

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

July 28, 2009

5:00 p.m. – Executive Session

Immediately Followed by Regular Meeting

MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present:

Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair

Kellie M. DiPalma

Liana F. Fenton

William R. O’Connell

Member Absent:

Michael F. Crowley, Jr.

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent for Academic and
Technology Services**

Catherine McLeish, Business Manager

Edward Collins, Director of Facilities

Absent:

Peter Wood, Director of Technology

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1,2,5,8,9 at 5:02 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Mrs. Spengler announced that no vote was taken in Executive Session.

The regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Theresa Spengler. Administrative staff member present was Vincent Giuliano. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

“Louis Berger Report Findings”

The Louis Berger Group was contracted to study the parking lots at all schools. With the added student populations at Gaudet, efforts

were largely concentrated at this site.

Traffic flow, parking and safety were considered. Traffic flow modifications were developed. The practice of having school buses circle the lot will be discontinued. No private vehicles will be allowed in the front lot (Aquidneck Avenue) during bus drop-off and pick-up times. Additional crosswalks will be installed. All parking spaces will be relined. The Bus Office will now be located at Middletown High School. Buses will be housed at the high school.

The back lot on Turner Road will have a one-way traffic flow. Part of the existing island will be removed to maximize handicap parking and add about 25 more spaces. There will be more signage and crosswalks. This will be the primary drop-off for private vehicles.

Access to the storage facility has been difficult, especially during the winter months. There will now be a road made of impervious material, which will assist in storm water drainage.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No “Proclamations/Awards” for July 28, 2009.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for July 28, 2009.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Kraeger noted items of information:

- Letter from Shawn Brown regarding CGI Videotaping of schools for Town website**
- Letter from Ken Swanson regarding Middletown being removed from a PSI Plan**
- Letter from MISA thanking Middletown for hosing the Annual Summer Meeting**

CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for July 28, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTON: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To approve the Consent Agenda.

- Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2009 School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2009 Executive Session**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 15, 2009, in the amount of**

\$131,285.30

•Approval of Invoice Register, dated June 23, 2009, in the amount of \$646,088.39

•Approval of Athletic Register, dated June 29, 2009, in the amount of \$1001.15

•Approval of Invoice Register, dated June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$712,227.09

•Approval of Special Grants Register, dated June 12, 2009, in the amount of \$357,032.83

•Approval of Special Grants Register, dated June 29, 2009, in the amount of \$84,181.94

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Gregory Decoteaux Physics Teacher, Middletown High School

Debra O'Bryan Grade Four and Five Leader

Donna Murphy Grade Six Leader

Denise McCarthy Grade Seven Leader

Mary Nassaney Grade Eight Leader

Leslie Gilman Lead Teacher, Aquidneck School

Mary Colaneri Lead Teacher, Forest Avenue School

Diane Kerins .5 Art to Full-Time Art

RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT

Gloria Howard

**Coordinator of Standards, Assessment and Professional
Development**

RESIGNATION

Daniel Seger Grade Seven Social Studies, GaudetSchool

APPROVAL OF .5 JOB SHARE FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Maureen Sullivan Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School

EXTENSION OF MATERNITY LEAVE

Jamie Sheridan Grade Seven Science, J.H. Gaudet School

Until the start of the 2010 – 2011 SY

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Christian LeBlanc Health/Physical Education, MHS

From Sept. 8, 2009 to Nov. 13, 2009

Samantha Hines English, MHS

From Sept. 8, 2009 – Nov. 27, 2009

RECALL RIGHTS TERMINATED

Raymond Perry Music, J.H. Gaudet School

TRANSFERS

Elizabeth Bollard

JFK Kindergarten to Aquidneck School Kindergarten

Johanna Cadoret

JFK Kindergarten to Aquidneck School Kindergarten

Lori Call

JFK Multi-Age to Multi-Age Forest Avenue School

Toni Cawley

JFK Grade Three to Forest Avenue School Grade Three

Celine Corrigan

JFK Grade One to Forest Avenue School Grade One

Kristen Hughes

JFK Grade Two Aquidneck School Grade Two

Christina Logothets

JFK Grade Two to Forest Avenue School Grade Two

John Medeiros

JFK Grade One to Aquidneck School Grade One

Laurie Oliveira

JFK Grade Three to Aquidneck School Grade Three

Doreen O'Neil

JFK Kindergarten to Forest Avenue School Kindergarten

Kimberly Pearce

JFK Grade Three to Aquidneck School Grade Three

Debra Prentiss

JFK Multi-Age to Forest Avenue School Multi-Age

Christa Robinson

Grade One, Forest Avenue School

Emily Silvia

JFK Grade One, Forest Avenue School Grade One

Joan Whitty

Aquidneck School

Jennifer Vaillancourt

Elementary Music to Middletown High School Music

Jonathan Paquette

Elementary Art to Gaudet Art

RECALLS

Deborah Anthony Family Consumer Science, J.H. Gaudet

Nancy Ashmore Speech/Language Pathologist

Allison Belcher Grade Two, Aquidneck School

Ramona Bessinger English, Middletown High School

Elizabeth Bollard JFK K to Aquidneck School K

Erica Bulk Grade Five, ELA/Math, J.H. Gaudet School

Donna Byron Nurse Teacher, Middletown High School

Lori Call JFK Multi-Age to Multi-Age FA School

Jennifer Cavallaro Physical Education/Health

Donna Chelf Grade Seven ELA, J.H. Gaudet School

Christine Clancey Grade Six Math/Science, J.H. Gaudet

Lisa Clark English, Middletown High School

Kenneth Conca Technical Education, J.H. Gaudet School

Susan Cunningham Science, Middletown High School

Kimberly D'Arpino Foreign Language, J.H. Gaudet School

Kathryn Fecso-Trefethen Grade Seven Math, J.H. Gaudet School

Susan Fitzmorris ALP

David Fontaine Library, Middletown High School

Paula Guarino Guidance, J.H. Gaudet School

Barry Hoglund Grade Eight Math, J.H. Gaudet School

Kristen Hughes JFK Grade Two Aquidneck School Grade Two

Jennifer Holubesko Grade Four, J.H. Gaudet School

Christine Karoly Foreign Language, J.H. Gaudet School

Diane Kerins .5 Art, Aquidneck School

Daniel Kerloch Foreign Language, Middletown High School

Jennifer LaMond Grade 7, J.H. Gaudet School

Kevin Lendrum ALP/Middletown High School

Kristin MacLean English, Middletown High School

Deborah Marcellino J.H. Gaudet School

Tara Manion Elementary Library, Aquidneck/Forest Ave

Denise McCarthy Grade 7 Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Helen Mikolaitis Literacy, J.H. Gaudet School

Camille Moy Multi-Age, Forest Avenue School

Donna Murphy Grade 6 Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Mary Nassaney Grade 8 Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Debra O'Bryan Grade 5 Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Ellen O'Connor Nurse Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

Laurie Oliveira JFK Grade Three to Aquidneck Grade Three

Doreen O'Neil JFK K to Forest Avenue School K

Laura Pasyanos Multi-Age, Aquidneck School

David Pritchard ALP

Debra Prentiss JFK Multi-Age to Forest Avenue School

Christa Robinson Grade One, Forest Avenue School

Cheryl Rosa Nurse Teacher, Aquidneck School

Daniel Seger Grade 7 Social Studies, J.H. Gaudet

George Shaffer Grade 8 Science, J.H. Gaudet School

Jamie Sheridan Grade 8 Science, J.H. Gaudet School

Mary Sizeland Career Education, Middletown High School

Michelle Smith Literacy, Middletown High School

Philip Statser Music, Middletown High School

Maureen Sullivan K, Forest Avenue School (Job Share)

Gail Sullivan-McCune Middletown High School

Carol Ventura Nurse Teacher, Forest Avenue School

Jane Violet .6 Social Studies, J.H. Gaudet School

Allan Waite Technical Education, Middletown High

Beth Ward Grade Four, J.H Gaudet School

Jacqueline Zahm Grade 6, J.H. Gaudet School

NON-CERTIFIED RECALLS

Derek Gosselin Custodian, Facilities Department

Bryan Dumond Custodian, Facilities Department

Sharon Thibeault Clerk, 10 Months

ACTION ITEMS

CONTRACTS

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton , 2) Kellie DiPalma. To table contracts.

Unanimous vote.

POLICY #3541R – TRANSPORTATION - REVISED

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the revised Bus Policy #3541R. Unanimous vote.

Mrs. Kraeger said that a few minor changes were made. These revisions came out of suggestions from the Transition Team. Changes include assigned seating and having students and parents sign off on the policy. The violation section was also revised.

POLICY – 3030 “School Committee Budget Implementation, Monitoring and Transfers” – 1st Reading

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve Policy 3030 ”School Committee Budget Implementation, Monitoring and Transfers”, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

POLICY – 3050 “School Committee Capital Reserve Account” – 1st Reading

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Policy 3050 ”School Committee Budget Capital Reserve Account”, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

POLICY – 3060 “School Committee Purchasing Procedure” – 1st Reading

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve Policy 3060 ”School Committee Purchasing Procedure”, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

POLICY – 3070 “School Committee Bid Purchase Policy” – 1st Reading

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Policy 3070 ”School Committee Bid Purchase Policy”, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

BID AWARD

MOTION: 1)Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee use the option for the first of the two one-year extensions to the “Green Seal” certified paper product contract with Simplex. Unanimous vote.

BID AWARD

MOTION: 1)Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee award the bid for moving the playground from J.F.

**Kennedy School to Gaudet School to Probuilt Construction.
Unanimous vote.**

PAVING AWARD

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the bid for parking lot modifications at Gaudet School to Narragansett Improvement. Unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE:

- All staff have been assigned to new locations
- 90% of classroom materials have been moved to new location
- JFK playground move will take place by end of August
- Gaudet Learning Academy remodel is underway – 65% complete
- Parking lot study and redesign - Complete
- Bus yard moved to Middletown High School
- Reallocate staff to increase music and art staff at Gaudet School
- Grade Four and Five Leader combined for one year only
- Three different types of classroom storage units were designed for grades 4 & 5
- A tentative breakfast meeting is scheduled for September 2nd for Grade 4 parents, students and teachers

Mrs. Spengler commented on the good job being done at Gaudet School by the Facilities Staff. There have been comments from the public on the phenomenal job they have been doing.

NEW BUSINESS

No “New Business” for July 28, 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

•CURRICULUM – Mrs. Cicchitelli has had two meetings with LEP staff. Mrs. Savastano said that planning for fall professional development has begun. Middletown and Newport will work together on professional development. By working together we will gain additional days from East Bay Educational Collaborative.

•FINANCIAL – The Business Office has successfully closed out the fiscal year and balanced the books. Teacher class changes will be completed soon. We are now looking at the budget the Town Council has set. In September we need to present a budget to the School Committee with a \$500K decrease.

•FACILITIES – Installation of the turf on the football field will begin on

Thursday.

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1)Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 6:44 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk