

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Budget Workshop**

**February 13, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chair**

**Kellie DiPalma, Vice-Chair**

**Liana Fenton arrived at 6:06 p.m.**

**Paul Mankofsky**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Theresa Spengler.**

**•Athletic Program – Eric Godin, Athletic Director, reported on the**

athletic program. There are 37 high school teams, 6 middle school, and 2 unified teams. State Championships were won in Football and Girls' Soccer. One in three students participate in fall sports and one in four participate in spring sports. 60% of athletes earn honors or high honors. Attendance is higher over non-student athletes. The athletic program generates revenue, averaging \$20,000 per year. Transportation is a big cost. Transporting students by vans was looked into, but it is an insurance risk. The district pays for bus transportation per hour in addition to paying mileage.

Mrs. Spengler, Mrs. Geer and Mr. Tim Brown testified at the State House in support of pay-to-play, but there is not a lot of interest at the State level. It is a possibility that the district could solicit sponsors to support a sport for three years.

The coaching stipend is contractual. Coaches took a 10% cut last year to keep the sports. It was suggested to reconvene the Sports Advisory Committee, seeking new members to help address funding concerns.

•Supplies/Other Services – All documents are based on the Town level funding. If the Town gives us exactly the same as last year, the budget would have to be reduced \$1.6 million. The overall increase in transportation and pension cost is out of our control. There is likely a 10% increase in health care.

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**For the next workshop on February 19th, Committee Members were asked to bring ideas of what they would like to reduce to get to the cap.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton . To adjourn from the Budget Workshop at 7:34 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**