

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,  
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, March 31, 2014 at  
6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding**

**Vice President Robert J. Sylvia**

**Councillor Richard P. Adams**

**Councillor Bruce J. Long**

**Councillor Paul M. Rodrigues**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

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

**POSTED – March 25, 2014**

**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 item of business:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**1. Meeting with School Administration and School Committee, re: School Department Facilities Plan (SDFP) – Information & Planning:**

- **Brief all relevant information, share learning, test for understanding, and make suggestions that will improve the development of policy effecting the development of the SDFP.**
  
- **Elected officials review, discuss and validate the visioning, goal statements, objectives, output measures, needs assessment, and priority setting used while preparing the proposed SDFP and matters related thereto.**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Christopher T. Semonelli, President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**cc:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**Finance Director**

**Town Administrator**

**Town Solicitor**

**School Department**

**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 Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance**

**Director Lynne Dible and Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey.**

**Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Facilities Director Edward Collins, School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler, Vice Chair Kellie DiPalma, and members Liana Ferreira Fenton (arrives at 6:12 pm), Paul Mankofsky, and William O'Connell.**

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**On motion of Vice President Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin said meeting.**

**The schedule/agenda for this evening is as**

**follows:**

**Council President Semonelli noted the Council was welcomed during facility tours and the excellent feedback from the principals. Mr. Semonelli explained that many projects at the school facilities that are on hold and decisions regarding the facilities need to be made.**

**Councillor Rodrigues noted the need to promote the amount of work, which is done in house by the School Department.**

**Councillor Santos noted she was impressed with Forest Avenue and the concept of the open classrooms.**

**Discussion centered around school facility renovations, cost efficiencies when doing work in-house, fixing existing facility issues, residents open to renovating facilities, survey completed by the public, Forest Avenue learning center, the importance of shared learning, quality of education and goals, if educational goals can be met with the current schools, Fielding Nair report, three phases in the Fielding Nair plan, reimbursement from of Housing Aid, estimated cost of construction per square foot and Option C within the Fielding Nair report.**

**Responses from the School Committee Proposed Facilities Plan survey are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the Wednesday, April 2, 2014 meeting is to identify and resolve issues – problem solving.**

**On motion of Vice President Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 7:52 pm.**

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

**Council Clerk**

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