

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, July 23 2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

Members Present:

Theresa Spengler, Chairman

Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Vice-Chairman

Douglas Arnold

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent

Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager

Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities/Transportation and Safety

Benjamin Scungio, School Department Attorney

Ralph Malafronte, Consultant (Arrived at 5:00 p.m.)

The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Administrative staff members present were Donna Chelf, Beth Hayes, and Linda Beaupre. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1,2,5,8,9 at 4:00 p.m. Unanimous vote.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To accept the Superintendent's Recommendation regarding a personnel separation agreement. Unanimous vote.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To seal the minutes of Executive Session. Unanimous vote.

The meeting was called back to order at 4:53 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No "Spotlight on Teaching and Learning" for July 23, 2015.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No "Proclamations/Awards" for July 23, 2015.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for July 23, 2015.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:

- The Consolidated Resource Plan Grant was approved. Mrs. Kraeger thanked Mrs. Savastano for her work on submitting the grant.**

CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for July 23, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mrs. Simeone asked the committee to consider approving voucher numbers 1429, 1427, 1443, and 1439 separately.

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

•Approval of the following minutes:

oJune 22, 2015 School Committee Meeting and Executive Session

•Approval of the following vouchers:

June Vouchers

Voucher Number Date Total

1412 6/1/2015 \$1,372.37

1411 6/1/2015 \$3,762.86

1410 6/1/2015 \$20,108.80

1409 6/1/2015 \$309,511.53

1413 6/4/2015 \$23,739.81

1415 6/5/2015 \$415,715.63

1416 6/11/2015 \$212,195.41

1428 6/16/2015 \$120.00

1424 6/16/2015 \$676,246.88

1426 6/17/2015 \$84,611.19

1425 6/17/2015 \$24,204.07

1432 6/24/2015 \$27,682.08

1431 6/24/2015 \$15,835.43

1430 6/24/2015 \$250.00

1446 6/30/2015 \$124,243.28

1445 6/30/2015 \$44,701.85

1444 6/30/2015 \$23,693.70

1442 6/30/2015 \$46,628.56

1441 6/30/2015 \$14,529.35

1440 6/30/2015 \$1,045.63

\$2,070,198.43

- **Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel**

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 2015

John Cunic Credit Recovery Supervisor and Capstone Jumpstart Program

Grainne Phelps MOST 9-12 Math

APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 2015

Joshua Weisz-Smith World Language Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School

APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Trina Bona Social Studies, J.H. Gaudet School

**RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AT THE END OF
THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Renee Bissell Art, Middletown High School

TRANSFERS

Diane Kerins From Art, K-3, to Art, Middletown High School

Kristen Ramsey From .5 Art Teacher to Full-Time Art Teacher

Lauren Marx From .6 to .8 Social Studies, Middletown High School

Robyn Borges From Grade 6 to Grade 5, J.H. Gaudet School

RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Debra Smith Bus Monitor

RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 2015

Rachel Sliwowski Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William O'Connell. To approve voucher numbers 1429, 1427, 1443, and 1439. Motion Passed 4 to 1.

June Vouchers

Voucher Number Date Total

1429 42179 \$ 148,055.15

1427 42179 \$1,006,104.57

1443 42185 \$ 111,395.19

1439 42185 \$ 478,724.70

\$1,744,279.61

YEA: ABSTAIN:

Theresa Spengler Kellie DiPalma Simeone

Douglas Arnold

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

ACTION ITEMS

DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY – 2nd READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Dual Enrollment Policy – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.

The Governor has allocated funds in the budget for education to provide any student at the high school level the opportunity to enroll in a State college or university course, if they qualify.

COUNCIL 94 CONTRACT

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the R.I. Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 1823, contract for 2015-2018. Unanimous vote.

Mr. David Rodrigues, Maintenance/Grounds Supervisor, discussed the negotiations process for this contract. Members of the Facilities Department felt that the town needs to be aware of the projects they completed. A list of projects completed, with a cost savings, was distributed (see attached).

Mrs. Spengler said that the group works hard and they are appreciated by the district. She will forward the list to the town. Mr. O'Connell said that they have his support.

Mr. John Burns, Council 94 Staff Representative, said that no other district that he is aware of does the projects that Middletown completes. Most districts go out to bid for contracted services. He reminded the committee that the previous contract was renegotiated

because of fiscal constraints.

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DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS JOB DESCRIPTION – 1ST READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Director of College and Career Readiness Job Description – 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

Changes requested by the School Committee:

- Added “Business Partners” to “Ability to establish rapport with parents, students, staff, and community agencies”.**
- Added “including summer internships” to “Actively supports career readiness programs, internships, and job shadowing at the high school and middle school.”**

OLD BUSINESS

- Core Committee – August Core Committee Meeting dates need to be**

established.

•Consultant – A meeting will be held tonight in Executive Session with Mr. Ralph Malafronte, the consultant the town has hired to work through policy, process, and contract issues.

NEW BUSINESS

•Sponsorship Legislation – The sponsorship legislation has passed. Mr. Peter Anderson, Facilities Director, will be looking at signage around town. Policy 9220 “Sponsorship Advertising on School Grounds” was adopted at the May 21, 2015 School Committee Meeting. Mrs. Kraeger thanked Senator DePalma and Representative Ruggiero.

•Middle School Soccer - \$6,000 is allocated in the budget for the Middle School Soccer Program. The club has sent an email to the Superintendent stating that they want to bring the program back to club status. Games would be played with the same schools, but there would be no State playoff games. Mrs. Kraeger has met with the head of the soccer club. The transition plan will be revisited next year during budget season.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Curriculum – Mrs. Savastano will report on the Science Curriculum at the August School Committee Meeting.**
- Financial – Ms. Pellerin will report at the August School Committee Meeting.**
- Facilities – Mr. Anderson reported that inspections of overhead equipment and bleachers have been completed. Fire alarm and playground inspection will take place shortly. The Town Building Inspector and Fire Marshall will complete annual inspections shortly. The cupola at Little Oliphant sustained damage during a recent storm. While other districts**

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would bid out for work, our Facilities Department will complete with work. ALICE Training for facilities and administrative staff took place. The J.H. Gaudet roofing project will take place between July 27th and August 3rd. There will be Housing Aid reimbursement from the R.I. Department of Education.

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

vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

No “Reports of Officers and Committees” for July 23, 2015.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1,2,5,8,9 at 5:24 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Mrs. Spengler announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Mrs. DiPalma Simeone left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William O’Connell. To seal the minutes of Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1,2,5,8,9. Unanimous vote.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William O’Connell. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk