

Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the pre-meeting workshop was held in person on Monday, November 15, 2021 in the Community Room at the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ.

- 1. Call to Order by the Board President and Reading of the Sunshine Announcement at 7:00 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: Leonora Caminiti, Barry Heffernan, John Little, Deborah Wright, Frank Capone and Joan Minnuies
Absent: Michael Donlon, Thomas Giaimo, Jacqueline Tobacco
Also present: Mary Ellen Walker and Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.
- 3. Resolution for Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.** – Motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mr. Heffernan 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 8:47 p.m.**
- 5. Roll Call**
Present: Leonora Caminiti (arr. 8:48 p.m.), Michael Donlon, Barry Heffernan, John Little, Jacqueline Tobacco, Deborah Wright, Frank Capone and Joan Minnuies
Absent: Thomas Giaimo
Also present: Mary Ellen Walker and Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.
- 6. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
- 7. Presentations**
 - Student Safety Data Systems (SSDS) two year comparison 2019-2020 vs. 2020-2021
- 8. Superintendent’s Update**
 - Mrs. Walker discussed the in-school activities that students participated in for Veteran’s Day on 11/11/2021. Mrs. Walker shared the success of the Art Walk presented by the MTPS Arts Academy where students displayed work that they completed so far this school year. Both staff and students were able to view the artwork during their lunch blocks on 10/28/21.
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - A. Legislative (Frank Capone/Mary Ellen Walker)
 - Information Items
 - B. Technology (Mike Donlon/Dave Siwiak)
 - Information Items
 - C. Student Services (Deborah Wright/Michele Tiedemann)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 11/15/2021
 - D. Facilities/Finance (Frank Capone /Amy Doherty)
 - Information Items

- E. Policy (Jacqueline Tobacco/Pat Rinella)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 11/10/2021

- F. Curriculum & Instruction (John Little /Kim Pickus)
 - Information Items

- G. Student Activities/Co-Curricular (Leonora Caminiti/Pat Rinella)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 11/15/2021

- H. Shared Services (Joan Minnuies/Amy Doherty)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 11/8/2021

- I. Strategic Planning (Frank Capone/Joan Minnuies)
 - Information Items

- J. Personnel (Joan Minnuies/Kim Pickus)
 - Information Items

- K. Negotiations (Barry Heffernan/Kim Pickus)
 - Information Items
 - 1) Committee Meeting 11/11/21

10. Review Draft of Voting Meeting Agenda

11. Old Business

- Mrs. Minnuies reported that the Board has asked CLB Partners to facilitate a meeting for the district with Governor Murphy to discuss staffing issues.

12. New Business

- Mrs. Minnuies shared that parents have expressed concerns to her about how students spend their time during advisory periods. Parents would like to see students use that time to get extra help, make up tests, etc.
- Frank Capone requested that the Board hire a third party to investigate the effectiveness and cost of the remediation done for the mold issue. Mrs. Doherty commented that the consultant we hired is currently preparing his final report for the Facilities & Finance committee. Mr. Capone stated that he would like to have a second opinion. Mrs. Wright suggested we wait for the report from the consultant before pursuing another opinion. The Board agreed to wait for the report.

13. Opportunity for Public Comment *(limited to thirty minutes)*

- Ann Marie Losquinos commented on the policies on the agenda for a first read, specifically Religion in Schools and Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.
- Vera Piasecki asked for a public question/answer period after presentations and commented on the parental opt out option for health curriculum.
- Erika Lucchese commented on professional development topics of SEL and Student Mental Health for teachers.
- Gary Tulp commented on the potential for Covid vaccines to be mandated for children.

- 15. Resolution to adjourn Pre-Meeting Workshop and return to Executive Session at 9:48 p.m.** – Motion made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mrs. Caminiti to go into executive session for; personnel matters. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted



Amy P. Doherty

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