

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the Special Voting meeting was held in person on Monday, May 15, 2023 in the Library at Middletown High School North, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ.

1. **6:00 PM Student Recognition - High School North Auditorium**
2. **Call to Order by the Board President and Reading of the Sunshine Announcement at 7:00 p.m.**
"Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending such notice to the Asbury Park Press, The Middletown Patch, and the Middletown Twp. Public Schools District Website and the posting of such notice at the August T. Miner Administrative Offices and each elementary, middle, and secondary school website in the district".
3. **Roll Call**
Present: Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Barry Heffernan, Joan Minnuies, Gary Tulp, Deborah Wright, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone
Absent:
Also Present: Mary Ellen Walker, Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.
4. **Resolution for Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. – Motion made by Mrs. Tobacco, seconded by Mrs. Caminiti to go into executive session for; HIB and personnel matters. Motion carried on a voice vote.**
5. **Call to Order by the Board President and Re-Reading of Sunshine Notice at 8:39 p.m.**
6. **Roll Call**
Present: Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Barry Heffernan, Joan Minnuies, Gary Tulp, Deborah Wright, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone
Absent:
Also present: Mary Walker, Amy Doherty, and Bruce Padula, Esq.
7. **Pledge of Allegiance**
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - limited to thirty minutes**
9. **Proclamation**
Special Education Week in New Jersey
WHEREAS, 234,000 children receive special education instruction in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, more than 15,000 special needs children are enrolled in preschool and early intervention programs in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, thousands of parents, teachers, child study team members and school administrators give generously of their time and energy to support the learning needs of special education students; and
WHEREAS, since 1985, New Jersey has proclaimed the second week in May each year as Special Education Week in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the theme for Special Education Week 2023 is "Creating a Better World;" and
WHEREAS, the public school districts of New Jersey make a major contribution to the public welfare by preparing thousands of exceptional persons to participate as citizens of this state and as members of society;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Middletown Township Board of Education recognizes the students who have worked so hard and accomplished so much; and thanks their parents and educators, who have provided support to these children and continue to look for ways to improve our schools to promote the achievement of ALL students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Middletown Township Board of Education proclaims May14 - May 20, 2023 as Special Education Week in the Middletown Township Public Schools.

10. Reports

A. Report of the President

B. Report of the Superintendent

- 1) The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of 2023-2024 Organization Chart.

Motion made by Mrs. Farley, seconded by Mrs. Tobacco for approval of **item #10B1**. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (7) Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Gary Tulp, Deborah Wright, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone
Noes: (2) Barry Heffernan, Joan Minnuies

11. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Personnel (*Patrick Rinella*)

- 1) Approval of Retirements:
 - a. Richard Decker – Mathematics, HS North effective 7/1/23
 - b. Regina MacLane – Paraprofessional, New Monmouth effective 7/1/23
- 2) Approval of Resignations:
 - a. Daria Del Prete – Substitute Nurse, District effective 7/1/23
 - b. Chelsea Kacmarsky – Guidance Counselor, Thorne effective 7/1/23
 - c. Michelle Kane – Substitute Nurse, District effective 7/1/23
 - d. Michael Keenan – Paraprofessional, HS South effective 5/6/23
 - e. Lois Marr – Substitute Security Guard, District effective 4/26/23
 - f. Terrance Morales – Paraprofessional, Ocean Avenue effective 6/10/23
 - g. Frank Morris – Paraprofessional, HS South effective 7/1/23
 - h. Christopher Niles – Security Guard (Only), Nut Swamp effective 7/1/23
 - i. Danielle Spruell – Substitute Nurse, District effective 7/1/23
 - j. Anthony Stanziale – Mathematics/SpEd, Bayshore effective 5/18/23
 - k. Rose Whelan – Substitute Nurse, District effective 7/1/23
 - l. Anne Wiggins – Grade 3, Lincroft effective 7/1/23
- 3) Approval of Adjustment of Salary, Assignment, and/or Dates of Employment:
 - a. Matthew DiVilio – Maintenance Mechanic, District
Salary: \$49,249 (pro-rated)
Effective: 3/15/23 – 6/30/23
- 4) Approval of Leave of Absence:
 - a. Angkhana Chooprayoon – Paraprofessional, Lincroft effective:
4/27/23 – 5/2/23 – unpaid leave
 - b. Maryanne Clark – Paraprofessional, Bayview effective:
4/10/23 – 5/1/23 – paid leave
5/2/23 – 6/2/23 – unpaid leave
 - c. Louis Kaplan – Night Facilities Worker, HS North effective:
5/2/23 – 5/12/23 – paid leave
5/13/23 – 6/4/23 – unpaid by District, Federal Leave Act

- d. Donna Pilieri – Paraprofessional, HS South effective:
5/3/23 – 5/26/23 – paid leave
5/27/23 – 6/6/23 – unpaid leave
- 5) Approval to Adjustment of Leave of Absence:
 - a. Catherine Smith – Paraprofessional, Bayshore effective:
4/12/23 – 4/25/23 (½) – paid leave
4/25/23 (½) – 5/11/23 – unpaid leave
- 6) Approval of Increase, Decrease, and/or Transfer of Assignment:
 - a. Allyson Vilanova
From: Co-Teacher - Harmony
To: Grade 5 – Harmony
Effective: 5/15/23 – 6/30/23
- 7) Approval for the following staff members to be compensated for additional teaching blocks as assigned for the 2022-2023 school year (*Hourly rates subject to adjustment per negotiation*):

High School – 80 minutes of class instruction and 27 minutes of preparation per 80 minutes of instruction for each additional teaching block assigned.

Joanne Deignan – \$95.13 per hour effective 5/5/23
 Michele Martino – \$63.01 per hour effective 5/4/23
 Jennifer Shafer – \$85.14 per hour effective 5/5/23
 Shawn Swingle – \$81.27 per hour effective 5/4/23
 Tyler Tomanek – \$57.53 per hour effective 5/4/23

Middle School – 60 minutes of class instruction and 15 minutes of preparation per 60 minutes of instruction for each additional teaching block assigned.

Alyssa Cuttrell – \$65.67 per hour effective 4/27/23
 Kimberly Toris – \$87.52 per hour effective 4/27/23

- 8) Approval of the following students to participate in the MTPS Summer Internship Program at an hourly rate of \$14.13 per hour:
 - a. Gary Albero
 - b. Aaron Chang
 - c. Logan Corvisiero
 - d. Gianna DeSerio
 - e. Stefan Gerin
 - f. Jacob Gutsin
 - g. Nicholas Murphy
 - h. Matthew Tujague
- 9) Approval of Sick Bank:
 - a. Employee # 10848
 - b. Employee # 4100
 - c. Employee # 7199
- 10) Approval of Job Descriptions:
 - a. District Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Attachment HR 1
 - b. District Director of Human Resources – Attachment HR 2

- c. Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction (PK-12) – Attachment HR 3
- d. Supervisor of School Counseling and Mental Health Services – Attachment HR 4
- e. Supervisor of Special Education (PK-12) – Attachment HR 5
- f. Supervisor of Student Support Services – Attachment HR 6

11) Approval of Reemployment of Staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel – Attachment HR 7
- b. Administrators – Attachment HR 8
- c. Certificated Staff – Attachment HR 9
- d. Secretarial Staff – Attachment HR 10
- e. Facilities Staff – Attachment HR 11

12) Approval of Security Guards and Substitute Personnel for the 2023-2024 School Year –
Attachment HR 12

Motion made by Mrs. Tobacco, seconded by Mrs. Farley for approval of **item #11A1-12**. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (9) Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Barry Heffernan, Joan Minnuies, Gary Tulp, Deborah Wright, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone

Noes: (1) Joan Minnuies (10)

12. Old Business

13. New Business


- Mrs. Caminiti requested details on the social studies curriculum covering 9/11.
- Mrs. Minnuies announced various district events.

14. Public Comment - limited to thirty minutes

- Mark Saporowski commented on staffing with the recommendation to replace supervisors with additional teachers to provide full year art and music instruction in elementary schools. Mr. Saporowski also commented on email communication from the state to the district regarding the teacher whose license was revoked.
- Jack Canning commented on communication from the state to the district regarding the teacher whose license was revoked.
- Joseph Valentino commented on the cancellation of the High School South track team's participation in the Penn Relays.

15. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. – motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mrs. Tobacco to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy P. Doherty

APD/tn
May 19, 2023