

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, December 20, 2007**

**6:00 p.m. – Executive Session**

**7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting**

**MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Members Present: Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman**

**Liana F. Fenton, Vice-Chair**

**William Coogan arrived at 7:27 p.m.**

**Edward K. Draper arrived at 7:02**

**Theresa M. Spengler**

**Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Catherine McLeish, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1, 2,5,8,9 at 6:06 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Michael Crowley. Administrative staff members present were**

**Timothy Ryan, Michelle Fonseca, Gail Abromitis, Steven Ruscito, and Linda Savastano. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Mr. Crowley announced that a unanimous vote taken in Executive Session to deny fourteen grievances.**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) William Coogan. To seal the minutes of Executive Session. Unanimous vote.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning”**

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## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

- STUDENT AWARDS – Student Awards were presented in the following categories:**
  - o Newport Daily News Student of the Week**
  - o Newport Daily News Athlete of the Week**
  - o Varsity Volleyball 2007 Championship**
  - o JV Volleyball 2007 Championship**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities”**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted items of information in the School Committee Package:**

- **Middletown canvassing authority setting up for primary March 3rd and 4th**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

**1000. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2007 School Committee Meeting**

- 1100. Approval of Financial Report, dated November 30, 2007, in the amount of \$9,594,193.50**
- 1200. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 13, 2007, in the amount of \$555,329.76**
- 1210. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 21, 2007, in the amount of \$2,398.18**
- 1220. Approval of Invoice Register, dated November 27, 2007, in the amount of \$381,005.32**
- 1230. Approval of Invoice Register, dated December 11, 2007, in the amount of \$560,841.39**
- 1240. Approval of Invoice Register, dated December 14, 2007, in the amount of \$592.62**
- 1300. Approval of Special Grants Register, dated November 13, 2007, in the amount of \$16,598.38**
- 1310. Approval of Special Grants Register, dated November 27, 2007, in the amount of \$35,399.63**
- 1320. Approval of Special Grants Register, dated December 11, 2007, in the amount of \$20,975.29**
- 1400. Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel**

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Diana Stamp Lead Teacher, John F. Kennedy School**

## **MATERNITY LEAVE - ARTICLE XIV, C, OPTION #1 (NEA/Middletown)**

**Christine Clancey Grade Six Teacher, Gaudet Middle School**

**Extend leave through January 27, 2008**

**Christine Clancey Leave from Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach**

**For the 2007-2008 school year**

## **FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT**

**Michael Clancey Social Studies Teacher, Middletown High School**

**From January 28, 2008 through April 21, 2008**

## **2007/08 WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS**

**Justin Buffman Girls' Varsity Basketball**

**For the remainder of 07-08 season**

**Shane Fennessey Girls' Assistant Varsity Basketball**

**For the remainder of 07-08 season**

## **RESIGNATION**

**Phillip Statser Tempo Advisor, MHS**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **SECURITY SYSTEMS BID**

**MOTION: (1) Theresa Spengler, (2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee award the Security Systems bid to SONITROL. Unanimous Vote.**

**Mr. Collins said the Sonitrol system is capable of monitoring the conditional aspects of the building (i.e. temperature in specific areas and prevention of water damage). The first installation will be at Forest Avenue School, the second will be at Oliphant and the third will be at Gaudet Middle School. Mrs. Spengler pointed out that this was a good preventative measure.**

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### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**MOTION: (1) Liana Fenton, (2) Edward Draper. That the School**

**Committee approve the School Committee Meeting Dates for 2008.  
Unanimous Vote.**

**Mrs. Kraeger announced that these dates will be published in the Newport Daily News. There was also a tentative date set in January for a workshop for the course studies.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION: (1) Theresa Spengler, (2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee approve the resolution regarding Group Home Funding and forward to the Town Council and Newport County Regional Special Education Community. Unanimous Vote.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- School Committee/Administrator's Retreat**

**William Coogan announced that MEC gave away \$8,000 in grants this year, totaling \$50,000 overall. The next grant cycle closes the last day of February 2008. Mr. Crowley thanked Mr. Coogan for the money raised.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- **CURRICULUM –**

- o The Limited English Proficiency Program has been redesigned under Mrs. Cicchitelli's leadership. The Rhode Island Department of Education has acknowledged this as a "best practice" program.
- o Work continues on the Gaudet School report card
- o Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Cicchitelli are compiling binders outlining work done over the years (i.e. standards, crosswalk, GLEs and GSEs, Assessments, and Resources for K-4).
- o Draft recommendations on the Program of Studies were distributed to the School Committee. Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Kraeger this report with High School staff.

- **FINANCIAL –**

- o RIASC, in a recent email, acknowledged the state aid might even be less than last year
- o Budget for 2008-2009 is projecting a \$500,000 shortfall

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- o Our enrollment has leveled off
- o 29.18% expended from our budget to date

- **FACILITIES –**

o **Fielding Nair came back to Gaudet –**

o **Students were interviewed to determine anecdotal feedback on the areas**

o **Fielding Nair is developing a timeline of what needs to happen next**

o **“Mapit” will be implemented during the 2nd week in January**

o **Mrs. Kraeger commended Mr. Collins and staff for handling snow situation last Thursday, December 13th**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William Coogan. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent’s Reports. Unanimous vote.**

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Mr. Draper –**

o **Recently attended the Safety Advisory Committee meeting. He said it was a good meeting. The group is making solid progress.**

o **The Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Program has a lot of work on their agenda. A Strategic Plan needs to be submitted by the end of December.**

**Mrs. Spengler –**

o **Pleased to mention that she received a message from police early enough in day to be at bus stop and that communication in community has increased. Mrs. Spengler thanked the administration**

**for making this possible.**

**Mr. Crowley –**

- o RIPEC continues to meet to look into collaboration and split off from municipal side. Portsmouth met with their legislators**
- o SORICO is meeting in January regarding the same subject as we've been talking about (i.e. the impact of 3050, regents, special education regulations, regulations approved, exception of who is going to pay placement of students)**

**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 7:59 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**