

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Theresa Spengler, Chair

Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Vice-Chair

Liana F. Fenton

Paul Mankofsky

William O'Connell

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

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

Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager

Edward Collins, Facilities Director

Lynne Dible, Town Finance Director

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 5:31p.m. Administrative staff members present were Michelle Fonseca, Donna Chelf, and Gail Abromitis. Shawn Brown arrived at 6:40 p.m.

GOALS -

The proposed budget goals for 2014-2015 are:

- To use our community fiscal resources wisely, purposefully, and responsibly to maintain and enhance a high quality education for all students.**
- To identify and acquire high quality resources to support district goals and ensure that budget plans link expenditures to anticipated outcomes.**
- To coordinate fiscal resources from local, state and federal funding streams, as well as human capital resources, to meet priority instructional goals and to promote equity and excellence.**
- To allocate resources that support student achievement and instructional goals, including money, time, personnel and materials, in a manner that supports district goals and maximizes student growth and achievement.**
- To ensure equity and adequacy of available resources.**
- To map the FY 2014-2015 budget to the Uniform Chart of Accounts to ensure alignment with the Basic Education Program/District Strategic**

Plan.

These goals align with the BEP. There was discussion regarding adding the word “affordability”. Mrs. Spengler said we are already fiscally responsible and are

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doing more with less. The goals are clean and concise. These are reachable goals. Mr. Mankofsky asked what “wisely, purposely, and responsibly” means.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Budget Goals for 2014-2015. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Yay: Nay:

Theresa Spengler Paul Mankofsky

Kellie Simone

Liana Fenton

William O’Connell

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are self-sustaining and are a one-time income. Categories include National School Lunch Program, After-School Program, Athletic Gate Receipts, Summer School, Gaudet Planetarium, and Summer Camp. To be an enterprise fund, an item needs to be self-sustaining and fee based. As soon as a fee is charged, it becomes an enterprise fund.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Capital Improvement funding sources include the school tower rental, school private donations, school fund balance, school fund balance with housing aid, and Town revenues. We need to identify what we want and need, but we have to be realistic. Buildings and safety issues are a high priority.

Priorities suggested were:

- Card access**
- Technology**
- HVAC – Some heaters are original to the building.**
- Curriculum/textbooks/materials**
- Walkie-talkies are borrowed from the Town during the non-beach season.**
- Mrs. Kraeger suggested MEC possibly providing funds for the Gaudet Greenhouse.**

Mrs. Fenton asked if there could be an emergency fund for high cost items such as boilers breaking down, roof repair, etc., that would be added to each year. Mr. Brown said items like this would be funded from the Fund Balance account.

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Capital Improvement items will be voted on at the January 16th meeting.

Mr. Brown said that we need to recognize items that are necessary, even if we do not have the funds at this time.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) William O'Connell. To adjourn from Budget Workshop at 7:03 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk