

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
August T. Miner Administrative Offices
834 Leonardville Road
Leonardo, New Jersey 07737

Minutes of the open Pre-meeting Workshop and Special Voting Meeting held Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in the August T. Miner Administrative Offices, Professional Development Center, 834 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, New Jersey.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:30 p.m. the Workshop/Special Voting 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, Michael Mascone, Joan Minnuies, Dan Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer and Michael Donlon.
Absent: Chris Aveta, Vincent Brand and Kevin Ryan.
Also Present: Karen Bilbao, Superintendent, Amy Gallagher, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Christopher Parton, Esq., Board Attorney.

4. **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:35 p.m. motion made by Mr. Mascone and seconded by Mr. Skelton to adjourn to closed session for matters of personnel and negotiations. The Board will be discussing: Administrative appointment recommendations, the transfer of a teaching staff member, an MTEA sick leave bank request, a disciplinary matter regarding a custodian, the Interim Superintendent's contract, and the Superintendent's resignation.

5. **CALL TO ORDER** – Reconvene Workshop Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

6. **RE-READING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE**

7. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Laura Agin, Chris Aveta, Michael Mascone, Joan Minnuies, Dan Skelton, Rose Stallmeyer and Michael Donlon.
Absent: Vincent Brand and Kevin Ryan
Also Present: Karen Bilbao, Amy Gallagher, James Stefankiewicz and Christopher Parton, Esq.

8. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

9. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** – for Andrew Newfeld, Thompson Middle School Science Teacher.

10. **CALL OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** – Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Middletown, in the County of Monmouth, as follows:

- 1) The annual election of the legal voters of this school district shall be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. Polls will remain open until 9:00 o'clock p.m. or as long as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and to cast their ballots.
- 2) The rate of pay for election workers shall be \$14.29 per hour including one-half hour before the polls open and one-half hour after the polls close for workers to prepare for and complete their work.
- 3) Each voting district shall be allotted \$25 for the pick-up and return of the registration books

11. **THIRTY MINUTE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

No speakers.

12. **SPECIAL VOTING MEETING**

A. Approval of agreement for employment of Interim Superintendent of Schools – Attachment # SVM-1

Motion made by Mrs. Agin, seconded by Mr. Skelton for approval of item A. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Agin, Mr. Aveta, Mr. Mascone, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Stallmeyer and Mr. Donlon.
 Noes: (0) –

13. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- 1) Workshop presentation by Dr. Russell Kormann, Director of Rutgers University Behavioral Support Team, who directs the district's Project NSTM (Natural Setting Therapeutic Management) that provides the district with social skills support for students. Dr. Kormann reported on the progress with the Project.
- 2) Workshop Meeting Discussion: 2011 Graduation Venue – since the January Facilities Committee Meeting was postponed, the 2011 graduation venue will be discussed after the committee meeting on February 7th. Further cost analysis is needed before discussing venue options.
- 3) Workshop Meeting Update: Cost Analysis for Proposed Administrative changes at Thompson Middle School and High Schools. Mrs. Bilbao discussed the Thompson Middle School Principal vacancy, and the consideration of Anne Facendo to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Facendo's experience in curriculum and having first hand oversight to the LEADS Program are added benefits to this recommendation. Additionally, Mrs. Bilbao proposed that the high school literacy and math coach positions be restructured into a supervisory capacity. Lastly, with the potential District Director of Humanities vacancy, it is proposed that an Assistant Principal of Guidance at High School South position be reinstated. These proposals will not add any positions, but maintain the existing number of positions in the district. Mrs. Bilbao discussed the impact that the loss of the middle school Student Assistance Coordinators has had to the district, due to the budget defeat in 2010, and the recommendation to add one Student Assistance Coordinator position for use at Bayshore, Thompson and Thorne Middle Schools.

14. TWENTY MINUTE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

The following members of the public spoke:

- o Vera Piasecki commented on therapy services.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Technology Committee (*Kevin Ryan, Chairperson*) Next meeting 2/8/11
- B. Curriculum Committee (*Daniel Skelton, Chairperson*)
- C. Finance Committee (*Christopher Aveta, Chairperson*) Next meeting 1/24/11
- D. Policy Committee (*Vincent Brand, Chairperson*) Next meeting 1/24/11
- E. Negotiations Committee (*Michael Donlon, Chairperson*)
- F. Facilities Committee (*Michael Mascone, Chairperson*) Mr. Mascone discussed 2011 graduation venues. Next meeting 2/7/11.
- G. Student Services Committee (*Rose Stallmeyer, Chairperson*) Next meeting 2/9/11
- H. Personnel Committee (*Laura Agin, Chairperson*) Next meeting 1/24/11
- I. Co-Curricular/Athletic Committee (*Joan Minnuies, Chairperson*) Next meeting 2/7/11


16. OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

17. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 10:15 p.m. motion made by Dan Skelton and seconded by Michael Mascone to adjourn to executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy P. Gallagher
 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary