

**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PUBLIC HEARING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Middle Township School Board has a clearly articulated district mission statement incorporating the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) at all grade levels.

Also, the mission of the Middle Township School District is to provide excellence in education while celebrating the strength of its diversity and upholding the values and traditions of the community in order to produce graduates who possess a love of learning and a sense of responsibility. This education aims to enable all students to reach their potential and become active, productive members of a dynamic, global society.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, public notice of the meeting has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner: Posting written notice to the Atlantic City Press, the Middle Township Gazette, written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Middle and posted on the Board Secretary's bulletin board.

II. ROLL CALL

 P Dennis Roberts
 P George DeLollis
 P Calvin Back
 P Robert Bakley II
 P Burgess Hamer
 P Linda Koch
 P Andrew Melchiorre
 P Patricia Taylor
 P Stephanie Thomas
 P Patricia Ziolkowski

ATTENDANCE

- P Michael J. Kopakowski, Superintendent
- P Dr. David Salvo, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
- P Diane Fox, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- P Lyn Langford, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- P Christian Paskalides, Principal, Elementary #1
- A Douglas Penkethman, Principal, Elementary #2
- A Toni Johnson, Principal, Middle School (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
- P Frank Riggitano, Principal, High School
- P William Donio, Board Solicitor
- A Amy Houck, Board Solicitor

OTHERS

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Led by the President of the Middle Township Board of Education and followed by a moment of silence.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2014-2015 School Year Budget
Exhibit P 14:07:4/24/14

Mr. Kopakowski presented the 2014-2015 School Budget in a Powerpoint presentation.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Various board members had questions concerning the extracurricular cuts mentioned in the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Kopakowski assured them that it was a fair decision and the various school principals were consulted concerning the elimination of the various stipends.

Charlotte Sadler, MTEA President, questioned Mr. Kopakowski and the Board concerning the breakage in the budget and what the priorities would be to use that breakage— replacing teachers or extracurricular stipends.

Mr. Kopakowski responded that the retirements came at such a late date that the determination had not been made at the time of the hearing.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. FINANCIAL

A. Approval of the 2014/2015 School Budget

		Local Tax Levy
General Fund	40,996,730	\$24,040,144
Special Revenue Fund	\$2,241,784	N/A
Debt Service	\$1,621,050	\$1,621,050
Total Budget	\$44,859,564	

**AND to set the General Fund tax levy at \$24,040,144
Exhibit F 14:41:4/24/14**

Motion: Mr. DeLollis Second: Ms. Koch
Vote: Roll Call Carried: Yes

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- N Robert Bakley II
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Linda Koch
- Y Andrew Melchiorre
- Y Patricia Taylor
- Y Stephanie Thomas
- Y Patricia Ziolkowski

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

IX. BOARD COMMENT

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. DeLollis	Second:	Ms. Koch
Vote:	Voice	Carried:	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane S. Fox
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary