

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL NORTH LIBRARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 7:00 PM
PUBLIC MEETING APPROXIMATELY 8:00 PM**



Middletown Township Board of Education

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Superintendent of Schools

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Mission Statement

The Middletown Township Public School District will work as a united community to empower each student by providing an engaging, inclusive, and safe educational environment. The District will utilize available resources, responsibly and effectively, to enable students to reach their full potential as life-long learners and responsible citizens. The District will encourage students to develop their imagination and creativity, aspire to greatness, value diverse perspectives, and demonstrate cultural competence as global citizens to prepare for future academic, career, and personal success.

Guidelines for Public Comment

Please remember this is a public meeting. Anything you say will be a public record. As a result, pursuant to law, the Board of Education cannot respond to you publicly concerning certain matters, such as those regarding an individual student. If there is a matter that you wish to remain private concerning personnel or students, please contact the Superintendent's office. Public comment periods shall also be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the Board President or presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, address or municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to THREE minutes' duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the Board President and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member; and
5. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred by the Board to the Superintendent's office for consideration and later response. A participant may be asked to submit such questions in written format.

Code of Ethics for School Board Members (Statute 18A:12-24.1):

- I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

1. **6:30 PM Student Recognition - High School North Ice Hockey Team**
2. **7:00 PM Opening of Meeting - Call to Order by Board Secretary and Reading of the Sunshine Announcement:**
“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 in the district”.
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Resolution for Executive Session**
5. **Call to Order by the Board President and Re-Reading of Sunshine Announcement**
6. **Roll Call**
7. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
 - *With sadness, we share that Jacqueline Hickey passed away on February 24. Mrs. Hickey served the district as a secretary at Thompson Middle School for 25 years and retired in 2010. We extend our deepest condolences to the Hickey family.*
8. **Presentations**
 - 2023-2024 Tentative Budget
9. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - limited to thirty minutes**
10. **Tentative Budget**

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2023-2024 School Year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2023-2024 Total Expenditures	\$181,276,081	\$4,613,580	\$6,483,705	\$192,373,366
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$25,438,205	\$4,613,580	\$1,258,800	\$31,310,585
Taxes to be Raised	\$155,837,876	-0-	\$5,224,905	\$161,062,781

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Middletown Township Board of Education located at Middletown High School North on April 25, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED, that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$154,000 for other capital project costs of \$154,000. The total cost of this project is \$154,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Board of Education established \$150,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 34,890 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$150,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Public Comment - *limited to thirty minutes*

14. Motion to Adjourn