

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**5:30 p.m. – Executive Session**

**6:00 p.m. - Budget Workshop**

**7:00 p.m. Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chair**

**Kellie DiPalma**

**Liana Fenton**

**William O'Connell**

**Member Absent:**

**Michael Crowley, Chairman**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Return from Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. No votes taken.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To seal minutes of Executive Session. Unanimous vote.**

**Mrs. Spengler reported that there will be no Budget Workshop and all information regarding the budget will be incorporated into the regular School Committee Meeting.**

**The regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Theresa Spengler. Administrative staff members present were Michael Mancieri, Michelle Fonseca, and Steven Ponte.**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To move “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” on the agenda. Unanimous vote.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**Student Awards were given out in the following category:**

**•Boys’ Freshman Basketball State Champions – This was the first**

**year that a team was fielded, which was funded by parents. Coach Scott Whitman presented the awards to the team.**

**A short recess was taken.**

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**“Transition to the Common Core”**

**See “Superintendent’s Reports”.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for March 15, 2012.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- Thank you note from Nesby family**
- Donations from parent groups to support Anti-Bullying Program**

- **Invitation to Pell School groundbreaking**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No Correspondence for March 15, 2012.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

- **Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2012 Budget Workshop and School Committee Meeting**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 3, 2012, in the amount of \$51,446.02**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 8, 2012, in the amount of \$71,952.04**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 9, 2012, in the amount of \$125,218.48**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 10, 2012, in the amount of \$7,033.07**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 16, 2012, in the amount of \$101,562.23**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 21, 2012, in the amount of \$220,112.90**

- Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 24, 2012, in the amount of \$76,767.96
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 27, 2012, in the amount of \$295,976.33
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated February 29, 2012, in the amount of \$329,721.41
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 1, 2012, in the amount of \$4,258.21
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated March 6, 2012, in the amount of \$8,730.83

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **TRANSFER**

**Devin Geer**

**Custodian II to Team Leader Custodian Foreperson – Level II (Days)  
as of March 19, 2012**

**Bryan Dumond**

**Team Leader Custodian Foreperson – Level II (Days) to Skilled  
Maintenance Tech – Level II as of March 12, 2012**

## **SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF MARCH 19, 2012**

**Jesse Alvanas JV Softball Coach**

**Chuck Paiva Varsity Baseball**

**Keith Holubesko 6, 7, 8th Grade Middle School Softball Coach**

**Two residents spoke regarding the appointment of the Varsity Baseball Coach.**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ADOPT FY 12-13 BUDGET**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee adopt the FY 2012-13 Budget in the amount of \$37,260,532. Unanimous vote.**

**There are a number of mandated changes in school programs. We now need to pay for the MET School because it is considered a charter school. There is a new teacher induction/mentor program, and all curriculum needs to be aligned to the Basic Education Plan. There are new requirements around graduation, literacy, and career and technical.**

**Highlights of the proposed budget include:**

- Loss of revenue – loss of funding formula
- Contractual increases
- Health/dental premium increases
- Increase in pension rates
- Increase in utilities
- Increase in out-of-district tuition /Charter Schools
- Retain highly qualified staff

**Middletown will lose \$ 1.4 million over the next ten years due to the funding formula.**

**Revenue – The biggest percentage of the budget is municipal appropriation. 25% of the budget is funded by State Aid and 8.5% are Federal dollars. Projected expenditures include 57% for salaries and 20% for benefits.**

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**There are many community efforts that help the School Department; rental of buildings, athletic associations, planetarium, after-school and summer programs, PTG groups/Boosters.**

**The next steps are to wait on the Governor's budget and the numbers from RIDE for the funding formula, which will be available in April. Teacher and Teacher Assistant negotiations need to be completed.**

**The budget will be submitted to the Town Council in March.**

**MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approved Memorandum of Understanding with the Middletown Police Department. Unanimous vote.**

**The updating of this policy is an annual process and is a partnership with the Middletown Police Department.**

**HOME SCHOOLING POLICY – 2nd READING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Home Schooling Policy – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.**

**MATH CURRICULUM**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. That the School Committee approve the Math Curriculum. Unanimous vote.**

**The math curriculum is available on website.**

## **2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION**

**This agenda item has been withdraw until the April 12, 2012 School Committee Meeting.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**•NJROTC – An informational meeting that was scheduled for April 5th at Middletown High School to see what interest there is in a NJROTC program has been postponed. Mrs. Kraeger said there was interest in setting up a survey to distribute to students in their advisory class. Mrs. Fenton asked if this could be an afterschool program. Mr. Wardwell said that is not an option.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**No “New Business” for March 15, 2012.**

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### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

**•Curriculum – Mrs. Savastano reported about transitioning to the Common Core State Standards. We need to share the timeline with**

**RIDE. K-12 frameworks in Math, World Language and PE/Health have been developed. Social Studies and Fine and Applied will be completed next year. With the adoption of the standards, the new assessment is also adopted. Middletown has recently been notified that we were awarded a \$28K grant for ELA to assure alignment with Common Core. We have been advised not to purchase textbooks because the Common Core Standards have not been in use. Revisions in the report card will be needed to have it reflect common core standards. There are many initiatives going on with RIDE. Some we will wait a year to implement, such as the Instructional Management System because we have our own system, and Interim Assessments because we need to be more thoughtful before we pick up another assessment.**

**•FINANCIAL – This report was given during the Budget Approval action item.**

**•FACILITIES – Mr. Collins has met with the two teachers who will be relocating to the Art Center. A couple of specialty items have been backordered and are holding up the carpet installation, which in turn throws off the schedule.**

**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 a Common Core lecture with Mrs. Savastano presented by David Coleman. There needs to be an understanding of the skills gap with business and industry.**

**Mrs. Fenton also attended a meeting at Bryant University presented by RIPEC.**

## **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 8:24 p.m. unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**