:47 P.M.**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**

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