

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, September 18, 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 7:00 p.m. All members were present. Administrative staff member present were Gail Abromitis, Michelle Fonseca, Michael Mancieri, Linda Beaupre, and Donna

Chelf.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

“A.L.I.C.E.”

Community Police Officer Kevin Ferreira, accompanied by School Resource Officers Benjamin Costa and David Guerriero, gave a presentation to the School Committee regarding A.L.I.C.E.

A – Alert. Get as much information as possible.

L – Lockdown. Make it harder for the intruder to get into a classroom full of students.

I – Inform. Get as much information as possible out to others in the building.

C – Counter. Barricade and take action.

E – Evacuate. Get away from the threat in the building. During evacuation, students and staff need to keep their hands up over their head so first responders know they are not a suspect.

A.L.I.C.E. gives more options for how you react to a situation and provides options for the best chance for survival.

This protocol will be shared with staff. A parent meeting will be held as well. Middletown is the 4th community in R.I. to implement A.L.I.C.E.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No “Proclamations and Awards” for September 18, 2014.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for September 18, 2014.

INFORMATION

•Building Inspections have been completed by the Town.

CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for September 18, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.

- Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2014 School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of the following vouchers:**

August Vouchers

Voucher Number Date Total

1028	8/4/2014	\$20,274.70
1027	8/4/2014	\$319,809.77
1026	8/6/2014	\$1,650.00
1038	8/7/2014	\$14,400.00
1037	8/7/2014	\$400.00
1036	8/7/2014	\$42,932.39
1040	8/8/2014	\$9,152.00
1039	8/8/2014	\$182,345.16
1041	8/12/2014	\$1,000.00
1042	8/13/2014	\$47,993.45
1048	8/14/2014	\$1,401.62
1047	8/14/2014	\$3,713.08
1043	8/14/2014	\$89,149.64
1046	8/15/2014	\$75.00
1045	8/15/2014	\$440.00
1063	8/18/2014	\$4,233.20
1058	8/20/2014	\$8,981.13
1057	8/20/2014	\$290,573.28
1056	8/20/2014	\$879.20

1061 8/21/2014 \$1,196.00
1060 8/21/2014 \$182.18
1059 8/21/2014 \$15,683.11
1062 8/25/2014 \$72,438.50
1064 8/27/2014 \$36,067.78
Total \$1,164,971.19

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Ashley Yanek Grade 6, J.H. Gaudet School
Caitlin Briggs .5 Grade 6, J.H. Gaudet School
Sandra Shaw .4 French, Middletown High School (One Year Only)
Kerry Doherty 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue School

APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

James Gauch .8 STEM, J.H. Gaudet School
Kristen Pacheco Elementary Teacher, Grade 6, J.H. Gaudet School
Linda Leonard Math Intervention, J.H. Gaudet School
Casey Wright Math Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014-2015

Debra Prentiss Grade 2, Aquidneck School, to Kindergarten,

Aquidneck School

COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 11, 2014

John-Paul Massaro 6/7/8th Grade Boys' Soccer

Christos Agoros 6/7/8th Grade Girls' Soccer

Rachel Sliwowski Girls' Varsity Tennis

Darcy Roland 60% Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball

David Pritchard 40% Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball

Matthew Kestler Head JV Football Coach

RESIGNATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

Rose Thomas 4-Hour Teacher Assistant, J.H. Gaudet School

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 TO THE END OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Michael Mancieri Principal, J.H. Gaudet School & Learning Academy

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ACTION ITEMS

HOME SCHOOLING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 14-15-03, 14-15-04, 14-15-05, 14-15-06, and 14-15-07. Unanimous vote.

J.F. KENNEDY SCHOOL

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee surplus J.F. Kennedy School to the Town of Middletown.

AMENDED MOTION: 1) William O'Connell, 2) Paul Mankofsky. That the School Committee surplus J.F. Kennedy School to the Town of Middletown as of Monday, September 22, 2014. Motion passed 3 to 2.

YAY NAY

Theresa Spengler Liana Fenton
William O'Connell Kellie DiPalma Simeone
Paul Mankofsky

MOTION: 1) William O'Connell, 2) Paul Mankofsky. That the School Committee surplus J.F. Kennedy School to the Town of Middletown as of September 22, 2014. Motion passed 4 to 1.

YAY NAY

Theresa Spengler Kellie DiPalma Simeone

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

Paul Mankofsky

Mr. Mankofsky asked about the cost of transition. The School Department has been maintaining building. Last year there were 80-90 work orders submitted. The Town reimburses the School Department for time/materials used in maintaining the building.

The building has not been occupied by the Middletown School Department in five years, except for the Robotics Program. There is a meeting on September 25th to finalize the transition.

Mrs. Spengler wanted to clarify that on September 25th, Mr. Collins will be finalizing what Lynne Dible, Mark Tanguay, and Tom O'Loughlin have decided. Mrs. Fenton said she feels like we need to ask Mr. Brown if the Town is ready. Mrs. Kraeger has had discussion with Mr. Brown and he knew there would be a motion made at this meeting, but they did not discuss a date. She wants to make it clear that if we receive a call from the Town that they need help, we would consider it and support the Town.

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OLD BUSINESS

•Opening of School 2014-15 – Mrs. Kraeger complimented all staff for a great opening of school. Custodial and maintenance staff did an excellent job getting the buildings ready for staff and students. There were the typical bussing delays for the first week and a half. There are currently a couple positions that will be filled tonight. All vacant position are filled with highly qualified substitutes. Administration is working on overages. Overall, enrollment has increased.

NEW BUSINESS

•Impact Fees – When military land was turned over to the Town of Middletown ten years ago, impact fees were developed to help offset the cost of new development to the community. \$1.45 million was designated for the schools. The Town had eight years to spend the funds, but could lose it if there is no plan in place to increase the capacity of the schools. It was suggested to have a workshop to identify what projects are out there, collaborate with the Town, and then sit with the consultant who drew up the impact fees. Mrs. Simeone said that this needs to align with the Facilities Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Chris Semonelli spoke about using the impact fees for the Pre-K program. Mrs. Spengler mentioned that the program would have to be sustainable. Mrs. Kraeger will send out dates to have a workshop.

•Candidate Night – The school department holds a “Meet the Candidate Night” prior to Election Day. There is discussion about budget, the Strategic Plan and other initiatives that are being undertaken.

•Flu Clinic – The date will be October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Gaudet School.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

Mrs. Kraeger spoke about a hockey co-op. There was conversation about a team with Rogers High School. Mrs. Karen Massaro, Athletic Director, will attend the October School Committee Meeting to discuss this.

•Curriculum – Mrs. Savastano reported that the Science curriculum will begin next week. The agenda and staff laptop guide from the September 9th professional development day was distributed. Mr. Mankofsky asked what “excessive personal use” referred to in the guide. It could be a case where someone is storing a lot of images or a lot of downloaded music. Mrs. Kraeger said that most industries have a policy on personal use of company issued computers. There was also discussion about security of student information.

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•**Financial** – Ms. Pellerin reported that amendments the School Committee passed in June were passed by the Town Council. In early November, RIDE will release preliminary figures for State Aid for 2016. The audit will begin on September 19th. Field work will begin in October.

•**Facilities** – Mr. Collins reported that at the October meeting CIP projects will be discussed.

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. Fenton** distributed a blog regarding “What will our students do when they graduate from high school or university”.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 8:50 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk