

May 4, 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 Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding

Vice President Bruce J. Long

Councillor Richard Cambra, arrives at 6:07pm

Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Absent

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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., 42-46-5., 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. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto**

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President

Middletown Town Council

cc:

Town Council

Public Library

Finance Director

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

School Department

Human Resource Manager

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.

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

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

Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Director of Facilities Edward Collins, Attorney Benjamin Scungio, School Committee Chair Michael F. Crowley, Vice Chair Theresa Spengler, arriving at 6:05 pm, and members Liana Ferreira Fenton and William R. O'Connell.

Council President Weber noted that the Town cannot support a 4% increase for the schools.

Discussion centered around revenue shortfalls, reclassification of funds, contractual obligations, basic education plan, stimulus funds, teacher pay scales, class size, enrollment, teacher to student ratio, Naval families effect on enrollment, State Funding Formula, Federal Impact Aid, cost per pupil and questions and responses that the Town Council submitted to the School Administration, which are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger noted that School Committee Chair Michael F. Crowley is the recipient of the Howard Kay Award given annually to an outstanding School Committee member by the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.

On motion of Councillor Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to request the Town Clerk to prepare a commendation for Mr. Crowley in recognition of this prestigious award.

On motion of Councillor Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Karin H. Clancey

Deputy Town Clerk

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