

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

Minutes of the open Pre-meeting Workshop Meeting held Wednesday, March 16, 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 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, Vincent Brand, Joan Minnuies, Rose Stallmeyer and Michael Donlon.
Absent: Chris Aveta, Michael Mascone and Mr. Ryan.
Also Present: Thomas Pagano, Amy Gallagher and Christopher Parton, Esq.

4. **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:35 p.m. motion made by Mr. Brand and seconded by Mrs. Agin to adjourn to closed session for matters of personnel and negotiations. The Board will be discussing: health insurance information for negotiations, a sick leave bank request, a personnel discipline matter, solar energy contracts, and superintendent search.

5. **CALL TO ORDER** – Reconvene Workshop Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

8. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** – for former graduates, Jonathan William Hendler (2005) and Paul Bradley (2010).

9. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Laura Agin, Chris Aveta, Vincent Brand, Joan Minnuies, Rose Stallmeyer and Michael Donlon.
Absent: Michael Mascone and Kevin Ryan.
Also Present: Thomas Pagano, Amy Gallagher and Christopher Parton, Esq.

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

The following members of the public spoke:

- o Dawn Diorio discussed budget hearing and graduation dates.
- o Sharon Zeveney discussed Harmony preschool playground.
- o Stephanie Cartier discussed the Rutgers behavioral program.

Interim Superintendent, Tom Pagano, read letter of March 14, 2011 from IMPACT/VOICES to Mr. Pagano and Board Members. (Letter attached.)

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Technology Committee** (*Kevin Ryan, Chairperson*) Mr. Donlon reported on the items from the 3/8/11 committee meeting. Dr. Cantillo conducted a power point presentation on Power School Parent Portals.
- B. **Curriculum Committee** (*Rose Stallmeyer, Chairperson*) Mrs. Stallmeyer reported on items from the 3/10/11 committee meeting. Mr. Stefankiewicz announced that on March 11, 2011 Middletown School District was named an "Advanced Placement AP Achievement District Honor Roll recipient for 2011" by the College Board. Middletown was one of 388 districts nationwide to receive this distinction, based on the success and efforts to expand AP access, performance and commitment to increasing student achievement.
- C. **Finance Committee** (*Christopher Aveta, Chairperson*) Mr. Aveta announced that the Finance Committee Meeting will be held on 3/21/11.

- D. **Policy Committee** (*Vincent Brand, Chairperson*) Mr. Brand announced that the Policy Committee Meeting will be held on 3/21/11.
- E. **Negotiations Committee** (*Michael Donlon, Chairperson*) No public update at this time.
- F. **Facilities Committee** (*Michael Mascone, Chairperson*) Mrs. Minnuies reported on the items of the 3/7/11 committee meeting.
- G. **Student Services Committee** (*Rose Stallmeyer, Chairperson*) Mrs. Stallmeyer reported on items from the 3/15/11 committee meeting. It was announced that the new preschool class opened on March 15th and there will be a lottery for tuition students on 3/24/11. Tuition for the 2011-12 school year will be \$300/month. Mrs. Stallmeyer also discussed the redesign of the life skills vocational room at High School South and health curriculum.
- H. **Personnel Committee** (*Laura Agin, Chairperson*) The next committee meeting is scheduled for 3/22/11.
- I. **Co-Curricular/Athletic Committee** (*Joan Minnuies, Chairperson*) Mrs. Minnuies commented on budget items and discussed agenda items from the committee meeting minutes.

12. **OLD BUSINESS** – no old business.

13. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mrs. Minnuies discussed Great Race funding.

15. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At 9:00 p.m. motion made by Vincent Brand and seconded by Michael Donlon to adjourn the workshop meeting and return to executive session for matters of personnel and negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy P. Gallagher
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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March 14, 2011

Thomas M. Pagano: Superintendent of Schools
Members of the Board of Education
Middletown Township Public Schools
834 Leonardville Road, 2nd Floor
Leonardo, NJ 07737

Dear Mr. Pagano and Board Members:

We represent the two Parent groups noted above that support the efforts of the administration relative to students in our district with special needs. We meet periodically with key Education officials to join forces in the effort to ensure that the administration is kept up to date with the suggestions and observations of parents throughout the district.

Over the years, we have assisted in various ways with layout, implementation, and maintenance of several different types of programs and personnel changes as they concern our children. By the time you read this, the Board will be well along in the throes of budget consideration, with the unenviable task of choosing from amongst several apparently well deserving programs to fund from a finite source.

Our intention in writing today is to encourage you to commit the appropriate funding in order to continue with the Rutgers University-based Social & Behavioral modification program that has been recently instituted in all our schools. Dr. Russell Kormann and his associate members have teamed up with key school staff members to get this program off to a good, solid start.

It is our understanding that Dr. Kormann has presented the Administration with a cost proposal designed to continue the program into its next phase. Certainly, it is our considered opinion (a view that is shared by the Special Services team) that the program has already made a significant positive impact, and is well deserving of the resources necessary to continue as originally conceived by its benefactors.

Taking the long term view, simply put, we feel strongly that the absence of proper funding, training, and further development of this program now will result in it being consigned to the scrap heap of "great ideas that ended abruptly". To avoid such an ignominious fate, we would encourage you to throw your support, as we have whole-heartedly done, behind the continuation of the Social/Behavioral program.

We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Antone, Stephanie Cartier – VOICES / Stephanie Kalinoski, Paul Pedretti - IMPACT

cc: Rose Stallmeyer, Judy Terry, Dorothy McMullen