

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

**MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chairman**

**Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Vice-Chairman**

**Douglas Arnold**

**Liana Fenton arrived at 5:37 p.m.**

**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**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Administrative staff member Gail Abromitis was in attendance.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) William O'Connell. To adjust the agenda to move the Budget Workshop first. Unanimous vote.**

**This is the second Budget Workshop. Pursuant to law, school departments have to provide the Town Council with projected enrollment and staffing.**

- Projected Staffing – 291.5 FTE, which is level staffing.**
- Projected Enrollment – Based on the NESDEC study, projected enrollment is 2305 students, an increase of 18 students.**
- Estimated Enrollment and Payment to Charter/State Schools - RIDE will not be releasing any tuition rates. Districts were told to use last year's number. They are projecting 20 students, we are projecting 21.**
- Anticipated Total Expenditures – Going back to the revenue manual, the anticipated total expenditures is \$38,388,716. Projections include a reduction in State Aid and a 2% increase in town appropriation. The \$299,148 increase in general/operational fund needs to cover expenditures. The overall projection is less than last year because capital appropriations for the town are down as well as the van Buren**

grant.

•Change in Revenue/State Aid for Education – This year and next will be the worst years. After the loss of State Aid, a 2% increase (\$504,396) in town appropriations translates to approximately 1% increase (\$258,708) in new revenue.

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\*Change in Operations/Facilities Requirements – Middletown will be using a recent facilities assessment to drive the Capital Improvement Plan. This allows Middletown to apply to for Housing Aid reimbursement. Three Building Committee Meetings have been held. The committee is prioritizing what has been identified as needs. Deadline is September 15th to go forward for the next fiscal year. It was suggested to get an estimate of what the cost savings would be with a new boiler.

•Change in Programs/Dual Enrollment – There are a number of students in dual enrollment who bought books that are reimbursed by the LEA. This is now mandated.

The next Budget Workshop will be held after the Regular School Committee Meeting on January 21st.

**MOTION:** 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To go into

**Executive Session 46-5 (a) 2 for collective bargaining at 6:57 p.m.**

**Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger**

**Clerk**