

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

March 18, 2010

MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present:

Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman

Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair

Kellie M. DiPalma

Liana F. Fenton

William R. O'Connell

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

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

Raquel Pellerin, Director of Finance

Absent:

Edward Collins, Director of Facilities

6:00 p.m. Budget Workshop

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Budget Workshop was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Michael Crowley. Administrative staff members present were Vincent Giuliano, Steven Ruscito, and Michelle Fonseca.

Mrs. Kraeger listed the Goals and Objectives for the workshop, as well as the budget goals. The proposed budget reflects level service. No new staff or programs are included in the budget.

The Supplemental Programs were reviewed as part of the budget.

Title I dollars are based on the number of students receiving free and reduced lunches. Gaudet School, Forest Avenue School and the Gaudet Learning Academy are Title I schools. ARRA and SFSF dollars support Title I programs. Title II dollars support highly qualified staff. These funds paid for one teacher at Forest Avenue School and curriculum development. Title III dollars allow Middletown to increase the achievement level of English language learners. Title IV dollars support programs dealing with drug free schools. Funds are used for Child & Family Services consultants and substance abuse prevention enhancement activities.

At the regular School Committee Meeting, the School Committee will be asked to approve the budget in the amount of \$37,456,306.

Mrs. Kraeger thanked the Committee and Administration for their hard work on the budget.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) William O'Connell. To adjourn from

the Budget Workshop at 6:56 p.m. Unanimous vote.

The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. All School Committee Members were present. Administrative staff members present were Vincent Giuliano, Steven Ruscito, and Michelle Fonseca. .

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PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

Student Awards were presented for Newport Daily News Athlete of the Week.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for March 18, 2010.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for March 18, 2010.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Kraeger highlighted items of information:

- **Letter to parents from Commissioner Gist regarding the review of the diploma system.**
- **Letter from the American Red Cross to Gaudet School thanking Gaudet School for their donation in support of Haiti relief efforts.**
- **Information regarding registration for new students, which begins April 6th.**
- **Revised building permit highlighting sports field use.**
- **State of Rhode Island “Safe Routes to School Program” grant applications for Forest Avenue and Gaudet Schools.**
- **“Artist in Residence” dance lessons.**
- **Title I informational meeting**
- **“Blast Off to Reading Month”. If a certain number of books are read by the students, Mr. Ponte will parachute out of an airplane.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Kathleen M. Brooks, Spokesperson, Non-Certified Clerical Personnel, requesting to renegotiate the Non-certified Clerical Personnel Policy which expires on June 30, 2010.

MOTON: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee receive the communication and commence negotiations. Unanimous vote.

Letter from Joseph R. Peckham, Deputy Executive Director, requesting to commence negotiations for a successor agreement between the Union and the School Committee.

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MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee receive the communication and commence negotiations. Unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTON: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) William O'Connell. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.

•Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2010 Budget Subcommittee/School Committee Meeting

- Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 5, 2010, in the amount of \$3,060.84
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 16, 2010, in the amount of \$353,990.60
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 2, 2010, in the amount of \$461,073.87
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 4, 2010, in the amount of \$1,922.76

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Jillian Harte .6 Social Studies Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Nadira Ferreira 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue School

SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS

Eric Godin Head Varsity Baseball Coach

Mike Yates Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

John Cawley JV Baseball Coach

Brian Crea Freshman Baseball Coach

Stephen Ponte 6, 7,8th Grade Middle School Baseball Coach

Robin Ramey Head Varsity Softball Coach

Christine Elliot Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

Jesse Alvanas JV Softball Coach

Anthony Bettencourt 6, 7, 8th Grade Middle School Softball Coach

Dustin Coleman Head Varsity Boys Outdoor Track Coach

Ben Blanchard Assistant Varsity Boys Outdoor Track Coach

Ted Hersey Head Varsity Girls Outdoor Track Coach

Kristen Seyster Assistant Varsity Girls Outdoor Track Coach

Richard Formica Head Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach

Robert Weaver Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach

Courteney McKay-Sandham Head Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach

Jason Rushton Varsity Boys Tennis Coach

Lisa Clark Varsity Golf Coach

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ACTION ITEMS

BUDGET

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the budget in the amount of \$37,456,306. Unanimous vote.

CONTRACTS

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee extend the Superintendent's contract through 2013. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Crowley said that the Superintendent's annual review was completed.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the Assistant Superintendent for Academic and Technology's contract through 2013. Unanimous vote.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee extend the Director of Facilities contract through 2013. Unanimous vote.

All agreed that the work Mr. Collins has done on the facilities has been outstanding.

CHEMICAL HEALTH POLICY – 2ND READING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Chemical Health Policy, 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

Mrs. Kraeger thanked the Safety Advisory Committee for helping with the policy, which will be implemented in September.

RHODE ISLAND EDUCATOR CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY – 2ND READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Rhode Island Educator Code of Professional Responsibility Policy, 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

RHODE ISLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS POLICY – 2nd READING

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards Policy, 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

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EMPLOYEE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY – 2nd READING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Employee Sexual Harassment Policy, 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CHECK POLICY – 2nd READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Background Investigation Check Policy, 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

JOB DESCRIPTION CATALOG POLICY – 2nd READING

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the Job Description Catalog Policy, 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

SMOKING POLICY – 1st READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee approve the Smoking Policy, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY – 1st READING

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the Drug-Free Workplace Policy, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

HIV/HEPATITIS INFECTED STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES – 1st READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the HIV/Hepatitis Infected Students and Employees Policy, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION POLICY – 1ST READING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation Policy, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS JOB DESCRIPTION – 1ST READING

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee approve the Superintendent of Schools Job Description, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

This is basically a formality, because the Superintendent's job

description is State Law.

HOME SCHOOLING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 09-10-05. Unanimous vote.

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OLD BUSINESS

No "Old Business" for March 18, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

FUNDING FORMULA – The Board of Regents funding proposal needs to be drafted into legislation, and sent to the General Assembly. The Department of Education has built this on a number of guiding principles. The average per pupil costs for Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire is \$8,295. The total amount it costs to educate a child in Middletown is \$14,203 for a different of \$5,908 that the state does not cover.

The reduction in State Aid to Middletown would be \$3,128,425. This would be divided over 7 years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

•CURRICULUM – Mrs. Savastano reported that math curriculum meetings continue to take place weekly at Oliphant. The focus is now on K-2 math work. Next months meeting will focus on deeper analysis of NECAPS. A Parent Chat titled, “District-Wide Report Night”, will be held before the April School Committee Meeting. Middletown was selected by RIDE to receive an assistive technology grant. Middletown was chosen for its innovativeness of technology.

•FINANCIAL – Reported earlier at Budget Workshop.

•FACILITIES – No Report.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mrs. Fenton – Attended PK-16 Governor's Council. Judge Flanders

and Clark Greene spoke about preschool programs. They also discussed strategies to get more students to complete college.

Mrs. Fenton is interested in starting a science council. Town Council Vice-President Richard Cambra would like to start an arts council. These two councils would be combined.

Mr. Crowley will attend a RIASC Professional Development Session on Saturday. Mr. Crowley recently returned from Washington, D.C. regarding Race To The Top. He visited with Rhode Island Senators and Representative, all who support the application.

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ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk