

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
59 Tindall Road
Middletown, New Jersey 07748

Minutes of the open pre-meeting workshop held Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in the High School North Library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey.

1. CALL TO ORDER – At 6:30 p.m. the Workshop meeting was called to order.

2. SUNSHINE NOTICE

“Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending such notice to the Asbury Park Press, the Independent, the Courier, the Two River Times, and the Hub and the posting of such notice at the August T. Miner Administration Building and each elementary, middle, and secondary school in the district.”

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Dawn Diorio, Sherry Gevarter, Kevin Ryan, Daniel Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer and Patricia Walsh.

Absent: Laura Agin, Leonora Caminiti and Joan Minnuies.

Also Present: Karen Bilbao, William J. Doering, David Healy, Tracey Maccia, Fred Carrigg and Christopher Parton, Esq.

4. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 p.m. motion made and seconded to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel, and attorney/client privileged information. The board will be discussing the H.S. North turf field project. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. SPECIAL VOTING MEETING HELD FROM 7:35 P.M. TO 7:50 P.M.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

7. CALL TO ORDER – Reopening of Workshop Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

8. ROLL CALL

Present: Dawn Diorio, Sherry Gevarter, Joan Minnuies, Kevin Ryan, Daniel Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer and Patricia Walsh.

Absent: Laura Agin and Leonora Caminiti.

Also Present: Karen Bilbao, William J. Doering, David Healy, Tracey Maccia, Fred Carrigg and Christopher Parton, Esq.

9. WORKSHOP AGENDA

Mrs. Bilbao and Mr. Doering reviewed items on the upcoming agenda of November 24th (attached). Mr. Doering noted that the auditor’s report will be on the December agenda due to the change in the date of the voting meeting for November.

10. LEADS PUBLIC SITE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING CYBRARY PRESENTATION BY FRED CARRIGG – Mr. Carrigg demonstrated the LEADS website and the Cybrary.

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Mrs. Bilbao stated this discussion concerns the possible expansion in the on-site testing for the “random drug testing program” and the “reason to suspect program” at the request of Michelle Molinaro, H.S. North Nurse, and Linda Minnella, SAC. The purpose is to include prescription drugs due to the rise in use of prescription drugs. The discussion panel consists of Ms. Molinaro, Ms. Minnella, Tracey Maccia, Kevin Haines, and Mrs. Bilbao. Discussion included the use of steroids and not including those in the expansion, the rise in use of prescription drugs, educating parents on this topic, and implementation of the program.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Diorio (Curriculum) noted that curriculum item #6, Tomorrow’s Teachers, will be deleted and the committee members for that item will be approved under Personnel, and she stated that all curriculum guides must have graduation requirements listed and will be updated. Mrs. Diorio stated that the committee was given a very thorough presentation on “tomorrow’s teachers” a course for students wishing to pursue a career in education. She also discussed information the committee received on “New Jersey Steps—Redesigning Education in New Jersey for the 21st Century.” Mrs. Gevarter

(Policy) noted there needs to be some language changed in the good neighbor policy. Mrs. Gevarter stated that parents serving on interview committees should be chosen by the specific school's PTAs. She noted that the committee discussed a possible cell tower policy, which Mr. Parton stated would not be enforceable with future boards. The board consensus was not to pursue the cell tower policy: 3 ayes, 4 noes. Mrs. Gevarter stated the committee also discussed degrees from accredited institutions, protocol for interviewing administrators, limitations on the use of turf fields in other towns, emergency contracts (which will be pulled), and requirements for students transferring into district high schools. Mrs. Stallmeyer (Student Services) stated that the committee discussed a VOICES meeting concerning parent advocacy and their concerns including delivery of services, lack of information, and paraprofessionals. Mrs. Maccia discussed meeting with teachers at New Monmouth E.S. regarding a pilot class to follow the ideal LEADS model with one teacher volunteering. Mrs. Maccia also discussed the "buddy program" which pairs a special needs student with a non-disabled student. Dorothy McMullen discussed creating the student services homepage on the district website. Mrs. Diorio (Facilities) stated that the committee discussed the HVAC project punchlist items, contingency funds from the lease (which can only be used for elementary HVAC items), middle school tracks, Nut Swamp and Thompson soccer fields, and New Monmouth E.S. road work which is contingent on a few county and township issues. Mrs. Bilbao stated that the position for the Director of Technology in Curriculum will be reposted. Mr. Healy (Personnel) discussed two electronic data systems, an automated substitute placement service, and an electronic employment application management system.

13. Old Business

Mrs. Minnuies asked for a copy of the new prom contract.

14. New Business

Mrs. Minnuies requested a list of field trips including those denied.

15. Open to Public

Gerry Wexelberg discussed the electronic data systems, and the district's drug policy.

16. ADJOURN – At 10:45 p.m. motion made and seconded to adjourn the workshop meeting. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. DOERING
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary