

MINUTES OF THE PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 18, 2012

Time and Place Of Meeting: Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the pre-meeting workshop was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in the High School North library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – at 6:35 p.m. the pre-meeting workshop was called to order.

2. **SUNSHINE NOTICE** - *“Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending such notice to the Asbury Park Press, the Middletown PATCH, the Middletown Township Public Schools District website, 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: Chris Aveta, Leonora Caminiti, James Cody, Michael Donlon, Sue Griffin, Gerald Wexelberg and Joan Minnuies.

Absent: Vincent Brand and Michael Mascone.

Also Present: William George, Amy Gallagher and Christopher Parton, Esq.

4. **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 6:38 p.m. motion made by Mrs. Caminiti and seconded by Mr. Donlon to adjourn to closed session for matters of personnel and building safety issues. The Board will be discussing: interviews for the District Director of Curriculum, Central Office staffing, and radon testing on Board property.

5. **CALL TO ORDER AND RE-READING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE** – Reconvene Workshop Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

7. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chris Aveta, Vincent Brand, Leonora Caminiti, James Cody, Michael Donlon, Sue Griffin, Michael Mascone, Jerry Wexelberg and Joan Minnuies.

Absent:

Also Present: William George, Amy Gallagher and Christopher Parton, Esq.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following members of the public spoke:

- Kathleen Perrotta discussed River Plaza classroom space.
- Vera Piasecki discussed organizational chart, Social Behavior Support Specialists and transition into kindergarten.
- Sara Cruz discussed a program to help homeless teenagers, “jeans for teens.”

Dr. George discussed the Social Behavior Support Specialist impact in the classroom, and will speak more on this topic, the multi age program and kindergarten retention at the Special Education meeting on January 23rd.

9. **REPORTS**

A. Report of the President – Mrs. Minnuies opened discussion on the new law allowing districts to move their elections to November rather than April, taking away the public vote on the budget and keeping the cap under 2%. Mr. Parton stated that if a resolution is made to move the election to November that the Board must stand by the decision for four years by law. This will extend the period for board candidacy from June through the November election. The new Board members will be sworn in at the January Board Meeting. The Board discussed the cost savings to the district (approximately \$40,000), and the benefits to the students by not having a defeated budget. If the budget exceeds the 2% cap, it will have to go on the November ballot for a public vote, along with referendums and any second questions for supplemental items to the budget. The Board unanimously supports this resolution.

B. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Mrs. Gallagher noted items for approval on the voting meeting agenda.

C. Report of the Superintendent**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS – updates were given by the chairperson from recent committee meetings and upcoming agenda items:**

- A. Curriculum Committee (Sue Griffin, Chairperson).
- B. Finance Committee (Chris Aveta, Chairperson).
- C. Policy Committee (Vincent Brand, Chairperson).
- D. Co-Curricular/Athletic Committee (Jerry Wexelberg, Chairperson).
- E. Negotiations Committee (TBD, Chairperson). Mrs. Minnuies reported that a meeting will take place on February 2 with a fact finder and the Union.
- F. Facilities Committee (Michael Mascone, Chairperson).
- G. Student Services Committee (Joan Minnuies, Chairperson). Committee did not meet in January, however, there was a 3 hour meeting with Student Services Parent Leader groups to work on the high school redesign at High School South.
- H. Technology Committee (Michael Donlon, Chairperson).
- I. Personnel Committee (Leonora Caminiti, Chairperson). Committee to meet on 1/19/12 for a final round of interviews for the Personnel Director.

11. OLD BUSINESS – Mrs. Minnuies discussed the appointment of Cindy Wilson to sit on the Middletown Township Public Library Board, and Patricia Vari-Cartier on the Cultural Arts Board. There was discussion on bringing student commendations back to the Board Meetings to better recognize their accomplishments, and having a representative from each of the schools take turns coming to the Board Meetings to give an update of their school to the community. There will be a Shared Services meeting with the Township in the near future.

12. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN - Motion made by Chris Aveta and seconded by Mike Mascone at 9:37 p.m. to adjourn the pre-meeting workshop. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy P. Gallagher
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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