

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, February 26, 2013**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

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

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chairman**

**Kellie DiPalma, Vice-Chairman**

**Liana Fenton**

**Paul Mankofsky**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

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

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00**

**p.m. Administrative staff members present were Gail Abromitis, Stephen Ponte, and Linda Beaupre.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To move the Budget Adoption agenda item to the beginning of the agenda. Unanimous**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the FY 2013-14 budget the amount of 37,275,158. Motion passed 3 to 2.**

**YAY – Theresa Spengler**

**Liana Fenton**

**Kellie DiPalma**

**NAY – William O’Connell**

**Paul Mankofsky**

**Mr. O’Connell said that a lot of work and thought was put into the budget. Mrs. Spengler thanked everyone for their hard work. Mr. Mankofsky said that everyone did a fine job putting the budget together, but he cannot support it.**

**Mr. O’Connell left at 7:05 p.m.**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Kellie DiPalma. To move Proclamations up on the agenda. Unanimous vote.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

- Student Awards – Student Awards were presented to the Newport Daily News Student and Athlete of the Week.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for February 26, 2013.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for February 26, 2013.**

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## **INFORMATION**

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

- Resolutions**
- Letter from Commissioner Gist regarding graduation requirements and NECAP scores.**

- Chartwells Newsletter
- The Wave student newspaper

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No “Correspondence” for February 26, 2013.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2013 Budget Workshop and School Committee Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2013 Executive Session
- Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2013 Budget Workshop
- Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2013 Budget Workshop
- Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2013 Budget Workshop
- Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2013 Budget Workshop
- Approval of Quarterly Report
- Approval of the following vouchers:

**January 12, 2013 to February 19, 2013**

**Voucher Number Voucher Date Voucher Amount**

1223 1/14/2013 \$301.76  
1224 1/15/2013 \$5,894.46  
1227 1/16/2013 \$1,174.86  
1239 1/17/2013 \$33.00  
1229 1/18/2013 \$2,201.74  
1228 1/18/2013 \$122,780.03  
1234 1/22/2013 \$2,198.10  
1233 1/22/2013 \$657.16  
1232 1/22/2013 \$7,969.50  
1231 1/22/2013 \$71,567.33  
1230 1/22/2013 \$26,050.87  
1236 1/23/2013 \$225.00  
1235 1/23/2013 \$921.35  
1240 1/24/2013 \$77.00  
1238 1/24/2013 \$380.00  
1237 1/24/2013 \$0.00  
1247 1/30/2013 \$51,294.15  
1250 2/1/2013 \$75.00  
1249 2/1/2013 \$71,838.60  
1248 2/1/2013 \$723.25  
1251 2/5/2013 \$5,483.91  
1268 2/6/2013 \$22,203.55  
1259 2/6/2013 \$3,400.00  
1258 2/6/2013 \$14,976.70  
1261 2/7/2013 \$1,544.22  
1260 2/7/2013 \$2,757.85

**1263 2/11/2013 \$1,044.00**  
**1262 2/11/2013 \$140,480.03**  
**1265 2/12/2013 \$86,006.95**  
**1264 2/12/2013 \$7,007.68**  
**1267 2/15/2013 \$34,079.61**  
**1266 2/15/2013 \$2,400.00**  
**1271 2/19/2013 \$502.25**  
**1270 2/19/2013 \$251.09**  
**1269 2/19/2013 \$328,582.99**  
**Total \$1,017,083.99**

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

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Charles Russ Camp Site Manager for February and April Vacation Camp**

### **TRANSFER FROM 3-HOUR TO 4-HOUR TEACHER ASSISTANT**

**Sarah Topazio Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck School**

### **RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT**

**Pamela Alexander Multi-Age Teacher, Aquidneck School**

**Frances Brown Music Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School**

**Marie Eckler Kindergarten Teacher, Aquidneck School**

**Denise McCarthy 7th Grade Leader/4th Grade Guidance, J.H. Gaudet**

**Robert O'Brien Math Teacher, Middletown High School**

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

**Ann Sullivan Social Studies Teacher, Middletown High School**

**RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE  
2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Dana Ramey Spanish Teacher, Middletown High School**

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**SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF MARCH 14, 2013**

**Chuck Paiva Varsity Baseball Coach**

**Chris Bowley Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach**

**Robin Ramey Varsity Softball Coach**

**Richard Formica Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Robert Weaver Assistant Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Marianne Packer Varsity Boys' Tennis Coach**

**Jesse Alvanas Junior Varsity Softball Coach**

**Kristen Seyster Varsity Boys'/Girls' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Keith Holubesko 6/7/8th Grade Softball Coach**

**Chelsea Seyster Assistant Girls' Track Coach**

**Lisa Clark Varsity Golf Coach**

**Christine Elliott Varsity Softball Coach**

**RESIGNATION AS OF JANUARY 21, 2013**

**Joquan Chambers Part-Time Custodian, Facilities Management  
Department**

**RESIGNATION AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2013**

**Mary Maitland Bus Monitor**

**TERMINATION AS OF MARCH 19, 2012**

**Charles Peladeaus Bus Monitor**

**TERMINATION AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2012**

**Alejo Manglicmot Bus Monitor**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Raquel Pellerin Business Manager**

**From March 1, 2013 to April 12, 2013**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **REDUCTION IN FORCE**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the Superintendent's Report be accepted and adopted and the necessary letters sent out. Unanimous vote.**

**Reduction In Force is required to be done by March 1st. State Legislators are working to move the date back. This year, there are three categories, (Long-Term Substitute or One Year Only, Elimination of Position, and Non-Certified Expiration of Employment Contract).**

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### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the budget amendments and forward to the Town Council. Unanimous vote.**

## **ADOPT VISUAL ARTS CURRICULUM**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee adopt the Visual Arts Curriculum.**

**AMENDED MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee adopt the Fine Arts Curriculum. Unanimous vote.**

**This curriculum includes Visual Arts and Music K-12.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**•SAFETY UPDATE – The Safety Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled in February and has been rescheduled for March 12th. Focus group questions will be developed. Safety efforts going into effect soon include badges and swipe cards for all staff. New PA systems at Forest Avenue and Aquidneck School are being reviewed. They are original to the buildings and need upgrading.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**No “New Business” for February 26, 2013.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

•**CURRICULUM** – Mrs. Savastano reported that the middle and high school teachers continue to work on the Social Studies curriculum. Summary reports are available for recently released NECAP results. There are four reports that compare over the years data. This data is reflective of last year's teaching. Principals will report by school in April or May. Private schools do not use these assessments, but charter schools do.

•**FINANCIAL** – A Budget Workshop was held before the School Committee Meeting. The Quarterly Report was included. This is completed along with the Town and sent to the State. It determines how we are doing with cash flow. If there is a deficit, we would have to prepare a deficit reduction plan.

Mrs. Fenton requested that Mrs. Kraeger invited Dave Abbott from the Department of Education and Attorney Scungio to meet with the Town Council to give background on the BEP and the consequences of not complying with the BEP. An agenda will be created. This was discussed at the Budget Workshop.

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•**FACILITIES** – Mr. Collins reported that the facilities department is finishing up painting the locker rooms and team room at Gaudet School. Field work will begin in two weeks.

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

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Miss DiPalma reminded the committee that the Middletown Educational Collaborate fundraiser will be held this Saturday at Salve Regina University.

Mrs. Fenton attended the State School Board Association meeting. There was discussion about high school graduation and moving students toward proficiency.

## **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION:** 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 7:59 p.m. Unanimous vote.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**