

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19, 2007

Time and Place of Meeting Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening, December 19, 2007 in the High School North Library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:35 p.m., the 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, and 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: Laura Agin, Leonora Caminiti (arr. 6:55 p.m.), Dawn Diorio, Sherry Gevarter, Joan Minnuies, Kevin Ryan (arr. 6:40 p.m.), Carolyn Self and Patricia Walsh.

Absent: Rose Stallmeyer.

Also Present: Karen Bilbao, William J. Doering, Marjorie Caruso, Carla D'Acierno and Christopher Parton, Esq.

4. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 the voting meeting was adjourned to Executive Session. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:40 the voting meeting was reconvened with the individuals noted above.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

7. RE-READING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIGH SCHOOLS TO SPEAK:

HIGH SCHOOL NORTH

HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

No speakers

9. BOARD COMMENDATIONS *(see following page(s))*

10. OPEN TO PUBLIC – COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

James Cody, Mike Maggipinto, Kathy Cody Bjelka discussed a personnel item.

11. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:

Voting Meeting – November 20, 2007

Special Voting Meeting – December 10, 2007

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh (abst. on 12/20/07) and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

12. REPORTS

A. Report of the President – No report.

B. Business Administrator/Board Secretary

1. Motion to accept the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary as being in agreement for the month of November 2007. (Attach #1)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Self. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

2. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's Certification that no major budget line item has been over-expended for the month of November 2007.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Walsh. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

Abst: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

3. Approval of Transfers (see following pages)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

4. Motion to Approve Bill List for Period November 21, 2007 – December 19, 2007 (Attachment #2)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

C. Report of the Superintendent

1. Update

Mrs. Bilbao discussed the progress of the district's Strategic Plan, including scheduling to enhance curriculum, vertical and horizontal articulation of the curriculum, formative assessment of students, facilities enhancements, and the purchase of technology that is being integrated into instruction.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Curriculum Committee (Dawn Diorio, Chair)

1. Acceptance of FY2008 NCLB Consolidated Grant Award in the amount of \$620,256, which includes the non-public allotment.

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Item 1**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

2. Approval of Field Trips:

High School North and South Bottlecappers Selected

Leave: Friday, February 8, 2008

Return: Sunday, February 10, 2008

Destination: 14th Annual Leadership Conference - Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ

Purpose: Students will hear keynote speakers and participate in mini – workshops on topics including Diversity, Role Models, Natural Highs, Underage Drinking, Leadership.

13 students and 4 adults

Faculty members are George Obermeier and Sandy McKechnie

Students will miss 1 day of school

Cost of trip to be paid by Middletown Elks and Middletown Municipal Alliance

High School South FBLA

Leave: Thursday, March 13, 2008

Return: Friday, March 14, 2008
 Destination: FBLA State Leadership Conference, Raritan Exhibit Hall,
 Edison, NJ
 Purpose: General session and workshops will focus on two areas: duties of
 officers and professional development/chapter management.
 40 students and 4 adults
 Faculty member is Tricia Lentine
 Students will miss 2 days of school
 Cost of trip to be paid by students

High School North FBLA
 Leave: Thursday, March 13, 2008
 Return: Friday, March 14, 2008
 Destination: FBLA State Leadership Conference, Raritan Exhibit Hall,
 Edison, NJ
 Purpose: General session and workshops will focus on two areas: duties of
 officers and professional development/chapter management.
 10 students and 1 adult
 Faculty member is Doug Felegy
 Students will miss 2 days of school
 Cost of trip to be paid by students

High School South History Club
 Leave: Friday, March 21, 2008
 Return: Sunday, March 23, 2008
 Destination: Washington, D.C.
 Purpose: Walking tour of Capitol, White House, Lincoln Memorial,
 WW II and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Arlington National
 Cemetery - directly related to U.S. History Curriculum.
 45 students and 4 adults
 Faculty member is Tom Romann
 Students will not miss school.
 Cost of trip to be paid by students

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Item 2**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

3. Approval for five consultants for the Lucy Caulkins Writer's Workshop - a 75 minute meeting at River Plaza School @ \$75.00 each - Christine MacLeod, Lysa Cook, Jill Becker, Amy Desmond, Chrissy Hernandez.
 Acct# 11-000-223-110-17-140

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Item 3**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

4. Approval to Attend Conventions, Conferences or Educational Programs (Attach #3)
5. Suspension Report (Attach #3a)
6. Permission to Submit FY2007 NCLB Title I Performance Report (Attach #4)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Items 4, 5 & 6**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

B. Policy Committee (Sherry Gevarter, Chair)
 (Attach #5)

1. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy No. 5512.01, Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying.
(State Board of Education adopted revisions to current policy to change wording to be more inclusive, including cyber-bullying)

2. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy & Regulation No. 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Pupils. *(State Board of Education adopted revisions to current policy and changes in wording, including verification of residency, documentation, also included was more definitive language for foreign students attending Middletown schools.)*
3. Second Reading & Adoption of Revised Policy & Regulation No. 5600, Pupil Discipline and Code of Conduct. *(Revised policy and procedures at all three levels, elementary, middle and high school consistent with State Board of Education requirements and elements specific to Middletown, such as the community service caveat)*
4. Second Reading & Adoption of New Policy No. 8601, Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal. *(New policy mandated and adopted by the State Board of Education requiring a procedure for K-5 students to be retrieved by a designated escort at dismissal if parents/guardians so decide)*

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Policy Items 1, 2, 3 & 4**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

5. First Reading of Policy 5306, Health Services to Nonpublic Schools No action will be taken.
6. First Reading of Revised & Mandated Policy & Regulation No. 5610, Suspension. No action will be taken.
7. First Reading of Revised & Mandated Policy & Regulation No. 5530, Substance Abuse. No action will be taken.
8. First Reading of Mandated Policy No. 8506, School Lunch Biosecurity. No action will be taken.
9. First Reading of Policy No. 5620, Expulsion. No action will be taken.

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Policy Items 5 through 9**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

C. Student Services Committee (Rose Stallmeyer, Chair)

1. Approval of Special Services to Classified Handicapped Students (Attachment #5a)
2. Approval of Individual Instruction at Home (Attachment #6)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Student Services Items 1 & 2**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

3. Approval to accept the IDEA, Part B application for Fiscal Year 2008. IDEA Basic Funds of \$2,586,270 and Preschool Funds of \$83,527

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, for approval of **Student Services Item 3**. Motion carried on voice vote:
 Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.
 Noes: (0)

4. Approval to pay Settlement Agreement for student 100596 to Search Day program for educational services during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 in the amount of \$30,000.
Acct#: 11-000-100-566-00-000
5. Approval for MOESC to provide Social Worker as needed, at a rate of \$475 per day. Acct#: 11-000-219-320-32-000
6. Approval to attend Conventions, Conferences or Educational Programs (Attach #7)
7. Approval for student 303635 to receive services while on home instruction, per home instruction IEP, for 90 minutes/week speech, 60 minutes/week OT, 60 minutes/week PT.
Acct#: 11-000-219-320-32-000

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, for approval of **Student Services Items 4, 5, 6 & 7**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies (no on #4, abst. on #5), Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

D. Facilities Committee (Laura Agin, Chair)

1. Approval of mutual agreement with Onsite Energy Corporation for termination for convenience of both parties. (Attachment #8).

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Facilities Item 1**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

E. Personnel Committee (Pat Walsh, Chair)

Note: All appointments of the district staff are contingent upon satisfying the requirements of the Criminal History Review.

- 1). Approval of resignations for the purpose of retirement:
 - a). Lynn Einbinder (10/1/81), Thompson, Social Studies, effective 7/1/08
 - b). Deborah Lerman (2/23/81), HS North, Special Education, effective 7/1/08
 - c). Stanley Strauss (9/1/78), HS South, English, effective 7/1/08
- 2). Approval of resignation:

Antoinette Koski, Substitute Teacher, to accept another position, effective 12/15/07
- 3). Approval of leaves of absence:
 - a). Robyn Chirchella, Nut Swamp, Grade 4, for maternity (*extension*), effective 1/2/08 through 1/11/08 – Unpaid Leave
 - b). Elizabeth Chrzan, New Monmouth, Special Education, for maternity, effective 1/28/08 through 4/1/08 – Paid – Sick Leave
4/2/08 through 4/3/08 – Unpaid Leave
Acct. #11-216-100-101-00-000
 - c). Tina Fidalgo, HS South, World Language, for maternity, effective 3/21/08 through 4/28/08 – Paid – Sick Leave
4/29/08 through 5/20/08 – Unpaid Family Leave Act
Acct. #11-140-100-101-02-000
 - d). Lillian Fisher, Leonardo, Paraprofessional, for medical reasons, effective 12/3/07 through 12/21/07 – Unpaid Leave
 - e). Pamela Joel, New Monmouth, Paraprofessional, for medical reasons, effective 1/14/08 through 1/27/08 – Unpaid Leave
 - f). Michelle Michalski-Miles, Nut Swamp, Special Education, for maternity, effective 2/11/08 through 4/15/08 – Paid – Sick Leave
4/16/08 through 6/30/08 – Unpaid Family Leave Act
Acct. #11-213-100-101-00-000
 - g). Karen Ruggiero, Ocean Ave, Paraprofessional, for medical reasons (*extension*), effective 10/1/07 through 1/13/08 – Unpaid Leave
 - h). Margaret Tsakris, Nut Swamp, Paraprofessional, for medical reasons, effective 1/15/08 through 2/15/08 – Unpaid Leave

- i). Adjustment:
 Elisabeth Gillette, HS North Librarian/Media Specialist, effective 1/25/08 through 5/14/08 – Unpaid Leave
- 4). Approval to extend the contract of Karen L. Bilbao in the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools, consistent with the terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement adopted on February 15, 2006, effective January 1, 2008 through February 29, 2008, with the per diem stipend of \$121.00
- 5). Approval of new hires:
- a). Nina M. D'Urso, HS South, Social Studies, Ramapo College, BA
 Certification – Social Studies (CEAS)
 Rate – BA – Step 1 - \$45,500 (Pro-rated)
 Effective – 1/2/08 through 5/28/08
 Acct. #11-140-100-101-02-000
- b). Robert H. Matthius, Thorne, Language Arts, Wagner College, BA
 Certification – Elementary (CE)
 Rate – BA – Step 1 - \$45,500 (Pro-rated)
 Effective – 1/2/08 through 6/30/08
 Acct. #11-130-100-101-05-000
- c). Lynn Rizzuto, Secretary to District Director, Secretary – Category 1 (p/t 12 mos),
 Rate – Step 1 - \$20.87/hr
 Effective - 12/20/07 through 6/30/08.
 Acct. #11-000-240-105-22-016
- d). Christopher Wiley, HS South, Science, New Jersey City University, BA
 Certification – Earth Science
 Rate – BA – Step 3 - \$47,495 (Pro-rated)
 Effective – Upon release through 6/30/08
 Acct. #11-140-100-101-02-000

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies (no on #4), Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

- 6). Approval of promotion:
 Kathleen Sullivan, River Plaza, Secretary – Category 1 (10 mos)
 Rate – Step 9 – \$30,679 (Pro-rated)
 Effective – 2/1/08 through 6/30/08
- 7). Approval of salary adjustment, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08:
 Christine Giordano-Mamola, Thorne, Special Education, \$70,510
- 8). Approval of the following to provide input on exploring ways to facilitate general education preschool programs in district, up to 10 hrs each 37.92 (\$2,275.20).
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| Enny, Marian | Froimovitz, Felicia | Jones, Jesemine |
| Merola, Michelle | Schissler, Diane | Shotliff, Cynthia |
| Acct. #11-000-219-104-00-000 | | |
- 9). Approval of the following to conduct a record review for our special education monitoring for State assessment, up to 10 hrs each @ \$37.92 (\$2,654.40).

Ausfresser, Ira	Froimovitz, Felicia	Menache, Sabrina
Merola, Michelle	Pomerantz, Amy	Samuelsen, Bonnie
Schissler, Diane		
Acct. #11-000-219-104-00-000		

- 10). Approval of the following Speech Language Specialists to conduct a record review for our special education monitoring for State assessment, up to 10 hrs each @ \$37.92 (\$1,137.60)

Gent, Susan	Kamaris, Kathleen	Leary, Edna
Acct. #11-000-219-104-00-000		

- 11). Approval of dates of employment adjustment:

- a). Patricia Condon, Secretary to the Superintendent, effective 1/14/08
- b). Delcie Halsey, District Speech Language Specialist, effective 1/2/08
- c). Ellen Kelpsh, Thorne, Guidance, effective 1/9/08
- d). Vincent Esposito, Thorne, Alternative Ed Program, resignation, effective 12/17/07

- 12). Approval of change in assignment, effective 12/20/07- 6/30/08:

Sandra McDermott, Thorne, Alternative Education Program
Acct. #11-130-100-101-32-032

- 13). Approval of Custodial transfers, effective 12/3/07:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Nancy Viccia	Midd Village	Fairview
Jack Mrykalo	Nut Swamp	Midd Village

- 14). Approval of account number change:

Thorne -effective 11/26/07-12/17/07:
Vincent Esposito
Acct. #11-130-100-101-05-000 (83%)/20-231-100-100-08-000 (17%)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 6 through 14**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies (no on #12), Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

- 15). Approval of Special Contracts:

Anne Freiburger	South/Mentor	Step 4	\$2108.20 (pro-rated)
Victor Bayers	South/Pep Band	Step 1	\$3174.00
Serena Weren	South/Choreographer	Step 1	\$1049.00
Acct. #11-401-100-100-02-000			
Regina Schaffer	Baysh/Dept Coord	Step 1	\$1751.20 (pro-rated)
Acct. #11-401-100-100-03-000			
Margaret Hopkins	Elem/Mentor	Step 1	\$ 909.16 (pro-rated)
Acct. #11-401-100-100-20-000			
Karen Vaccarella	Thompson/Softball	Step 3	\$3143.00
Acct. #11-402-100-100-04-011			
<u>Adjustments:</u>			
Danielle Paul	North/Poli Sci	Step 4	\$3274.00
Thomas Romano	South/Poli Sci	Step 4	\$3274.00
<u>Resignations:</u>			
Sandra Vitalo	South/Choreographer		
Peter Isherwood	North/Musical Director		

- 16). Approval of Community Athletic Aides:

Rick Lovato	South & Thompson/Wrestling
John Russoniello	North/Swimming
Brock Silvestri	North/Winter & Spring Track
- 17). Approval of District Mentors in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:11-4: Wendy Morales
- 18). Acknowledgment of placement of student teachers/interns for the Spring semester per the following page.
- 19). Approval of the following to the approved list of Substitute Teachers per the following page.
- 20). Approval of Paraprofessionals per the following conditions of employment as displayed on the following pages.

All Paraprofessional appointments subject to budgetary constraints, enrollments and IEP requirement and may be changed or eliminated during the term of the assignment.

- 21). Approval of Substitute Personnel:

<u>Lunch Paraprofessionals:</u>	<u>Secretaries:</u>	<u>Custodians:</u>
Linda Avena	Ann Curti	Dennis Bulger
Frances Closs		Michael Marinelli
Christine D'Amico		

- 22). Approval of the following Curriculum Committees:
 - (a) Stipend for Local Professional Development Committee for up to 10 hrs each @ \$37.92 (\$1,516.80)

Gail Ritter	Gerry Moore
Nancy O'Connor	Patricia Giordano
 - (b) Biology Curriculum Committee for up to 6 hrs each for meetings @ \$37.92 (\$1,365.12)

Sarah Boyce	Heino Habeck
John Marotta	Suzanne Matisoff
Gerry Moore	Julia Garguilo
 - (c) Communicative Assessment Committee – Spanish I & ½ year Middle School Spanish for up to 10 hrs each @ \$37.92 (\$758.40)

 Beatriz Pelaez-Martinez
 Kimberly Toris
 - (d) Kindergarten Report Card Revision Committee for up to 3 additional hrs (\$796.32)

Suzanne Caruso	Patricia Gilmour
Kara Markiewicz	Paulette Rubino
Phyllis Savio	Tara Smith
Lisa Thompson	
 - (e) Connected Math Training Workshop Planners/ Facilitators for up to 3 hrs at curriculum rate (\$455.04) and 5 hrs at pro-rata rate (\$969.10)

Brendan Hodnett	\$48.03
Maria Lambrinos	\$40.81
John Cholette	\$65.40
Rick DeJaager	\$39.58

 Acct# 11-000-223-110-28-141

- 23). The Superintendent of Schools recommends the termination of employment of Clark McCullough, HS North, Security Guard, effective 11/29/07.

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 15 through 23**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Agin, Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies (no on #23), Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Diorio.

Noes: (0)

14. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Diorio noted that Mrs. Stallmeyer recommended Mrs. Walsh be the chair of the Legislative Committee, and Mrs. Walsh has agreed. Mr. Ryan (Technology) discussed students' voices being heard on the Bayshore pod cast as personally recognizable. Mr. Parton stated it would be safer to include it in the scope of the parental release. Mr. Ryan updated the Board on the elementary school wireless initiative. Mrs. Minnuies discussed the website district calendar, and noted that two district events were scheduled on the same day. Mrs. Minnuies (Negotiations) stated the committee has met with the MTEA and that hopefully some final decisions will be seen in a month or two. Mrs. Agin (Facilities) updated the Board on items discussed at the meeting: elementary HVAC issues requiring fire alarm upgrades, work being done in the H.S. South boys' and girls' locker rooms and the entrance hallway restrooms, proposals have been received for tracks at Thorne M.S. and Bayshore M.S., and a status update on the H.S. North turf project. Mr. Doering reiterated prior events regarding the project: unacceptable repairs on the field; the Board voting to withhold payment until a meeting to ascertain the complete status was held; a meeting was held on November 30th with the professionals involved. Mr. Doering noted a letter was sent to Mondo USA on December 7th, with a diagram of the field where there were concerns and where adjustments were needed. Mr. Doering stated that Mondo USA has acknowledged that issues regarding leveling, grading, damaged track surface, and panel replacements will be addressed. He noted that the Board will meet in closed session after this meeting to discuss this issue. Mrs. Self (Finance) updated the Board on the new State Aid formula affecting this district negatively. She noted that letters will be sent to all Legislators to ask for their support. Mr. Doering explained the new formula and that the district wants to see the actual numbers and methodology used. Mrs. Caminiti (Co-Curricular) discussed health issues and cleanliness, and hot water in the boys' showers. The Board discussed middle school usage of the cinder tracks and the process of feasibility at each location.

15. OLD BUSINESS – no old business.

16. NEW BUSINESS – no new business.

17. OPEN TO PUBLIC

A speaker discussed the cell tower location and RF Emissions Report on the website, and a personnel item.

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. to closed session for the purpose of litigation and attorney/client privilege. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. DOERING
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary