

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, October 16, 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 7:04 p.m. All members were present. Administrative staff member present were Michelle Fonseca,

Linda Beaupre, Donna Chelf, and Stephen Ponte.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for October 16, 2014.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

•National School Bus Safety Week – A Proclamation was presented to driver and monitor from Ocean State Transit in recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, October 20 -24, 2014.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for October 16, 2014.

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INFORMATION

Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:

- List of Senior Class activities for Spirit Week. Events include a powder puff game, parade, golf ball drop, and Homecoming Dance.
- Donation letters.

CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for October 16, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2014 School Committee Meeting
- Approval of the following vouchers:

Voucher Summary

Voucher #	Date	Total Amount
1106	9/3/2014	\$316,174.60
1074	9/9/2014	\$88,942.93
1110	9/15/2014	\$1,753.90
1105	9/17/2014	\$188,718.00

1075	9/17/2014	\$52,996.34
1086	9/18/2014	\$108,443.85
1085	9/18/2014	\$1,417.40
1076	9/18/2014	\$4,574.14
1087	9/26/2014	\$430.62
1109	9/30/2014	\$3,763.71
1108	9/30/2014	\$1,353.08
1107	9/30/2014	\$20,027.74
		\$788,596.31

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Dena Silvia .5 Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School (Job Share)

Joseph Laramie .4 Physical Education, Middletown High School

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APPOINTMENT AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2014

Karen Pezzullo Bus Monitor

RESIGNATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

Dale Oakes Bus Monitor

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

Casey Wright Confirm appointment as Grade 8 Math Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

FALL COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 11, 2014

Jennifer Mahoney Fall Cheerleading Coach

Jared Nimblett Assistant JV Football Coach

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Lisa Clark Newspaper Co-Advisor

Lee Ann Wells Newspaper Co-Advisor

Christopher Richards Tempo Art Director

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Philip Statser Band Director

Jennifer Vaillancourt Choral Director

Jennifer Haskell Model Legislature Co-Director

Lee Ann Wells Model Legislature Co-Director

Philip Statser All-State Band Director

Jennifer Vaillancourt All-State Choral Director

Philip Statser Flag Team Advisor
Liana Fenton U.S. FIRST Advisor
Paige Kirwin-Clair Community Service Advisor
David Fontaine Mock Trial Advisor
David Fontaine Virtual High School Advisor
Gail Abromitis Student Council Advisor
Kimberly Pine Student Activities Coordinator
Jennifer Haskell Freshman Class Advisor
Joseph Laramée Sophomore Class Co-Advisor
Kimberly Pine Sophomore Class Co-Advisor
Eric Wright Junior Class Co-Advisor
Maria Dowler Junior Class Co-Advisor
Rachelle Myllymaki Senior Class Co-Advisor
Megan Sparadeo Senior Class Co-Advisor
Stephen Fagan Mathematics League Advisor
Kevin Zahm Fall/Spring Dramatics Director

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Maria Dowler Yearbook Advisor
Gail Abromitis National Honor Society Co-Advisor
Grainne Phelps National Honor Society Co-Advisor

J.H. GAUDET SCHOOL ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS AS OF

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Joshua Beagan J.H. Gaudet Yearbook Advisor

Ronald Dumais J.H. Gaudet Computer Club Advisor

Joshua Beagan J.H. Gaudet Tech Ed/Robotics Club Advisor

Heidi Gauch J.H. Gaudet Student Council Advisor

ACTION ITEMS

HOME SCHOOLING

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 14-15-08 and 14-15-09. Unanimous vote.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM BY-LAWS

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the revised Newport County Regional Special Education Program By-Laws. Unanimous vote.

HOCKEY CO-OP

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Hockey Co-op with Rogers High School. Unanimous vote.

Athletic Director Mrs. Karen Massaro discussed the hockey co-op. The Rhode Island Interscholastic League gave approval for three schools to form a hockey co-op (Middletown High School, Rogers High School, and Rocky Hill). The cost of busses will be split between Rogers and Middletown High School. Middletown will pay the head coach salary and Rogers will pay the Assistant Coaches salary. Ice time will be paid for by the Boosters organization. Rocky Hill School will cover the cost of the Athletic Trainer. Officials' fees will be covered by gate receipts.

Players are concerned about uniforms. It was suggested that the players wear Roger's uniforms for home games and Middletown uniforms for away games. No decision has been made yet. Many of the students play together on a summer hockey league so they are already familiar with each other. With the three schools combined, it is estimated that 24 students will be on the team. When there is a co-op, cuts are not allowed. Regarding liability, each school has its own insurance.

Mrs. Massaro also updated the committee on concussions. All fall athletes have had a baseline test. There have been a few students who have suffered concussions and are being monitored.

The Gaudet soccer team has been implemented into our budget and program. It is working well.

Winter coaching positions have been posted. Interviews will be held over next few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

- Candidate Night – The Educational Awareness Workshop was held last night. Five candidates were in attendance.**
- Flu Clinic – Middletown’s community flu clinic will be held on October 22nd from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be no out-of-pocket expenses. Middletown High School will hold its flu clinic at on November 5th between 8:00 and 11 a.m.**
- Impact Fees – A subcommittee meeting will be held on October 28th with the Town Administrator to discuss impact fees.**

NEW BUSINESS

No “New Business” for October 16, 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

- AP Physics – There has been a great deal of difficulty replacing an**

AP Physics teacher to cover the teacher on leave. Administration has looking into VHS and has called local colleges and universities. Tutors have been secured to help after school. State-wide, there has been difficulty hiring math, science, and foreign language teachers.

•Mrs. Kraeger has received a letter from Portsmouth notifying that they will be withdrawing from the Newport County Regional Special Education Program at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. There will be a board meeting on Tuesday to discuss the transition.

***Curriculum – Report in Status Report**

•Financial – Report in Status Report

•Facilities – Report in Status Report

Mr. Mankofsky attempted to address an event held at Middletown High School several weeks ago. Mrs. Spengler stated that the administration handled this situation.

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 attended a Unified High School Committee meeting held last week. There was not much to discuss. The group is waiting for the results of the referendum and will decide where to go from there. Mrs. Spengler said it is important that more data and information was put out for parents and residents to make an informed decision. A cost analysis has never been completed.

***Mrs. Fenton gave a handout on Innovations in Apprenticeships. She would like to work on this project this school year.**

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 7:46 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk