

Middletown Public Schools  
Middletown, Rhode Island

**August 7, 2018**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

Members Present: Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Chairman  
Theresa Spengler, Vice-Chairman  
William O'Connell  
Douglas Arnold  
Liana Fenton

Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools  
Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent  
David Fontes, Director of Facilities/Safety and Transportation

The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Administrative staff members present were Beth Hayes, and Donna Chelf.

**PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

No "Proclamations/Awards" for August 7, 2018.

**SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

No "Spotlight on Teaching and Learning" for August 7, 2018.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

No "Student Government" for August 7, 2018.

**INFORMATION**

Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:

- Department of Revenue update of revised State Aid to cities and towns.
- Career Tech tuition workbook
- Thank you note from The Greenlove Foundation

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No "Correspondence" for August 7, 2018.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *To approve the Consent Agenda without personnel.* Unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William O'Connell. *To approve the Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel.* Unanimous vote.

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**RECUSE:**

Kellie Simeone  
Liana Fenton  
Douglas Arnold  
William O'Connell

Theresa Spengler

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

**APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2018**

Hillary Rose Black	MOST Summer Intervention Teacher - Literacy
Mary Elizabeth Miller	MOST Summer Intervention Teacher - Literacy

**APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

Jordan Lee Bay	Art Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School
Margaret Burns	Mathematics Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School
Sonya Silvia High School	District/School Office Support Personnel, Middletown High School

**APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Dr. Hakan Durudogan	School Dentist
Dr. Martha Ullman	School Physician

**APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE TBD**

Heather Richardson	District/School Data Support Personnel, Middletown High School
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1289	6/30/2018	\$261,929.34
1288	6/30/2018	\$669,114.52
		<b>\$2,852,494.19</b>

- Approval of Vendors/Purchases over \$5,000
- Approval of Minutes
  - Minutes of June 19, 2018 School Committee Meeting
  - Minutes of June 19, 2018 Executive Session
  - Minutes of June 28, 2018 School Committee Meeting
  - Minutes of June 28, 2018 Executive Session
  - Minutes of July 2, 2018 School Committee Meeting
- Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel
  - Appointment
  - Resignation
  - Transfers
  - Job Share

### NEW BUSINESS

- Gaudet Football Field Walkway - Mr. Fontes met with Mr. Shawn Brown, Town Administrator, and Mr. Warren Hall, Town Engineer, to look at options for the Gaudet Football Field walkway. The concrete apron is pitched towards the building and is creating ponding during heavy rains. They are looking at extending the apron around part of concession stand. The handicapped accessibility issue will be addressed also. Mr. Brown would like this addressed as soon as possible in preparation for the upcoming football season. The Town will fund this.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Town/School Collaboration - The Town has established a Steering Committee comprised of all Town Council and School Committee Members to look at what areas they could collaborate on. No meeting date has been set. Mrs. Kraeger would like to take an internal look at the data on how financial and facilities business is conducted. The vendor delivery and work order system will be reviewed, as well as all contracted services looking for overlaps. The procurement process will be evaluated. There are opportunities to share services with the Town in the areas of plowing, sanding and fleet maintenance.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### GAUDET MIDDLE SCHOOL WINDOW BID

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *That the School Committee award the Gaudet Middle School Window Bid to Advanced Building Concepts. Unanimous vote.*

When bids were received, numbers came in higher than expected due to the addition of hurricane impact glass, which was not code at the time the estimate was developed. The estimates also did not include hazmat asbestos abatement and additional staging costs. Alternative ways to proceed were investigated, but it was recommended to

proceed with the bids. There is a \$600K overage. Mrs. Fenton asked if the 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows will include safety film, which they will. This project will take all next summer to complete, but the price will stay the same.

The camera project is not reimbursable, but the wiring is.

### **RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND SPOKESPERSON FOR THE DISTRICT**

#### **POLICY - 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *That the School Committee approve the Release of Information and Spokesperson for the District Policy - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Unanimous vote.*

A regulation has been in place, but wanted to make a policy. The spokesperson would be the Chair of the School Committee, the Superintendent or his/her designee.

#### **KEY AND ACCESS POLICY - UPDATE**

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *That the School Committee approve the updates to the Key and access Policy. Unanimous vote.*

The policy has been updated with the addition of the Director of Finance and Administration.

#### **HOME SCHOOLING**

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 18-19-01 and 18-19-02. Unanimous vote.*

The district does not get Impact Aid funds for military home schooled students. They can participate in sports, but not in classes such as art, music, and physical education.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- **Curriculum** - Mrs. Savastano will report at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Financial** - Ms. Brown will report at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Facilities** - Mr. Fontes reported that the Forest Avenue PTG would like to install a large boulder on the grounds of Forest Avenue Elementary School. This would be a "Spirit Rock" to encourage school spirit, share messages, and provide a fundraising opportunity to have families "rent" the rock for personalized birthday messages or other well wishes. The School Committee needs to vote on putting the boulder on school property. The PTG will be in attendance at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Spengler commented that we need to take into consideration that the rock is not located on the playground so students would use it as a climbing rock.

Aquidneck School – For the main entrance project, all foundation walls have been poured. Work is currently being done on the surface of the handicap ramp and stairs to the main entrance. The old flagpole is being removed and a new aluminum pole will be installed. Work on the shingled roof sections will start this week.

Gaudet School – Work on the flat roof will begin this week, weather permitting. Forest Avenue work will follow. The schematic designs for the Gaudet Main Entrance have been sent to RIDE for review. This option is \$190K less in construction costs. The project will go out to bid in September. If the shell is constructed before the winter, some work could take place over winter with the school department acting as the general contractor. Mrs. Simeone would like to have a focus group look at the plan before it is voted on in September or October. Mr. Arnold asked if the school department has ever investigated solar panels for Gaudet School. It was suggested to get an update from the Town as to where this stands.

Forest Avenue School – The LED lights are in the process of being installed. The shingled roof project is 85% complete. An issue arose at Forest Avenue School this week during the high heat and humidity. The dehumidifiers were not working this week and there was a moisture issue. We need to look at removing and replacing carpet tiles.

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports.* Unanimous vote.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mrs. Fenton distributed an article about getting students ready for the workplace.

The next meeting will take place on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### ADJOURN FROM MEETING

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. *To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 6:37 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosemarie K. Kraeger  
Superintendent of Schools