

**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014
7:30 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
- A 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
- P Douglas Penkethman, Principal, Elementary #2
- P Toni Johnson, Principal, Middle School
- 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. The NJ Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (District and School Grade Report) – Presented by Michal J. Kopakowski, Superintendent of Schools
Exhibit A 14:26:3/20/14

V. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Sunshine Moments
Exhibit I 14:09:3/20/14

Mr. Melchiorre requested that we compile the sunshine moments from each month and produce an annual “scrapbook” of the events that have taken place that will highlight our school district.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Doniger asked several questions regarding items on the bill list. Ms. Fox responded to the questions.

Rosie Jefferson requested that the time of the board meetings be put on the school calendar and on the website.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s):

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2014
Exhibit M 14:20:3/20/14
- B. Closed Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2014
Exhibit M 14:21:3/20/14
- C. Special Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2014
Exhibit M 14:22:3/20/14

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

(Ms. Ziolkowski abstained from the vote)

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Use of Facilities Report
Exhibit S 14:29:3/20/14
- B. Trip List
Exhibit S 14:30:3/20/14
- C. Attendance Report
Exhibit S 14:31:3/20/14
- D. Discipline Report
Exhibit S 14:32:3/20/14

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum Committee – March 12, 2014

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

Mr. Melchiorre reported that the Curriculum Committee met on the 12th of February and discussed the following: Summary Growth Reports, 2013 District Progress Target Results, H.S. Course Weighting and new textbook adoption.

- B. Discipline Committee
- C. Equity/Affirmative Action Committee
- D. Extra-Curricular Committee
- E. Facilities/Grounds/Real Estate Committee

F. Finance Committee – March 4, 2014 and March 10, 2014

Mr. DeLollis reported that the committee met on March 4th and 10th in preparation of the 2014-2015 School Year Budget. A Special Board Meeting was held on March 12th, 2014 to approve the budget before sending to the County Department of Education.

Motion:	Mr. Bakley	Second:	Mr. Roberts
Vote:		Carried:	Yes

G. Performing Arts Committee – March 4, 2014

Ms. Thomas reported that the Performing Arts Committee met on March 4th and discussed the approval of two contracts, ShowTix4U Online Ticketing Program, Mission Statement, volunteer from CMCSSD, and CMC Human Relations Commission Presentation at the PAC.

Motion:	Ms. Koch	Second:	Ms. Taylor
Vote:		Carried:	Yes

H. Policy Committee

I. Staff Relations/Negotiations Committee

J. Transportation Committee – March 11, 2014

Mr. Hamer reported that the Transportation Committee met on March 11, 2014 and discussed Transfinder, bus cameras, training for aides and drivers, Avalon/S.H. Routes, 2014-15 transportation budget.

Motion:	Mr. Melchiorre	Second:	Ms. Koch
Vote:		Carried:	Yes

XI. CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. The Monthly Budget Reports for the 2013-2014 school year through February 28, 2014, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) the Secretary certifies that as of February 28, 2014, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c).
- B. The February 28, 2014, Report of the Secretary for the 2013-2014 school year, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c), the Board certifies that as of February 28, 2014, after review of the Secretary’s Monthly Financial Report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- C. That the Board approve the February 28, 2014, Report of Cash Funds for the 2013-2014 school year. It is in agreement with the February 28, 2014, Report of the Secretary, pending audit.

Report of the Secretary – February 28, 2014

Exhibit B 14:17:3/20/14

Report of Cash – February 28, 2014

Exhibit B 14:18:3/20/14

Motion:	Mr. Back	Second:	Ms. Thomas
Vote:	Roll Call	Carried:	Yes

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

XII. FINANCIAL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. Transfer of Funds
Exhibit F 14:35:3/20/14
- B. Bill List/Additional Bill List
Exhibit F 14:36:3/20/14
- C. PAC Rental Contract Approvals
Exhibit F 14:37:3/20/14
- D. The adoption and purchase the following new textbook for the 2014/2015 school year:

Course: Advanced Placement Literature and Composition – Grade 12
 Textbook: “Literature & Composition: Reading-Writing-Thinking
 Publisher: Bedford/ St. Martin
 Cost: \$3,276.00

District textbooks: 11-190-100-640-00-05 \$3,276.00
(Sample book will be on display)

- E. A resolution that, for the 2014-2015 school year, Middle Township Board of Education does not require Pineland Learning Center, Inc. to charge their students for a reduced and/or paid meal, pursuant to NJ Department of Education code 6A:23-4.5iii.

Motion: Mr. Hamer Second: Mr. DeLollis
 Vote: Roll Call Carried: Yes

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

XIII. ADMINISTRATION

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. A motion to approve the waiver of a discipline hearing for student, D.H. 2014 – 1, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent and as consented to by the guardian.
Exhibit A 14:24:3/20/14
- B. The revised 2013-2014 School Calendar
Exhibit A 14:27:3/20/14
- C. The revised mission statement of the Middle Township Performing Arts Center.
Exhibit A 14:28:3/20/14
- D. Student B.B. from Cape May County Special Services School District to volunteer during the school day at the Performing Arts Center as part of an unpaid structured learning environment until the end of the school year.

Motion: Mr. Koch Second: Mr. Hamer
 Vote: Roll Call Carried: Yes

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Burgess Hamer

Y Linda Koch
A Andrew Melchiorre
Y Patricia Taylor
Y Stephanie Thomas
Y Patricia Ziolkowski

XIV. PERSONNEL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to approve:

A. The following retirements/resignations/terminations:

Name: Rosslyn Cade
Position: Teacher's Aide
Building: High School
Type: Resignation
Effective: April 1, 2014

Name: Linda Carr
Position: Bus Aide
Building: Transportation
Type: Termination
Effective: March 12, 2014

Name: Patricia Ryan
Position: Payroll Clerk
Building: Administration Bldg.
Type: Resignation
Effective: April 2, 2014

B. The following leave(s) of absence:

Nicole Drake – On FMLA/FLA beginning 5/19/14 through end of school year, using 22 sick days and 2 unpaid days. Return to work 9/1/14.

Robert Jones – On FMLA beginning 4/14/14 through end of school year using 2.5 personal days, if available, and remaining balance unpaid.

Christine Ritchie – On FMLA/FLA beginning 3/18/14 using sick time, intermittently as needed, not to exceed 60 days.

Maria Grohe – On FMLA/FLA beginning 3/20/14 intermittently, using 2.75 personal days and balance unpaid. Not to exceed 60 days.

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

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Rosie Jefferson, commended the staff and thanked everyone for the professional way that the situation on February 28, 2014, was handled. Everyone put the children's safety first. She also, requested that we consider two middle school teachers for the MLK Homework Club next year.

Greg Hudgins, Woodbine, requested that we have a liaison between Woodbine and Middle Township now that more of the Woodbine students will be attending the high school.

Madelyn McCarroll asked when the five minute policy on public comment came into effect and how we calculated the tuition rate if the cost per pupil is over \$16,000.

Mr. Doniger questioned the board regarding the expenditure of the maintenance reserve and how the board plans to replenish that reserve.

Charlotte Sadler commented on the tax rate increase proposed for the 2014-15 school year as \$11 increase on a \$200,000 home.

Jan Lenox from the Concerned Citizens of New Jersey against the Common Core Standards made a presentation to the board. She described the work that the committee has done and what they believe to be bad about the Common Core Standards. Senator Van Drew has introduced legislation to halt the implementation of the Common Core until further investigation can be done. Michelle Mellon from the group asked that the board pass a resolution to help get this legislation passed.

Charlotte Sadler commended the Boy Scout Troup that was sitting in the audience for their patience and respect that they showed during the whole meeting. The Boy Scout Troup was attending as part of their requirements for a badge in citizenship.

Mr. Doniger questioned the board about where we are in the purchase of computers and implementation of the testing required under the common core standards.

XVI. BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Taylor thanked the ladies from the committee for coming and sharing their information with the board.

Mr. Hamer also thanked the ladies for their time and effort. He then, congratulated Troup 65 for their outstanding work they do in the community.

Mr. Roberts stressed that the 2% tax increase was only \$476,000 on a \$40 million budget.

Mr. Melchiorre reiterated that the board must follow the state mandated programs as adopted by the state board of education.

XVII. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move to closed session at 8:53 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes for

- 1. H.I.B.
- 2. Litigation

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

XVIII. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion to reconvene to regular session at 9:16 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. Back	Second:	Mr. Roberts
Vote:	Voice	Carried:	Yes

1. Motion was made to approve the 2/20/14 harassment, intimidation and bullying report.

Motion:	Mr. Back	Second:	Mr. Roberts
Vote:	Roll Call	Carried:	Yes

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Linda Koch

