

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

Minutes of the open pre-meeting workshop held Wednesday, May 20, 2009 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: Laura Agin, Dawn Diorio, Michael Donlon, Joan Minnuies, Daniel Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer and Patricia Walsh.

Absent: Leonora Caminiti and Kevin Ryan.

Also Present: Karen Bilbao, William J. Doering, David Healy 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 contracts, negotiations, property leasing and acquisition, litigation, and personnel. The board will be discussing contracts with the YMCA, an employment search agency, the Business Administrator and Assistant Superintendent contracts, property leasing and acquisition for school use, negotiations issues with the MTEA, and personnel matters. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. CALL TO ORDER – Reopening of Workshop Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

6. ROLL CALL

Present: Leonora Caminiti, Dawn Diorio, Michael Donlon, Joan Minnuies, Kevin Ryan, Daniel Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer, Patricia Walsh and Laura Agin.

Absent: No absentees.

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

7. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009/10 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

Sherry Gevarter spoke on the contracts.

The Board came to a consensus that Mr. Parton will clarify the wording in the final sentence of paragraph seven in each contract regarding compensation.

9. THIRTY MINUTE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Sherry Gevarter discussed contract attachments.

10. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Agin stated that items on the agenda include recognition of Teachers of the Year, and voting on the YMCA contract. Mrs. Agin also noted that the Township has approached the board regarding installing artificial turf at Thompson and Thorne Middle School fields and stated that Township members have been invited to the Board meeting on May 27th for a public presentation. The board discussed notifying the public about the presentation.

11. WORKSHOP AENDA

Mrs. Bilbao and Mr. Doering reviewed items on the upcoming agenda of May 27th (attached). Mr. Doering discussed the state aid payment and noted that the state is deferring the second to last and the last payments of the year to the district.

Mrs. Bilbao discussed a planned meeting for parents regarding drug use, the search for an assistant superintendent, and the QSAC performance report plan with an update by Victa McKenzie.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Agin (Facilities) stated that the committee met yesterday and discussed installing boilers in six schools using contingency funds, roadwork at New Monmouth School during the summer, additional parking at Bayshore M.S., and a preliminary plan to move central office to space on the second floor at Bayshore M.S. Mrs. Stallmeyer (Student Services) stated the committee discussed substitute nurses, and a planned meeting to discuss ARRA funds and spending. Mrs. Caminiti (Co-Curricular) reported discussion on student clubs, the pool, baseball fields, monetary allocations for extracurricular activities, and season passes. Mr. Skelton (Policy) discussed upcoming policies for the agenda and the upcoming seminar held by Strauss Esmay. Mrs. Agin questioned the policy regarding school closings on days of sporting events. This discussion will be brought to the policy committee. Mr. Ryan (Technology) stated the committee discussed the student information systems and summer technology work. Mrs. Minnuies (Legislative) reported on the NJSBA Delegate Assembly where discussion centered on spending of stimulus money. Mrs. Walsh (Personnel) discussed the committee of the whole meeting which included the topics of the assistant superintendent search and job description, the district director position, and the HSS principal interview.

13. OLD BUSINESS – no old business.**14. NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Walsh discussed a new legislative bill for coverage by insurance companies of autism treatment and asked for this item to be discussed in the legislative committee. Mrs. Minnuies discussed viewing the anti-bullying program at Leonardo E.S. and noted her disagreement with the contents being shown to fourth graders. Mrs. Bilbao stated that situations called for direct attention to be paid to the serious consequences of bullying at Leonardo E.S. An Affective Education Committee will be formed that will address the methods and resources used to address bullying problems district wide.

15. ADJOURN – At 10:10 p.m. motion made and seconded to adjourn the workshop meeting to closed session for matters of confidential student information. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. DOERING
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

