

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP/REGULAR VOTING MEETING
MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 7:00 PM
PUBLIC MEETING APPROXIMATELY 8:00 PM**



Middletown Township Board of Education

**Joan Minnuies, President
Frank Capone, Vice-President
Leonora Caminiti
Michael Donlon
Thomas Giaimo
H. Barry Heffernan
John Little
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, in partnership with our resourceful and historically rich community, provides students with a rigorous and relevant education, rooted in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, motivating them to recognize and develop their full potential as responsible citizens, contributing to an ever-evolving global society.

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, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should 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 which 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 which 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. But, 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 schools.
- 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 such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

1. **7:00 p.m. Call to Order by the Board President 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 website in the district”.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Resolution for Executive Session**
4. **Call to Order by the Board President and Re-Reading of Sunshine Announcement**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
 - *Michael DeOliveira, a sophomore at High School South passed away on December 4. Michael will be missed by all who knew him. The Board of Education and the entire school community extend our deepest condolences to the DeOliveira family.*
7. **Student Speakers**
 - High School North - Sophia Haber-Brock
 - High School South - Stephanie Buchsbaum
8. **Presentation**
 - Award of Gratitude to Outgoing Board Members
 - Thomas Giaimo
9. **American Rescue Plan - ESSER Safe Return Plan Six Month Review**
 - Quarantine protocols
 - Employee Covid testing
10. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Legislative(Frank Capone/Mary Ellen Walker)
 - 1) Informational items
 - B. Technology (Michael Donlon/David Siwiak)
 - 1) Informational items
 - C. Student Services (Deborah Wright/Michele Tiedemann)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/13/2021
 - D. Facilities/Finance (Frank Capone/Amy Doherty)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/1/2021
 - E. Policy (Jacqueline Tobacco/Patrick Rinella)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/8/2021

- F. Curriculum and Instruction (John Little/Kimberly Pickus)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/8/2021
- G. Student Activities/Co-Curricular (Leonora Caminiti/Patrick Rinella)
 - 1) Informational items
- H. Shared Services (Joan Minnuies/Amy Doherty)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/13/2021
- I. Strategic Planning (Frank Capone/Joan Minnuies)
 - 1) Informational items
- J. Personnel (Joan Minnuies/Kimberly Pickus)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/8/2021
- K. Negotiations (Barry Heffernan/Kimberly Pickus)
 - 1) Committee Meeting 12/2/2021

11. Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - limited to thirty minutes

12. Motion to Approve Minutes

- Executive Session - 10/25/2021
- Workshop/Regular Voting Meeting - 10/25/2021
- Executive Session - 11/8/2021
- Special Meeting - 11/8/2021
- Executive Session - 11/15/2021
- Workshop Meeting - 11/15/2021
- Executive Session - 11/22/2021
- Regular Voting Meeting - 11/22/2021

13. Reports

A. Report of the President

B. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- 1) Motion to approve Bill List for the period of November 23, 2021 through December 13, 2021, as per *Attachment BA-3 Bill List*
- 2) Approval of transfers for November 2021, as per *Attachment BA-2 Transfers*
- 3) Motion to accept the Report of the Secretary for the month of November 2021, as per *Attachment BA-1 Report of Secretary*
- 4) Motion to accept the Board Secretary's certification that no major budget line item has been over-expended for the month of November 2021

C. Report of the Superintendent

- 1) Superintendent update
- 2) The Superintendent Report on Harassment Intimidation and Bullying is affirmed by the Board of Education, as per *Attachment Superintendent-1 HIB*
- 3) The Superintendent Report on incidents of Violence, Vandalism, Weapons & Substance Abuse is affirmed by the Board of Education for the month of November:

| | <u>2021</u> | | | | <u>2022</u> | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------|------|------|-------------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| District Tally | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June |
| Violence | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Vandalism | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Weapons | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Substance Abuse | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | | |

- 4) The Superintendent of Schools recommends the adoption of the 2022-2023 school calendar as per *Attachment Superintendent-2*.
- 5) The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the Seton Hall University Project Acceleration High School Program agreement between the Middletown Township Public Schools and Seton Hall University, as per *Attachment Superintendent-3*.

14. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Technology (*David Siwiak*)

B. Student Services (*Michele Tiedemann*)

- 1) Recommend approval for home instruction:

| <u>Student ID</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 12240 | 11/15/21 | 1/15/22 |
| 12235 | 11/17/21 | 12/17/21 |
| 13847 | 10/21/21 | 12/23/21 |
| 312550 | 11/15/21 | 12/23/21 |
| 22790 | 11/22/21 | 12/10/21 |
| 12427 | 11/29/21 | 12/29/21 |
| 10024 | 11/22/21 | 1/24/22 |
| 22851 | 11/18/21 | 1/18/22 |
| 15954 | 11/19/21 | 1/1/22 |
| 21882 | 11/22/21 | 1/21/22 |
| 311896 | 11/16/21 | 1/16/22 |
| 12040 | 11/22/21 | 1/22/22 |

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| 11004 | 11/18/21 | 12/18/21 |
| 11342 | 11/23/21 | 12/6/21 |
| 10041 | 11/22/21 | 1/25/22 |
| 10857 | 11/22/21 | 1/22/22 |
| 14330 | 12/2/21 | 2/2/22 |
| 10347 | 12/6/21 | 2/7/22 |
| 10368 | 11/25/21 | 12/23/21 |
| 14952 | 11/21/21 | 1/21/22 |
| 14192 | 11/15/21 | 1/15/22 |
| 10347 | 12/5/21 | 2/7/22 |
| 12954 | 12/4/21 | 1/15/22 |

2) Approval for new out of district placement for 2021-2022:

| <u>Student ID</u> | <u>Placement</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 25080 | Red Bank Borough | 11/17/21 | 6/30/21 | \$102.78/day |

3) Approval of ESY/SOAR Dates:

July 5, 2022 through August 5, 2022; Monday through Friday

C. Facilities (*Amy Doherty*)

- 1) Rejection of bid received for Membrane Overlay at the fabric structures at High School North and High School South Bid #2021-2022-3 pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-22(a).
- 2) Award of contract for installation and programming of replacement fire alarm system equipment at Thompson Middle School covered under the ESCNJ 17/18-59 cooperative bid to Alarm & Communication Technologies, Wharton, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$137,372.80.

D. Policy (*Patrick Rinella*)

- 1) Second Reading/Adoption as per *Attachment Policy-1*
P/R 8320 Personnel Records (M) (Revised)
- 3) Approval of Resolution Implementing Protocol for School Exclusion for Individuals (Students and Staff) Identified as In-School Close Contacts of Covid-19 as per *Attachment Policy-2*
- 4) Approval of Resolution Implementing a Covid-19 Testing Policy for Covered Workers Pursuant to Executive Order 253 as per *Attachment Policy-3*

E. Curriculum & Instruction (*Kimberly Pickus*)

- 1) Recommend approval of staff to attend conferences, workshops, in-service and seminars as per *Attachment Curriculum-1 Professional Development*.

F. Finance (*Amy Doherty*)

- 1) Approval to transfer \$798,000 from Maintenance Reserve into General Fund to be used for mold remediation and mold testing services district wide.
- 2) Approval of the following resolution authorizing Competitive Contracting for Mental Health Support Services;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (“Board”) intends to procure mental health support services to address the mental health impact on students and staff of the COVID-19 pandemic and return to school; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the services, the Board has determined that it will be in its best interests to utilize the competitive contracting procurement procedures permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the use of competitive contracting procurement procedures to procure mental health support services to address the mental health impact on students and staff of the COVID-19 pandemic and return to school.

- 3) Request approval for transportation jointure with Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education to Collier High School, Middletown Township Public Schools as host, in the amount of \$125.00 per diem.

G. Student Activities (*Patrick Rinella*)

- 1) Approval of suspension report as per *Attachment Student Activites-1*

H. Negotiations (*Kim Pickus*)

I. Personnel (*Kim Pickus*) – See Personnel Report

15. Old Business

16. New Business

17. Public Comment - *limited to thirty minutes*

18. Motion to Adjourn