

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Monday, August 25, 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 5:02 p.m. All members were present. Administrative staff member present were Donna Chelf and Michelle Fonseca.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for August 25, 2014.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No “Proclamations/Awards” for August 25, 2014.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for August 25, 2014.

INFORMATION

- Chemical Health Meetings with parents and students will begin on August 26th.**
- Class of 2014 donation of picnic tables.**
- MISA Newsletter**
- Middletown Prevention Coalition Ice Cream Social on September 2nd for new middle school and high school military families.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Benjamin Scungio, Esq., regarding representation as a result of State pension challenge.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the communication. Unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2014 School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of the following vouchers:**

Voucher Number	Date	Total
1025	7/30/2014	\$14,400.00
1024	7/28/2014	\$1,075.00
1023	7/25/2014	\$34,891.56
1022	7/25/2014	\$500.00
1021	7/25/2014	\$179.00

1020	7/25/2014	\$110.00
1019	7/24/2014	\$425.00
1018	7/24/2014	\$8,232.64
1017	7/24/2014	\$194,645.85
1010	7/24/2014	\$119,857.92
1009	7/17/2014	\$5,140.44
1008	7/2/2014	\$20,444.92
1007	7/2/2014	\$320,703.03
1000	7/8/2014	\$20,710.91
		\$741,316.27

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Martha Ullman School Physician

P. Hakan Durudogan School Dentist

Kristin Scala Reading Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School (Pending RIDE Certification)

Lisa Moore 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, Aquidneck School

Laura Huntoon 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, J.H. Gaudet School

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APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

Tabatha Anderson Bus Monitor

Donte Booker Bus Monitor

ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014-2015

Donna Murphy Grade 5, J.H. Gaudet School

Debra O'Bryan Grade 5, J.H. Gaudet School

Kristen Hughes Grade 3, Forest Avenue School

Tara Mellow Grade 2, Forest Avenue School

Mary Alice Chrabascz Grade 3, Forest Avenue School

Amy Dunn Grade 3, Aquidneck School

Jennifer Holubesko Grade 3, Aquidneck School

Margaret Pereira Grade 4, J.H. Gaudet Learning Academy

Kimberly Ceglarski .5 Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School (Job Share)

Janet Cooper District/School Data Support Personnel, 261 Days, J.H. Gaudet School

Patricia LeBeau District/School Office Support Personnel, 261 Days, Forest Avenue School

REVISED COACHING APPOINTMENT AS OF AUGUST 11, 2014

Jennifer Cavallaro Grades 6/7/8 Cross Country Co-Coach

COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 11, 2014

Paula Guarino Grades 6/7/8 Cross Country Co-Coach

Zachary Yates Head Freshman Football Coach

COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 22, 2014

Kristen Seyster Cross Country Coach

RESIGNATION

Susan Andrews 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue School, as of August 13, 2014

June Brandt Bus Monitor, as of August 14, 2014

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ACTION ITEMS

MATH CURRICULUM

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Math Curriculum. Motion passed 3 to 2.

YAY NAY

Theresa Spengler Paul Mankofsky

Liana Fenton William O'Connell

Kellie DiPalma Simeone

The Math Curriculum is based on Common Core Standards. Units are comprised of an overview, actual standards, and essential questions. Learning experience, activities, and resources used are listed. Mrs. Spengler mentioned sending materials home to parents to assist with mathematics so they can support students with homework.

OLD BUSINESS

•J.F. Kennedy School – Mrs. Kraeger has not had an opportunity to meet with the Town Administrator regarding a transition plan. Newport is moving the Pre-K overflow from Pell School to J.F. Kennedy School. Fire inspections have been scheduled. The insurance has been transferred to the Town. We need to address the FIRST Team housing their equipment and practices at J.F. Kennedy. This is a district sponsored team.

NEW BUSINESS

•Opening of School 2014-15 – As of today, there are 23 more students than September 17, 2013. The total projected enrollment is 2292, compared to 2269 last year. There are 6-8 Aquidneck School families who will be placed at Forest Avenue School due to an overcrowding of Kindergarten students. It will take a couple more days to contact all registered kindergarten students to see if they are in fact coming to Middletown. There is a possibility we would close a 2nd grade at Aquidneck and open a Kindergarten. Open House dates are as follows:

Aquidneck School – Tuesday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m.

J.H. Gaudet School Grades 7 & 8 – Wednesday September 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Forest Avenue School – Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m.

J.H. Gaudet School Grades 4, 5, 6 – Monday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

MSDS Sheets – There were a number of complaints about the smell of materials used and the noise at Middletown High School roof

replacement jobsite. All have been addressed and the project is complete.

Cross Country – The funds were successfully raised and a coach was appointed earlier in tonight's meeting.

Curriculum – Mrs. Savastano reported on the curriculum. Two major initiatives are: 1) Continued Implementation of Assessment Literacy Work (12 PD days are funded by grants and Title II dollars), and 2) Continued worked on technology initiatives (Teachers will be receiving laptops this September).

Grant applications have been submitted with Tiverton to the Van Buren Foundation and the Champlin Foundation. These grants will support teacher's leadership, professional development, digital transformation and STEM work. The grant has made it through Round 1 and will be put through at the November board meeting.

Financial – Ms. Pellerin reported that the Business Office is wrapping up the end of the fiscal year. They have not completed accounts payable or receivable for the year. The yearly audit will be in October.

Facilities – Mr. Collins met with representatives from the bus company last week. There is a little concerned about needing another bus for Special Education students. The bus list will be on

the school website and in the Newport Daily News.

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 – Middletown Prevention Coalition has a meeting scheduled for August 28th. Discussion about using Berkeley Peckham School as a Teen Center will continue.

Mrs. Spengler attended a parent/student Chemical Health Meeting and was very impressed.

Mrs. Kraeger and others were trained in A.L.I.C.E. The School Resource Officer's will give a presentation at the September 18th meeting about the training. This will be rolled out to staff and students.

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ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn

from the School Committee Meeting at 6:52 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk