

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, June 23, 2014

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

Members Present:

Theresa Spengler, Chairman

Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Vice-Chairman

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

Paul Mankofsky

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent

Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager

Edward Collins, Director of Facilities

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. All members were present. Administrative staff members present were Donna Chelf and

Linda Beaupre.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for June 23, 2014.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

•Citation by R.I. House of Representatives – Representative Deb Ruggiero presented the School Committee with a citation in honor of the recognition Middletown High School received for being named the #5 high school in the state. She said that this is a very commendable accomplishment. Mrs. Kraeger thanked Representative Ruggiero for all the work that she does, especially lobbying for the change in the notification date for teacher layoff notices. This date was changed from March 1st to June 1st.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To move up the Action Item regarding Standing Orders. Unanimous vote.

POLICY REVISION

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the revisions to Policy 5100.5 “Standing Orders for School Health Programs”. Unanimous vote.

Gaudet School Nurse/Teacher, Donna Byron, spoke about the updated Standing Orders policy. Mrs. Fenton commented that there is not a section regarding concussions. Mrs. Byron said that all schools follow the State policy on concussions.

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Mrs. Kraeger requested a more comprehensive policy on allergies. Mrs. Byron said that the school nurses work with each individual parent of students with tree/nut allergies. There is a nut free classroom at each grade level and nut free lunch tables.

ACTION ITEMS

MIDDLETOWN SCHOOLS/MIDDLETOWN POLICE MOU

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Middletown School Department and the Middletown Police Department. Unanimous vote.

BID AWARD – PAPER PRODUCTS

MOTION: 1) William O'Connell, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the bid for paper products to Simplex. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Collins reported that by working with Newport, the bids for paper towels came in \$10 cheaper per case and \$11 cheaper per case for toilet paper. This resulted in a savings of close to \$11,000.

BID AWARD – PLUMBING CONTRACTOR

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the Plumbing Contractor bid to Custom Plumbing. Unanimous vote.

BID AWARD - ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the Electrical Contractor bid to Coastal Electric. Unanimous vote.

ADOPT FY14-15 REVISED BUDGET

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee adopt the FY14-15 Revised Budget in the amount of \$39,101,822. Motion passed 4 to 1.

YAY – Theresa Spengler NAY – Paul Mankofsky

Kellie DiPalma Simeone

Liana Fenton

William O’Connell

Mr. Mankofsky asked the amount of dollars programmed in next year’s budget for bonus and staff increases. Ms. Pellerin said is it approximately \$44,000.

Mrs. Kraeger said there was a discussion with the Town regarding Impact Aid funds. Mrs. Kraeger called Washington, D.C. to see what prior year payments were pending. They suggested approximately \$125,000 could be prior year funds. We will use this amount for the budget.

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R.I. INTERLOCAL TRUST REBATE

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee assign Rhode Island Interlocal Trust Rebate Funds to offset future medical/dental costs. Unanimous vote.

The fixed earned equity is \$37,300 and the capital is \$87,000. This could be used to offset OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) payments, flexible spending account, or health spending account.

This would be a one-time use.

HOME SCHOOLING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee table the motion on Home Schooling 13-14-09. Unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

No "Correspondence" for June 23, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2014 School Committee Meeting and Executive Session**
- Approval of the following vouchers:**

May Vouchers

Voucher Number Date Total

1462 5/2/2014 \$0.30

1405 5/2/2014 \$20,381.47
1404 5/2/2014 \$332,672.89
1402 5/5/2014 \$3,427.24
1457 5/6/2014 \$29.00
1403 5/6/2014 \$64,918.65
1408 5/8/2014 \$91,965.81
1407 5/8/2014 \$2,308.00
1406 5/8/2014 \$1,191.06
1413 5/9/2014 \$1,481.50
1412 5/9/2014 \$100.00
1411 5/9/2014 \$729.68
1410 5/9/2014 \$209.02
1409 5/9/2014 \$4,875.00
1429 5/14/2014 \$4,215.93
1430 5/15/2014 \$35.00
1433 5/19/2014 \$1,007.14
1432 5/19/2014 \$204.15
1431 5/19/2014 \$188,192.01
1434 5/20/2014 \$374,024.93
1435 5/21/2014 \$53,169.35
1438 5/22/2014 \$9,117.50
1437 5/22/2014 \$1,578.98
1436 5/22/2014 \$1,409.91
1439 5/28/2014 \$39,357.76
1453 5/29/2014 \$1,968.32
1444 5/29/2014 \$7,285.06

1443 5/29/2014 \$1,315.00

1442 5/29/2014 \$479.50

1441 5/29/2014 \$2,046.18

1440 5/29/2014 \$8,126.25

Total \$1,217,822.59

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS AS OF JULY 7, 2014

**GRADES K-6 MOST SUMMER INTERVENTION TEACHERS –
MATHEMATICS**

Jennifer Pesare

Renee Fagan

Kayla Parker

Caitlyn Briggs

**GRADES K-6 MOST SUMMER INTERVENTION TEACHERS –
LITERACY**

Deb Prentiss

Lori Call (ELL)

Cassandra Donoian (ELL)

Tara Mellow (ELL)

Kim Smith

Ruth Lynn Butler

Brittney Schuchmann

**GRADES 7-12 MOST SUMMER INTERVENTION TEACHERS –
MATHEMATICS**

Randy Forst (Grades 7/8)

Matthew Guerra (Grades 9-12)

**GRADES 7-12 MOST SUMMER INTERVENTION TEACHERS –
LITERACY**

Stephanie Boocock (Grades 7/8)

Michael Penza (Grades 7/8)

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GRADES 9-12 MOST CREDIT RECOVERY TEACHER – ENGLISH

Michael Penza

**GRADES 9-12 MOST CREDIT RECOVERY TEACHER – SOCIAL
STUDIES**

Trina Bona

GRADES 9-12 MOST CREDIT RECOVERY TEACHER – MATHEMATICS

Randy Forst

RECALLS

Sarah McCarty .5 Guidance, J.H. Gaudet School

Kelly Young .4 Physical Education

Heather Carney .6 French

Gilda Bullard .6 Music

Lauren Marx .6 Social Studies, Middletown High School

Kristen Ramsey .5 Art

OLD BUSINESS

No “Old Business” for June 23, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

•Summer School Committee Meeting Dates – There will be no July

School Committee Meeting, but there will be two meetings in August. We will need to reconcile the 13-14 budget, which would be in line with what the Town is doing. We will also need a late August meeting for staff appointments. The meetings will be held on Monday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

•CURRICULUM – Mrs. Savastano discussed the professional development plan for the next school year. There will be a focus on digital teacher learning. The Wireless Classroom Initiative, which is a \$260,000 grant awarded to provide wireless access, will begin next week. This grant was awarded to every district in the state. The work will near completion in the fall. There is a lot of documentation and reporting to the State involved with this. Middletown has added \$60,000 from its Capital Improvement Plan to supplement this. This was a \$20 million initiative statewide. Math curriculum will come forward next month for approval.

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Mr. O'Connell had questions regarding PARCC. A few classes were involved in a pilot program this school year. It will be implemented

district-wide during the 2014-2015 school year. Performance Based Assessment takes place March/April.

***FINANCIAL – Chartwells will end the year with a profit. They will be changing their program for the next school year.**

For the 13-14 school year, we will come back with budgetary adjustment to go to the Town Council.

•FACILITIES – A savings from the collaboration with Newport has already been realized with the paper towel bid, toilet paper bid, and gym inspections. The card access at Middletown High School needs to be completed. The Town will use the same card system.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kraeger talked about A.L.I.C.E. School Safety Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). This is a different approach. The SRO's have gone for training and they suggest staff and administrators be trained. Mrs. Savastano said we are trying to host a training on August 13th and 14th, but this is not confirmed.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

•Mrs. Simeone said that the League of Women Voters is holding a forum on the Unified High School tonight at 7:00 p.m. The MEC Duck Race will be held on Thursday, July 10th at Third Beach.

•Mrs. Fenton has attended a number of meetings regarding advanced manufacturing which is being established in Rhode Island. Mrs. Fenton distributed an Advanced Manufacturing Model from high school through a Bachelor's degree.

•Mrs. Spengler said that Middletown High School Senior events and graduation were wonderful and thanked all for their hard work.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 4:14 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk