

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on November 1, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.**

Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding

Vice President Bruce J. Long

Councillor Richard Cambra

Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Absent

POSTED – October 28, 2012

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

INTERVIEWS SCHOOL COMMITTEE VACANCY

1. Interview - Henry F. (Rick) Lombardi, Jr.

2. Interview - Francis A. Forgue.

3. Interview - Vincent J. Giuliano.

4. Interview- Timothy D. Brown.

5. Interview- Paul E. Mankofsky.

Said meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012, 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

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

School Committee

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 begin interviews.

Council President Weber recused himself from participating in the interviews, due to a possible conflict of interest.

Vice President Long, Presiding

Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown and Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller.

Vice President Long, noted the process followed was as set forth in section 803 of the Town Charter, there was not enough time for the vacancy to be added to the November election ballot. The questions were developed and sent to all candidates.

Candidates for the School Committee Vacancy were interviewed in open session; applicant interviews began at 6:03 pm with 1) Henry F. (Rick) Lombardi, Jr., 2) Francis A. Forgue, 3) Vincent J. Giuliano, 4) Timothy D. Brown and 5) Paul E. Makofsky.

All applicants were asked the following questions:

- 1. Describe your personal experience that qualifies you as a school committee member.**
- 2. There are five goals listed for the Middletown Public School District's Strategic Plan on the school's website at www.mpri.net: 1)**

academic expectations of students; 2) supportive learning environment; 3) professional development; 4) communication with all participants; 5) resources, facilities, and funding. Which goal would you prioritize and why?

3. With the current reality of the federal, state and town budgets, more cuts seem likely. What areas in the school budget provide opportunities for realizing cost efficiencies and/or reductions?

4. How would you increase and enhance options for career education opportunities for those students seeking workforce training or higher education?

Some applicants gave personal background, were asked how they would collaborate/interact with the current School Committee members, attendance to Town budget meetings, and why they were seeking the position.

On motion of Councillor Viveiros, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:27 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

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