

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR VOTING MEETING
VFW POST 2179, 1 VETERANS LANE, PORT MONMOUTH
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 7:00 PM
PUBLIC MEETING APPROXIMATELY 8:00 PM**



Middletown Township Board of Education

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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. 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

- Charles Wells, Lincroft Elementary School Custodian, passed away on September 26. Mr. Wells served the district since 2001 and was the husband of Ruth Wells, retired Ocean Avenue Elementary School teacher. We extend our deepest condolences to the Wells family.

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

8. Proclamations

- Approval of Proclamation - **Alpha Delta Kappa Month**
WHEREAS, 2021 marks the Seventy-fourth Anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa, the international, honorary organization of women educators; and
WHEREAS, the goals of this organization are to recognize outstanding educators, foster a fraternal friendship among educators on a world-wide scale, promote standards of excellence for educational projects and charitable activities that enrich society, and further our social and cultural progress; and
WHEREAS, women in education constitute a great portion of our nation’s work force and are constantly striving to better serve their communities in various educational, civic, cultural and charitable programs;
NOW, THEREFORE, the Middletown Township Board of Education proclaims October 2021 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month in Middletown, New Jersey and congratulates the organization on its Seventy-fourth Anniversary.

9. Motion to Approve Minutes

- Executive Session 8/18/21
- Pre-Meeting Workshop 8/18/21
- Executive Session 8/24/21
- Voting Meeting 8/24/21

10. Reports

A. Report of the President

B. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- 1) Motion to approve Bill List for the period of August 25, 2021 through September 29, 2021, as per *Attachment BA-3 Bill List*
- 2) Approval of transfers for August 2021 as per *Attachments BA-2 Transfers*
- 3) Motion to accept the Report of the Secretary for the month of August 2021 as per *Attachments 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 August 2021

C. Report of the Superintendent

- 1) Superintendent's 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 of Schools recommends approval of a Monmouth University Nursing Students Affiliation Agreement between the Middletown Township Public Schools and Monmouth University, as per *Attachment Superintendent-2 MU Nursing Students Affiliation Agreement*
- 4) The Superintendent of School recommends approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar, as per *Attachment Superintendent-3 Calendar*
- 5) The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program Guidance for 2021-2022, as per *Attachment Superintendent-4 Chapter 27 Guidance*
- 6) The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval for Nina Balestriere, a graduate student researcher in the Teachers College of Western Governors University, to conduct a research study for examining the impact of writing workshops and feedback on the academic achievement of eleventh-grade AP U.S. history students.
- 7) The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the annual review and revisions of Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2021-2022 school year.

11. 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>
17065	9/7/21	10/5/21
20776	9/13/21	10/13/21
309409	9/13/21	11/15/21
311896	9/13/21	11/15/21
19993	9/13/21	11/15/21
14192	9/13/21	11/15/21
23910	9/20/21	12/20/21
18967	9/14/21	10/14/21
21882	9/20/21	11/19/21
14856	9/15/21	10/15/21
312550	9/15/21	11/14/21
18974	9/20/21	11/20/21
24553	9/20/21	11/20/21
24976	9/20/21	11/20/21
17883	9/13/21	11/15/21
13715	9/13/21	11/15/21
22851	9/13/21	11/15/21
12191	9/23/21	10/23/21
20575	9/24/21	11/24/21
12040	9/21/21	11/21/21
10400	9/21/21	11/21/21
20218	9/21/21	11/21/21

2) Recommend 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 per Diem</u>
24902	CPC Highpoint	9/7/21	6/22/22	\$421.36
311981	The Rugby School	9/8/21	6/23/22	\$398.30

3) Approval of continuous 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>
10512	Holmdel Twp.	9/9/21	6/21/22	\$8,269.10/month
10512	Holmdel Twp.	7/12/21	8/19/21	\$296.13/day
305241	Harbor School	9/8/21	6/22/22	\$345.42/day
312010	N. Hunterdon/Voorhees	7/6/21	7/30/21	\$6110.00/ESY
312010	N. Hunterdon/Voorhees	9/1/21	6/14/22	\$6109.70/month
310152	Monmouth Behavioral	9/7/21	6/9/22	\$700.00/day
311667	Mary A. Dobbins/Legacy	9/10/21	6/16/22	\$352.24/day
308672	Center for LL Learning	9/2/21	6/17/22	\$329.00/day

4) Approval of Contracted Service Providers:

- a. Preferred Healthcare \$58.00 per hour transportation Nurse,

\$51.00 LPN, \$56.00 RN

- b. Educere Founders Academy 40 seat license at a cost of \$1,999 per seat for a total of \$79, 960.

5) Approval of Settlement Agreements:

- a. Settlement Agreement for Student # 17529

6) Approval of Tuition Contract Agreements to attend Middletown Public School District for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Student	Sending District	Tuition Rate
JH	Matawan-Aberdeen Regional SD	\$37,608.00

C. Facilities (*Amy Doherty*)

D. Policy (*Amy Doherty*)

- 1) Second Reading– Adoption
P/R5460.02 Bridge Year Pilot Program (new)

E. Curriculum & Instruction (*Kim Pickus*)

- 1) Recommend approval of staff to attend conferences, workshops, in-services and seminars, as per *Attachment Curriculum-1 Professional Development*.
- 2) Recommend approval of the 2021-2022 Participation Agreement with Monmouth County Arts & Education Center;
 - High School grades 9-12, 14-week program, February – May
 - \$675 per student
 - Middle School grades 6-8, 12-week program, February – May
 - \$650 per student

All of the costs for student participation in the Monmouth County Arts Program are paid for by students' families.

F. Finance (*Amy Doherty*)

- 1) Approval of the following quotations for Athletic Transportation to Jay Bus Service:

Thompson Field Hockey/Girls Soccer \$6,650 for the season

Bayshore Field Hockey/Girls Soccer \$1,900 for 9/23/21 & 10/19/21 trips

**note if trip over 4 hours additional \$95/hour*

- 2) Approval of the following transportation jointures for the 2021-2022 school year with Middletown Township Board of Education as host:

Route #	Destination	Joiner District(s)	Per Diem Cost
446	Middletown HS South	Henry Hudson Regional BOE	\$75
314	Thorne Middle School	Hazlet BOE	\$75
NRP-1J	New Road Parlin	Union Beach BOE Monmouth Regional	\$225
CPCA-1	CPC Adolescent Program	Keansburg BOE	\$150

- 3) Approval of the following parental transportation contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Route#	Per Diem Cost
24783	TH-1	\$17.03
310254	EF-1	\$27.32

G. Student Activities (*Patrick Rinella*)

H. Negotiations (*Kim Pickus*)

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

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment - *limited to thirty minutes*

15. Motion to Adjourn