

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, August 26, 2010

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

5:00 p.m. Executive Session

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair

Kellie DiPalma

William R. O'Connell

Members Absent: Liana F. Fenton

Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Supt. of Schools

Linda Savastano, Asst. Superintendent

Raquel Pellerin, Director of Finance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Crowley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) William O'Connell. To go into

Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1,2,5,8,9. Unanimous vote.

The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Michael Crowley. All members were present with the exception of Mrs. Fenton. Administrative staff members present were Vincent Giuliano, Steven Ruscito, and Michelle Fonseca.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To seal the minutes of Executive Session. Unanimous vote.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

“Ocean State Transit”

Patrick Vaughan gave an overview of the bus company’s plan to service Middletown students. The bus facility is located at 348 West Main Road. The new fleet has been inspected. Mr. Vaughan assured the School Committee that there will not be a shortage of bus drivers or monitors. A demonstration of the GPS system was given to drivers. The system notifies drivers as to what time they should be at each bus stop and how many students should be there. It also

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tells how fast a bus is traveling. Each bus location can be viewed at all times. Bus routes are within five minutes before or after the scheduled time. Aquidneck and Forest Avenue Schools start times have been moved back five minutes to accommodate bus schedules. The private school transfers at Gaudet School have been eliminated. Buses will bring students directly home from private schools.

A brief recess was taken to tour the new bus.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No Proclamations/Awards for August 26, 2010.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No Student Activities for August 26, 2010.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:

- **Middletown High School AP Report**
- **Registration and Open House Information**
- **“It Takes a Community to Educate a Child” meeting results**

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence for August 26, 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.

- **Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2010, 2010 School Committee Meeting**
- **Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2010 Executive Session**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 15, 2010, in the amount of \$456,485.88**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 22, 2010, in the amount of \$16,865.53**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated August 4, 2010, in the amount of \$356,534.49**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated August 5, 2010, in the amount of \$12,182.35**

•Approval of Invoice Register, dated August 6, 2010, in the amount of \$11,732.92

•Approval of Invoice Register, dated August 17, 2010, in the amount of \$5,396.28

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENT

Eric Godin Athletic Director

Colleen Larson Dean, Middletown High School

Lisa M. Sinclair .5 Literacy Teacher (One Year Only)

John T. Cunic .6 Chemistry Teacher, MHS

Meaghan Sheeler .6 to .8 Math, Middletown High School

TRANSFER

Joyce Ardito 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue

Anne Tetreault 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue

Nadira Ferreira 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck

Elizabeth Coogan 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck

JOB SHARE FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Maureen Sullivan Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School

Cynthia Tanguay Literacy, J.H. Gaudet School

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

Kristen Hughes Grade Two Teacher, Aquidneck School

From September 8, 2010 to December 13, 2010

Heidi Gauch Grade Six Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

From September 7, 2010 to January 4, 2011

RECALL

Meaghan Sheeler .6 Math Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

ACTION ITEMS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Understanding that temporarily reduces coaching and extracurricular sponsorship and advisory salaries by ten percent (10%) for the duration of the 2010-2011 school year only. Unanimous vote.

School Committee members thanked the coaches and extra curricular advisors, stating that this will ultimately benefit the students as well as keeping them out of trouble. Mrs. Kraeger said that the cost savings was \$25,000 to reinstate all sports and activities.

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CONTRACTS

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the Administrators Contracts for Steven Ruscito, Gail Abromitis, Vincent Giuliano, Michael Mancieri, Stephen Ponte, Michelle Fonseca, Linda Savastano, and Rosemarie Kraeger. Unanimous vote.

Contracts are being negotiated on an individual basis for one year. Mrs. Kraeger thanked the administrators for the excellent job being done.

REOPEN EARLY RETIREMENT

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee reopen the Early Retirement Incentive Program for Certified Personnel until September3, 2010. Unanimous vote.

This is done periodically to give certified personnel the opportunity

to retire in case they have changed their mind since the February 1st deadline.

STUDENT TEACHER POLICY

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approved the revised Student Teacher Policy #6110.

Unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

•Budget Update – The budget needs to be reduced by 650K. Administration has identified about \$350,000 of reductions and will work on the additional reductions. Administration has met with many groups to hear suggestions. Long and short term goals have been developed and budgetary savings have been identified. A system-wide inventory of supplies was completed. Nurse/Teachers will inventory their supplies. The Business Office has been working to get the UCOA line items to RIDE. Miss Pellerin said that the budget approval in September will be cross-walked. In December, you will be able to compare data from Middletown and other districts. Fiscal concerns are increased enrollment, reduction in state aid and reduced impact aid.

NEW BUSINESS

•**School-Based Clinics 2010-2011 – School districts did such a good job last year at the school-based clinics that the RI Department of Health would like all districts to hold clinics this year.**

•**Interstate Compact – This is a new law enacted at end of this legislative session. MISA and NAFIS are in support of this.**

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

•**Curriculum – Enrollment is comparable to last year. There are 75 students waiting to register between now and the opening of school. Registration was held for War College students and 55-60 students were enrolled.**

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The Learning Leadership Team Meeting will be held on September 3rd from 8:00 – 2:30 p.m. The topic is professional learning communities. Technology projects include replacing the server at the High School, replacing 43 PC’s as part of the technology plan, and replacing the Carmalex lunch PC. At Aquidneck, Forest Avenue, and Middletown High School, power and data drops have been added to enable the schools to host large meetings in the cafeterias. At the September School Committee Meeting, an update will be provided on

RIDE's common core standard, new assessment system, and Race to the Top. There will be \$78m in Race to the Top dollars to be allocated over four years. Most dollars will stay at RIDE in support of districts.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) William O'Connell. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

No Reports of Officers and Committees for August 26, 2010.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 710 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk