

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 7:00 PM - PUBLIC MEETING**



Middletown Township Board of Education

Leonora Caminiti

Frank Capone

Michael Donlon

Kate Farley

H. Barry Heffernan

John Little

Joan Minnuies

Jacqueline Tobacco

Deborah Wright

Mary Ellen Walker
Superintendent of Schools

Amy P. Doherty, CPA
Business Administrator / Board Secretary

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. 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”.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

- *Abby Dunn, a student in the High School South Multiple Disabilities program, passed away on January 3 after a long battle with medical issues. We extend our deepest condolences to the Dunn family.*

3. Election Results and Announcement of New Board Members/Term of Office - Amy P. Doherty

- Kate Farley 2022-2024 (3 year term)
- Joan Minnuies 2022-2024 (3 year term)
- Deborah Wright 2022-2024 (3 year term)

4. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Member

5. Roll Call - Current Board Members/Term of Office *(Non-voting item; Informational purposes only)*

Kate Farley	2022-2024
Joan Minnuies	2022-2024
Deborah Wright	2022-2024
Frank Capone	2021-2023
H. Barry Heffernan	2021-2023
Jacqueline Tobacco	2021-2023
Leonora Caminiti	2020-2022
Michael Donlon	2020-2022
John Little	2020-2022

6. Nomination and Election of President

7. Board Secretary Turns Meeting over to New President - *(President takes over meeting)*

8. Nomination and Election of Vice-President

9. Approval of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule - Attachment Reorg-1

10. Superintendent’s Report

- 1) CDC Recommendations for COVID Isolation Protocols.

11. Public Comment – *(Limited to thirty minutes)*

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment of the Reorganization Meeting