

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, December 11, 2008

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair

Kellie M. DiPalma

Liana F. Fenton

William O'Connell

Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Supt. for Academic & Technology
Services**

Catherine McLeish, Business Manager

**The Special School Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:04
p.m. by Michael Crowley, School Committee Chair.**

Mr. William R. O'Connell was sworn in as a Member of the

Middletown School Committee by Wendy Marshall, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Kraeger requested nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.

Mrs. Liana Fenton nominated Mr. Michael Crowley.

Mrs. Theresa Spengler seconded the motion.

No other nominations were made.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. To close the nominations for School Committee Chairman. Unanimous vote.

With the nominations closed, the Clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Michael Crowley as Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.

Mrs. Kraeger turned the meeting over to Mr. Crowley, Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.

Mr. Crowley called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.

Mrs. Liana Fenton nominated Mrs. Theresa Spengler.

Miss Kellie DiPalma seconded the motion.

No other nominations were made.

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MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To close nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Unanimous vote.

With the nominations closed, the Chairperson cast one ballot for Mrs. Theresa Spengler as Vice-Chairperson.

Mrs. Theresa Spengler was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Middletown School Committee.

The next order of business was to assign committee members to sub-committees:

BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE – This committee meets at least four times between January and November with the Town Council Budget Subcommittee to review and make budget recommendations.

Theresa Spengler Liana Fenton

CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER COMMITTEE – This committee meets four times during the school year. Its primary function is to review career technical programs and opportunities for our high school students.

Liana Fenton

POLICY COMMITTEE – This is an ongoing committee that reviews and suggests policies. (Our policy book needs some major revisions).

Liana Fenton Theresa Spengler

JOHN CLARK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – This committee meets in May with the High School guidance staff to determine scholarship recipients.

Theresa Spengler Liana Fenton

SICK BANK COMMITTEE (CERTIFIED) – This committee meets as needed when a certified staff member requests sick days because they have exhausted their days.

Theresa Spengler William O’Connell

SICK BANK COMMITTEE (COUNCIL 94) - This committee meets as needed when a Council 94 member requests sick days because they have exhausted their days.

Michael Crowley Kellie DiPalma

HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – This committee meets quarterly with parents and Chartwells Food Service personnel to discuss issues relative to hot lunch/breakfast.

Liana Fenton Kellie DiPalma (Alternate)

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GRIEVANCE SUBCOMMITTEE – An as-needed committee - part of NEAM Teacher Contract. The School Committee, or a three (3) person sub-committee of the School Committee, shall hear the grievance before the start of the next regularly scheduled meeting, or by mutual agreement schedule a time and day prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Michael Crowley Theresa Spengler William O’Connell

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE – This is a Town-wide committee established by the Town Council.

Michael Crowley Kellie DiPalma (Alternate)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – This is a Town-wide committee established by the Town Council.

William O’Connell

FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE – This is an advisory committee established by the School Committee charged with creating a long-range facilities master plan.

Theresa Spengler Liana Fenton

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS – This committee will explore business partnership relationships that connects opportunities for the school community.

Liana Fenton William O'Connell (Alternate)

SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – This committee will study the issue of school-community safety in relation to the behavior of youth in the Town of Middletown. This advisory committee will address such issues as traffic safety, health, substance abuse and choices that our youth will face as they grow and live in our town.

Opening

CLERK – The School Committee shall annually appoint or designate the Clerk of the School Committee. The Clerk of the School Committee shall notify members of each meeting, including in the notice of such meetings the matters to be placed before the Committee at said meetings. The Clerk shall keep a full and accurate record of each meeting and shall furnish a copy of the record of each meeting to the Superintendent of Schools. The Clerk shall receive all communications, present them to the Committee and respond to them. With the assistance of the Superintendent of Schools, the Clerk shall keep an exact record of all school expenditures, prepare all payrolls and audit all bills and pay such bills as necessary. With like assistance, the Clerk shall prepare all reports required by Federal laws, State laws, the board of regents, and the Commissioner of Education.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk may sign any orders, contracts or official papers which require the signature of the Chairman of the School Committee.

Rosemarie Kraeger

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EAST BAY EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE – This individual sits on the EBEC Board, attends monthly meetings and works with the other East Bay districts developing policy and curriculum.

Rosemarie Kraeger William O’Connell (Alternate)

AUDIT COMMITTEE – This committee, established by the Town Council, shall be a five member committee whose duties shall include appointment of an outside audit firm, review of the annual audit results and evaluation of the internal accounting procedures and controls. The Audit Committee shall be composed of three members, each serving a term concurrent with the term of the Town Council. The committee will consist of the Town Council President and two members of the Town Council, and the Chairman of the School Committee and one member of the School Committee; and the Town Council may further establish an advisory committee to conduct any inquiry or investigation or to make planning, policy or other recommendations.

Michael Crowley Theresa Spengler

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

The School Committee was briefed by Legal Counsel, Benjamin Scungio.

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Theresa Spengler. To adjourn from Special School Committee Meeting at 8:27 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk