

MINUTES OF THE PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP  
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 21, 2012

Time and Place Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the pre-meeting workshop was held  
Of Meeting: on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, in the High School North library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – at 6:45 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: Vincent Brand, Leonora Caminiti, James Cody, Sue Griffin and Joan Minnuies.

Absent: Chris Aveta, Michael Donlon, Michael Mascone and Gerald Wexelberg.

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

4. **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 6:46 p.m. motion made by Mrs. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Brand to adjourn to closed session for matters of personnel, contracts and negotiations. The Board will be discussing personnel discipline and fitness-for-duty issues; MTEA negotiations, Middle School graduation, and revisions to the 2012-2013 school calendar.

5. **CALL TO ORDER AND RE-READING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE** – Reconvene Workshop Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

6. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Michael Donlon and Michael Mascone

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

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following members of the public spoke:

- Karen Antone commented on social skills and vocational training for special needs students, and high school track.
- John Bennett commented on 2012 graduation dates.
- Vera Piasecki commented on 2012-2013 school calendar.
- Kathy Altland commented on the National History Bowl entrance fee.
- Sherry Gevarter commented on national competition policy.

9. **REPORTS**

**A. Report of the President** – Mrs. Minnuies discussed the Public Hearing for the budget at the Regular Voting Meeting on March 27. Checks for the Great Race will be distributed at the March voting meeting.

**B. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary** – Financial reports will be available next week for the month of February.

**C. Report of the Superintendent** – Dr. George discussed the 2012-2013 school calendar. The first day for students will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>, allowing teaching staff to have September 4-7 for professional development. This will allow teachers to implement district initiatives and goals, meet State requirements and student needs, and ensure all students are provided a high, consistent level of teaching for successful learning. Dr. George stated that the MTEA was involved in the process of determining the professional development dates. It was also reported that changes will be made from delayed openings to early dismissals because of safety concerns for the students. Also

discussed were changes to the BOE Meeting schedule. The Board discussed having all Workshop meetings fall on the third Wednesday, and the Voting meeting will fall on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning in August.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Curriculum Committee (Sue Griffin, Chairperson) Committee to meet on 3/26/12.
- B. Finance Committee (Chris Aveta, Chairperson) Mr. Aveta discussed minutes of the 3/20/12 meeting.
- C. Policy Committee (Vincent Brand, Chairperson) Mr. Brand discussed minutes of the 3/21/12 meeting.
- D. Co-Curricular/Athletic Committee (Jerry Wexelberg, Chairperson) Mr. Wexelberg discussed minutes of the 3/20/12 meeting.
- E. Negotiations Committee (TBD, Chairperson) Mrs. Minnuies reported that a possible update will be available at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Voting Meeting.
- F. Facilities Committee (Michael Mascone, Chairperson) Mrs. Gallagher discussed minutes of the 3/12/12 meeting.
- G. Student Services Committee (Joan Minnuies, Chairperson) Mrs. Minnuies discussed minutes of the 3/13/12 meeting.
- H. Technology Committee (Michael Donlon, Chairperson) Committee to meet on 3/26/12.
- I. Personnel Committee (Leonora Caminiti, Chairperson) Committee to meet on 3/21/12 .

11. OLD BUSINESS – Mrs. Minnuies discussed having budget information made available to the public.

12. NEW BUSINESS – The Board discussed 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN - Motion made by Vincent Brand and seconded by Sue Griffin at 10:00 p.m. to adjourn the pre-meeting workshop and go into executive session to discuss negotiations aspects of the 12 month calendar and a confidential student matter. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy P. Gallagher  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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