

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**June 9, 2016**

**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**

**The School Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. All**

**members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

- Student Awards were presented in the following categories:**
- Newport Daily News Student of the Week**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for June 9, 2016.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for June 9, 2016.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- Thank you note from recently retired teacher Helen Mikolaitis**
- Memo to Town Administrator regarding Teacher Assistant contract sent to Town Council for approval.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No “Correspondence” for June 9, 2016.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**•Approval of Minutes of the following minutes:**

**•May 19, 2016 School Committee and Executive Session Meetings**

**•Approval of the following vouchers:**

**Vouchers for May 2016**

**Voucher Date Total**

**1355 5/3/2016 \$3,675.55**

**1354 5/3/2016 \$21,030.38**

**1353 5/3/2016 \$300,445.31**

**1352 5/3/2016 \$1,435.20**

**1356 5/5/2016 \$15,147.16**

**1357 5/6/2016 \$117,796.81**

**1358 5/10/2016 \$220.00**

**1369 5/12/2016 \$64,052.60**

**1368 5/12/2016 \$312,257.87**

**1370 5/16/2016 \$3,000.00**

**1371 5/19/2016 \$20,989.58**

**1372 5/20/2016 \$167,292.62**

**1373 5/25/2016 \$8,322.62**

**1385 5/27/2016 \$3,281.10**

**1384 5/27/2016 \$72,124.63**

**\$1,111,071.43**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- GREENHOUSE PARTNERSHIP – A formal MOA will be executed to use MHS Greenhouse with the Maher Center.**
- BOND – A committee will be formed in August.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- FIELD TRIP POLICY #6150 – Mrs. Fenton asked about health care forms. A number of parents spoke about the lack of an 8th grade field trip.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ELECTRICAL CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the first one-year extension to the original contract with Coastal Electric. Unanimous vote.**

### **PLUMBING CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the first one-year extension to the original contract with Custom Plumbing. Unanimous vote.**

### **PURCHASING AND BID PROCEDURES**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve purchases based on Policy #3065, "Purchasing and Bid Procedures". Unanimous vote.**

### **TRANSFER OF LINE ITEMS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee authorize the transfer of funds to appropriate lines of the budget. Unanimous vote.**

**This motion was tabled.**

## **RECALL**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee authorize the Superintendent to recall teachers based on enrollment, need, and funding. Unanimous vote.**

## **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**AMENDED MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee authorize the Superintendent to make line item adjustments to the FY15-16 and FY16-17 budgets.**

## **DESIGNATE FUNDS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That under GASB 54 and Middletown Public Schools Spending Policy, any prior year Impact Aid payment in excess of budget amount will be assigned to one time expenditure only, such as Capital Improvement Projects, Capital Expenditures, or Technology, and Curriculum, as part of Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Town Council and School Committee. Unanimous vote.**

## **NECESSITY OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MOA**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the**

**School Committee approve the Necessity of School Construction Memorandum of Agreement between the Middletown School Committee and the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education. Unanimous vote.**

### **APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the grant agreement between R.I. Health and Educational Building Corporation and Middletown Public Schools in the amount of \$73,500 for Middletown High School roof area #8. Unanimous vote.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**•CURRICULUM – Mrs. Savastano discussed the book “Deeper Learning”. Copies were given to all School Committee Members. A Leadership Academy will be held next year, funded by the van Buren grant. On June 1st, a Project Lead The Way User Group was held in Middletown.**

**•FINANCIAL – Ms. Pellerin reported that her office is working on closing out the current school year.**

•**FACILITIES** – Mrs. Anderson reported that inspections will be taking place shortly and school bus safety drills were conducted. The HVAC work at Oliphant Administration will be completed in July. The MHS roof pre-bid walkthrough was held today. Approval was received from RIDE for school construction.

**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 would like to have a workshop to discuss upcoming items.

## **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION:** 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the Regular School Committee Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Unanimous vote.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**