

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VOTING / PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the special voting / pre-meeting workshop was held in person on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at the VFW Post 2179, 1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth NJ.

- 1. Call to Order by the Board President and Reading of the Sunshine Announcement at 7:01 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".
- 2. Roll Call**
Present: Thomas Giaimo, Jacqueline Tobacco, Deborah Wright, Frank Capone and Joan Minnuies
Absent: Leonora Caminiti, Michael Donlon, Barry Heffernan, John Little
Also present: Mary Ellen Walker, Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.
- 3. Resolution for Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.** – Motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mrs. Tobacco to go into executive session for; personnel and confidential student matters. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- 4. Call to Order by the Board President and Re-Reading of Sunshine Notice at 8:00 p.m.**
- 5. Roll Call**
Present: Thomas Giaimo, Barry Heffernan, John Little, Jacqueline Tobacco, Deborah Wright, Frank Capone and Joan Minnuies
Absent: Leonora Caminiti, Michael Donlon
Also present: Mary Ellen Walker, Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.
- 6. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 7. President's Update**
 - Mrs. Doherty gave an update on the recent mold testing and remediation as follows. All buildings are fully open with the exception of two rooms; the Navesink library for which test results are pending and the Middletown Village library, which although cleared of mold still requires new carpeting. Portable dehumidifiers are being deployed across the district as required. The environmental consultant will provide a summary report of all testing as well as long and short-term recommendations to manage moisture and humidity.
- 8. Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - limited to thirty minutes**
 - John Collins discussed his ozone system for mold prevention.
 - Lynn Schaller commented on quarantine protocols in the MTPS 2021-2022 Safe Return Plan Procedures.
 - Sue Griffin commented on quarantine protocols in the MTPS 2021-2022 Safe Return Plan Procedures.
- 9. Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools**
 - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the approval of the MTPS 2021-2022 Safe Return Plan Procedures, as per Attachment Superintendent-1 MTPS Safe Return Plan.

Motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mr. Heffernan for approval of **item #9**. Motion carried on a voice vote:
Ayes: (7) Mr. Giaimo, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Tobacco, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Capone and Mrs. Minnuies
Noes: (0)

10. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools – Special Voting Meeting Items

A. Finance (Amy Doherty)

- 1) Motion to approve Bill List for the period of August 25, 2021 through September 22, 2021, as per Attachment BA-1 Bill List.

Motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mr. Heffernan for approval of **item #10A**. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (7) Mr. Giaimo, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Tobacco, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Capone and Mrs. Minnuies
 Noes: (0)

B. Facilities (Amy Doherty)

- 1) Recommend approval of the professional services contract pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and NJSA 18A:18A-7 for assessment, remediation and engineering analysis of mold amplification district wide to RK Occupational and Environmental Analysis, Inc.
- 2) Recommend approval of mold remediation services contract pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-7 covered under Educational Data Services, Inc. cooperative bid #9453 to ServPro of Toms River.

Motion made by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Capone for approval of **item #10B1-2**. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (7) Mr. Giaimo, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Tobacco, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Capone and Mrs. Minnuies
 Noes: (0)

C. Personnel (Kim Pickus)

- 1) Approval of New Hires:
 - a. Jillian Crosby – Co-Teacher (ESSER), Leonardo
 Certification(s): Elem. K-6 (CEAS), TOSD (CEAS)
 Salary: MA – Step 1 - \$68,536 (pro-rated)
 Effective: Pending Fingerprint Approval – 6/30/22
 - b. Austin Cooke – Language Arts, Thorne
 Certification(s): Elem. K-6 (Standard), Elem. w/ ELA 5-8 (Standard)
 Salary: MA – Step 3 - \$69,536 (pro-rated)
 Effective: Pending Release – 6/30/22
 - c. Lauren Johnson – School Psychologist, Bayshore (Replacement)
 Certification(s): School Psychologist (Standard)
 Salary: MA – Step 1 - \$68,536 (pro-rated)
 Effective: Pending Fingerprint Approval – 2/3/22
- 2) Approval of Paraprofessional Assignments (All paraprofessional appointments subject to budgetary constraints, enrollments, and IEP requirements and may be changed or eliminated during the term of this agreement):

Name	School	Cat.	Weekly Hours	Hourly Rate	Effective:
Bush, Maria	New Monmouth	C	26	\$23.50	* - 6/30/22
Daley, Michelle	Thompson	B	27.75	\$20.52	* - 6/30/22
Keenan, Michael	HS South	B	29.75	\$20.52	* - 6/30/22
Sidoti, Melissa	Midd. Village	B	29.58	\$20.52	9/23/21 – 6/30/22
Stauss, Patricia	HS South	B	29.75	\$20.52	9/23/21 – 6/30/22

* - pending fingerprint and/or paperwork approval

Motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mr. Heffernan for approval of **item #10C1-2**. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (7) Mr. Giaimo, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Tobacco, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Capone and Mrs. Minnuies
Noes: (0)

11. Superintendent's Update

- Mrs. Walker discussed the proposed updates to the school calendar and the Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program Guidance for 2021-2022 as per the draft voting meeting agenda.

12. Committee Reports

- A. Legislative (Frank Capone/Mary Ellen Walker)
- B. Technology (Mike Donlon/Dave Siwiak)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 8/23/21
- C. Student Services (Deborah Wright/Michele Tiedemann)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 9/15/21
- D. Facilities/Finance (Frank Capone /Amy Doherty)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 9/13/21
 - 2) Update on transportation issues due to bus driver shortage
 - 3) Lead testing
- E. Policy (Jacqueline Tobacco/Pat Rinella)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 9/8/21
- F. Curriculum & Instruction (John Little /Kim Pickus)
 - Information Items
 - 1) NJ Start Strong Assessments
- G. Student Activities/Co-Curricular (Leonora Caminiti/Pat Rinella)
- H. Shared Services (Joan Minnuies/Amy Doherty)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 9/13/21
- I. Strategic Planning (Frank Capone/Joan Minnuies)
- J. Personnel (Joan Minnuies/Kim Pickus)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 9/20/21

13. Review Draft of Voting Meeting Agenda (attached)

14. Old Business

15. New Business

- Mr. Capone made a motion to change the scheduled voting meeting from Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at the High School North library to Wednesday September 29 at VFW Post 2179. The board

discussed the motion and then all members present voted in favor of changing the meeting date and location.

16. Opportunity for Public Comment - limited to thirty minutes

- Ryan Irwin inquired about mask mandates for indoor sporting events and commented on the impacts of TikTok's 'devious licks' challenge.
- Sue Griffin inquired about mold testing in the Port Monmouth school building and suggested the Board review their civility policy.
- Jessica Brink commented on Covid-19 data, quarantine and mask policies.
- Jaime Sanacore commented on teachers violating policy by taking selfies in class without a mask.
- Laura Abt commented on a transportation issue that she has experienced.

17. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 9:33 p.m. – motion made by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Capone to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted



Amy P. Doherty

APD/tn
September 27, 2021