

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the special voting meeting was held in person on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the Library at Middletown High School North, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ.

1. **6:30 PM Student Recognition - High School North Ice Hockey Team**
2. **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".
3. **Roll Call**
Present: Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Barry Heffernan, Joan Minnuies, Gary Tulp, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone
Absent: Deborah Wright
Also Present: Mary Ellen Walker, Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.
4. **Resolution for Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. – Motion made by Mrs. Caminiti, seconded by Mr. Heffernan to go into executive session for; legal matters and contract negotiations. Motion carried on a voice vote.**
5. **Call to Order by the Board President and Re-Reading of Sunshine Notice at 8:10 p.m.**
6. **Roll Call**
Present: Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Barry Heffernan, Joan Minnuies, Gary Tulp, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone
Absent: Deborah Wright
Also present: Mary Walker, Amy Doherty, and Bruce Padula, Esq.
7. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
 - *With sadness, we share that Jacqueline Hickey passed away on February 24. Mrs. Hickey served the district as a secretary at Thompson Middle School for 25 years and retired in 2010. We extend our deepest condolences to the Hickey family.*
8. **Presentations**
 - 2023-2024 Tentative Budget
9. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - limited to thirty minutes**
 - Chris Patton commented on the budget presentation.
 - Vera Piasecki commented on the budget presentation.
10. **Tentative Budget**

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2023-2024 School Year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

		General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2023-2024 Total Expenditures		\$181,276,081	\$4,613,580	\$6,483,705	\$192,373,366
Less: Anticipated Revenues		\$25,438,205	\$4,613,580	\$1,258,800	\$31,310,585
Taxes to be Raised		\$155,837,876	-0-	\$5,224,905	\$161,062,781

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Middletown Township Board of Education located at Middletown High School North on April 25, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED, that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$154,000 for other capital project costs of \$154,000. The total cost of this project is \$154,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Board of Education established \$150,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 34,890 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$150,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion made by Mrs. Caminiti, seconded by Mr. Heffernan for approval of **item #10**. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

- Ayes: (7) Leonora Caminiti, Kate Farley, Joe Fitzgerald, Barry Heffernan, Gary Tulp, Jacqueline Tobacco and Frank Capone
- Noes: (1) Joan Minnuies

12. Old Business

- Mrs. Caminiti reported on the status of eSports.

- Mrs. Minnuies discussed the proposed contract with Lors Photography.

13. New Business

- Mrs. Minnuies reported on an upcoming basketball fundraiser being held by Middletown Village with Fairview and Navesink Elementary schools.
- Mr. Capone congratulated the High School North hockey team for winning the state championship.

14. Public Comment - limited to thirty minutes

- Vera Piasecki commented on graduation photographs and Lors Photography.

15. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 9:14 p.m. – motion made by Mrs. Caminiti, seconded by Mr. Heffernan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

16. Motion to rescind meeting adjournment at 9:14 – motion made by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mrs. Caminiti. Motion carried on a voice vote.

11. Motion to adjourn Public meeting and resume Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. – Motion made by Mrs. Caminiti, seconded by Mr. Heffernan to go into executive session for; legal and contractual matters. Motion carried on a voice vote.

12. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 9:45 p.m. – motion made by Mrs. Caminiti, seconded by Mr. Heffernan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy P. Doherty

APD/tn
March 15, 2023