

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

Minutes of the open pre-meeting workshop held Wednesday, September 16, 2009 in the High School North Library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey.

1. CALL TO ORDER – At 6:40 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, Leonora Caminiti, Dawn Diorio, Michael Donlon, Joan Minnuies, Daniel Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer and Patricia Walsh.

Absent: Kevin Ryan.

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

4. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. motion made and seconded to adjourn to closed session for matters of personnel, school property security, student discipline, attorney/client privileged information, and litigation. The board will be discussing security issues on school fields, pending expulsion hearing, health status of several employees, litigation with Dr. Witmer, vacant Assistant Superintendent position, the Superintendent’s duties, and the proposed shared services agreement with the Township. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. CALL TO ORDER – Reopening of Workshop Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

6. ROLL CALL

Present: Leonora Caminiti, Dawn Diorio, Michael Donlon, Joan Minnuies, Kevin Ryan (arr. 7:30 p.m.), 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. RE-READING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

9. PRESENTATION – Dr. Cartier and Dr. Shallop – Professional Staff Development and Student Opportunity Initiatives

10. THIRTY MINUTE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Sherry Gevarter discussed the presentation by Dr. Cartier and Dr. Shallop.
Scott Kirschner discussed the Township’s proposal for turf fields.

11. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

12. WORKSHOP AGENDA

Mrs. Bilbao and Mr. Doering reviewed items on the upcoming agenda of September 23rd (attached).

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Diorio (Curriculum) noted that the committee discussed board commendations, AP exams, National Honor Society requirements, guidance department plans, report cards, DRA student folders and assessments, summer programs, and test results. Mrs. Agin (Facilities) stated that the committee was updated on New Monmouth Road roadwork, elementary school boilers, Thompson M.S. soccer field, school use permits, district vandalism, and the 5-year long range facilities plan. Mrs. Agin reviewed the meeting with the Township regarding their synthetic turf proposal followed by board discussion.

Board Consensus Board consensus to abandon the entire Township proposal concept: Ayes (4)—Caminiti, Donlon, Ryan, Skelton; Noes (5)—Diorio, Minnuies, Stallmeyer, Walsh, Agin.

Board Consensus Board consensus to reoffer Nut Swamp E.S. fields only as a site and take Thorne M.S. and Thompson M.S. off the table, subject to the Good Neighbor policy: Ayes (5)—Caminiti, Diorio, Skelton, Stallmeyer, Agin; Noes (4)—Donlon, Minnuies, Ryan, Walsh. Mr. Parton will correspond with the Township on this decision.

Mrs. Stallmeyer (Student Services) reported that the committee discussed the success of the extended school year program, core-plus-more, a proposed lending library, formulating a parent information packet, the REBEL program, Superintendent’s roundtable meeting, and the Special Olympics program. Mrs. Minnuies discussed the HSN field cheerleader uniforms. Mr. Skelton (Policy) stated that policies 4321, 3321 and 8760 on the agenda are being pulled awaiting language clarification. Mrs. Walsh (Legislative) stated that next month the committee will discuss possible changes to the state aid formula. Mrs. Walsh (Personnel) noted that the committee discussed the agenda items, reviewed middle school activity stipends, and in-service for regular substitutes.

14. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Bilbao gave an update on the biology labs: at H.S. South there are 27 labs ranging in size from 13 to 26 students; at H.S. North there are 25 labs ranging in size from 18 to 29 students. Mr. Healy updated the board on the status of the alumni directory. Mrs. Bilbao noted that this may provide information about student internships and possibly corporate sponsorships.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Minnuies discussed the handing out of employment applications in the administration building for unposted positions. Mr. Healy reviewed the new sub caller system.

16. ADJOURN – At 11:45 p.m. motion made and seconded to adjourn the workshop meeting to closed session to discuss responsibilities of the Superintendent. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. DOERING
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary