

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016

7:01 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 Edward Dagney
 P Burgess Hamer
 P Gloria Hodges
 P Patricia Taylor
 P Stephanie Thomas
 P Jeffrey Trout

ATTENDANCE

- P Dr. David Salvo, Superintendent of Schools
- P Diane Fox, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- P Kathleen McDonald, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- P Robert F. Johnson, Director of Special Education
- P Christian Paskalides, Principal, Elementary #1
- P Douglas Penkethman, Principal, Elementary #2
- P Dr. Toni Lehman, Principal, Middle School
- P Frank Riggitano, Principal, High School
- A William Donio, Board Solicitor
- P Amy Elco, Board Solicitor

OTHERS

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

IV. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Nomination: Dennis Roberts
Motion: Mr. DeLollis, Ms. Hodges

V. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS

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

VI. VOTE RESULTS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

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

- X Dennis Roberts (Abstained)
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Edward Dagney
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Gloria Hodges
- Y Patricia Taylor
- Y Stephanie Thomas
- Y Jeffrey Trout

Mr. Roberts thanked the board for their vote and allowing him to finish what he started.

VII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Sunshine Moments
Exhibit I 17:02:8/18/16

Dr. Toni Lehman, Principal of the Middle School along with Mr. Jeffrey Ortman, Assistant Principal presented a representative from Lowes with a plaque recognizing them for their 200 hours of service spanning three weeks and involving over 22 volunteers for the refurbishment of the Middle School.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

Robert Johnson - NJ State Department of Education Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism – Report Period 2
Exhibit P 17:01:8/18/16

1. Motion to accept the Report Period 2 - NJ State DOE Report of Violence and Vandalism

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Doniger, Rio Grande, questioned the reason and what was being changed on the policies listed for first reading. He further suggested that the policies be posted on the website for review by the public.

Dr. Salvo responded that the wording was being revised to match updates in the laws. As for posting on the website, it would be difficult as they are not the final approved policies and the board does have a chance to review them prior to the final reading and make comments.

Mr. Doniger then questioned the risk associated with the school trip on the Carnival Cruise lines. Dr. Salvo assured him that every aspect of the trip has been reviewed and the board is comfortable with the trip.

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s):

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2016
Exhibit M 17:02:8/18/16
- B. Closed Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2016
Exhibit M 17:03:8/18/16

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

(Mr. Roberts Abstained)

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Use of Facilities Report
Exhibit S 17:05:8/18/16
- B. Trip List
Exhibit S 17:06:8/18/16
- C. H.I.B. Report - Confidential

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum Committee – August 17, 2016

Ms. Thomas reported that the Curriculum Committee met on August 17th and discussed the following items: New textbooks, updated curricula, and curricula for new courses. These appear on tonight’s agenda for board approval.

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

- B. Discipline Committee
- C. Equity/Affirmative Action Committee
- D. Extra-Curricular Committee
- E. Facilities/Grounds/Real Estate Committee
- F. Finance Committee
- G. Performing Arts Committee
- H. Policy Committee – August 11, 2016

Mr. Bakley reported that the Policy Committee met on August 11th to discuss the policies which appear on tonight’s agenda for the first reading.

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

- I. Staff Relations/Negotiations Committee
- J. Transportation Committee

XIV. CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. The Monthly Budget Reports for the 2016-2017 school year through July 31, 2016, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) the Secretary certifies that as of July 31, 2016, 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 July 31, 2016, Report of the Secretary for the 2016-2017 school year, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c), the Board certifies that as of July 31, 2016, 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 July 31, 2016, Report of Cash Funds for the 2016-2017 school year. It is in agreement with the July 31, 2016, Report of the Secretary, pending audit.

Report of the Secretary – July 31, 2016

Exhibit B 17:03:8/18/16

Report of Cash – July 31, 2016

Exhibit B 17:04:8/18/16

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 Edward Dagney
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Gloria Hodges
- Y Patricia Taylor
- Y Stephanie Thomas
- Y Jeffrey Trout

XV. FINANCIAL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. Transfer of Funds
Exhibit F 17:06:8/18/16

- B. Bill List/Additional Bill List/PAC Bill List
Exhibit F 17:07:8/18/16
- C. PAC Contracts - *None*
- D. The contract between Middle Township BOE (sending district) and Wildwood Crest BOE (receiving district) for one homeless student (AT) that the sending district agrees to pay tuition at the rate of \$140.63 per diem (7th) for the 2015-2016 SY.
- E. The list of declared surplus with no fair market value for the Middle School.
Exhibit F 17:08:8/18/16
- F. The contract for Daytop Village of NJ to provide home instruction for student 161701 for 180 days at \$120.00 per day, total of \$21,600.00.
- G. A resolution that, for the 2016-2017 school year, Middle Township Board of Education does not require YALE School East Campus, to charge their students for a reduced and/or paid meal, pursuant to NJ Department of Education code 6A:23A-18.5(a)20i, iii & iv.
Exhibit F 17:09:8/18/16
- H. To adopt and purchase new Middle Township textbooks as follows:

US History 1 / AP US History – American Pageant 15th Edition- approximate cost \$10,143.75

Dance History – The History of Dance: An Interactive Arts Approach- approximate cost \$2,340.00

Honors Biology – Biology: Concepts and Connections 8th Edition- cost \$6,111.50

(Account #11-190-100-640-00-05)
- I. To accept substantial completion on the following projects:
 - Elementary #2 Chiller Project
 - Elementary #2 HVAC controls
- J. Change order GC-2 for Falasca Mechanical for Elementary #2 HVAC controls - Credit of \$24,792.

Motion:	Ms. Hodges	Second:	Mr. Trout
Vote:	Roll Call	Carried:	Yes

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Edward Dagney
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Gloria Hodges
- Y Patricia Taylor
- Y Stephanie Thomas
- Y Jeffrey Trout

XVI. REFERENDUM

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. Bill List – Additional Bill List
Exhibit R 17:02:8/18/16
- B. Update
Exhibit R 17:03:8/18/16

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

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Edward Dagney
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Gloria Hodges
- Y Patricia Taylor
- Y Stephanie Thomas
- Y Jeffrey Trout

XVII. ADMINISTRATION

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves:

- A. The following fieldwork placement(s) for the 2016/2017 School Year:

School:	Stockton University
Dates:	September 1, 2016 to December 15, 2016
	Fall Semester 2016
Student:	Nathan Garza
Cooperating Staff:	Matthew D'Apolito/ Social Studies Grades 9-12

School: Stockton University
 Dates: Fall 2016 - September to December 2016
 Student: Julia Popefka
 Cooperating Staff: Paula Berrodin/ MT Occupational Therapist

- B. The Stockton University AY 2016 – AY 2019 High School Partnership Program Agreement.
Exhibit A 17:02:8/18/16
- C. Permission for the Senior Class of 2017 to participate in a cruise to Nassau, Bahamas with Carnival Cruise Lines from March 23 to 26, 2017 for their Senior Class Trip.
- D. Permission for the overnight Band Adjudication Trip to Disney World, from 4/6/16 to 4/9/16.
- E. The Agreement for Services to adopt The Arc of New Jersey “Planning for Adult Life” Program at the Middle Township High School for the 2016-2017 school year.
Exhibit A 17:03:8/18/16
- F. Approval of the following certificated teachers as mentors to novice teachers for the 2016/2017 school year.

Novice Teacher	Mentor Teacher
1. Katie Britton (1/2 time)	1. Cynthia Dykhouse/ Elem. #2
2. Christopher Evans (1/2 time)	2. Paul Schirmer /Elem. #2
3. Sheryl Rubin (long-term sub September 2016 to January 3 rd , 2017)	3. Cynthia Dykhouse/ Elementary #2

- G. Adoption of the following Middle Township Curricula:

- 1. Curricula Updated to meet new standards:

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Science Grade 6
- Science Grade 7
- Science Grade 8
- Health and PE Grade K
- Health and PE Grade 1
- Health and PE Grade 2
- Health and PE Grade 6

Health and PE Grade 7
 Health and PE Grade 8
 Health and PE Grade 9
 Health and PE Grade 10
 Health and PE Grade 11
 Health and PE Grade 12
 Technology Grade 3
 Technology Grade 4
 Technology Grade 5
 Technology Grade 6
 Technology Grade 7
 Technology Grade 8
 Art Grade 6
 Art Grade 7
 Art Grade 8

2. Curricula for New Courses

Dance History
 Spanish Grade 6
 Spanish Grade 7
 Spanish Grade 8

(Sample on table)

H. The first reading of the following policies:

P1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) (Revised)
 P1310 Employment of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary (Revised)
 R2414 Programs and Services for Students in High Poverty and in High Need
 School Districts (M) (Revised)
 P3111 Creating Positions (Revised)
 P3124 Employment Contract (Revised)
 P3125 Employment of Teaching Staff Members (M) (Revised)
 P3125.2 Employment of Substitute Teachers (Revised)
 P&R3126 District Mentoring Program (Revised)
 P3141 Resignation (Revised)
 P&R3144 Certification of Tenure Charges (Revised)
 P3159 Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities (Revised)
 P3231 Outside Employment as Athletic Coach (Revised)
 P3240 Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders (M) (Revised)
 R3240 Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders (Revised)
 P&R3244 In-Service Training (M) (Abolished)
 P4159 Support Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities (Revised)
 P5305 Health Services Personnel (Revised)
 R5330 Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)
 P5350 Student Suicide Prevention (Revised)

- R5350 Student Suicide (Revised)
- P9541 Student Teachers/Interns (Revised)

Multi-Year Equity Plan Policy and Regulation Guide Updates

- P1140 Affirmative Action Program (M) (Revised)
- P1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan (M) (Revised)
- P1530 Equal Employment Opportunities (M) (Revised)
- R1530 Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure (M) (Revised)
- P1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (M) (Revised)
- P&R2200 Curriculum Content (M) (Revised)
- P2260 Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)
- P&R2411 Guidance Counseling (M) (Revised)
- P&R2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
- P2610 Educational Program Evaluation (M) (Revised)
- P2622 Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
- P5750 Equal Educational Opportunity (M) (Revised)
- P5755 Equity in Educational Programs and Services (M) (Revised)

Additional Policy and Regulation Guide Updates

- P5339 Screening for Dyslexia (M) (Revised)
- P5460 High School Graduation (M) (Revised)
- P5514 Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds (Revised)
- R5514 Student Use of Vehicles (Abolished)
- P7481 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS also known as Drones) (New)
- P&R8441 Care of Injured and Ill Persons (M) (Revised)
- P8454 Management of Pediculosis (New)
- P8630 Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (Revised)
- R8630 Emergency School Bus Procedures (M) (Revised) (Handout at Seats)

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

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Edward Dagney
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- Y Gloria Hodges
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XVIII. PERSONNEL

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

A. The following Resignations/Retirements:

Name: Harry Smith
Position: Custodial Worker
Building: Elementary #2
Type: Resignation
Effective: September 3, 2016

Name: Lauren Cournoyer
Position: Teacher's Aide
Building: Elementary #2
Type: Resignation
Effective: August 2, 2016

Name: Richard Costa
Position: Senior Custodial Worker
Building: Elementary #2
Type: Retirement
Effective: January 1, 2017

Name: Kevin Poltorak
Position: Teacher's Aide
Building: Middle School
Type: Resignation
Effective: August 4, 2016

Name: Raymond Conover
Position: Teacher's Aide
Building: Elementary #2
Type: Resignation
Effective: August 9, 2016

Name: Elizabeth Van Trieste
Position: Teacher's Aide
Building: Elementary #1
Type: Resignation
Effective: August 18, 2016

Name: Robert Stahler
Position: Teacher's Aide
Building: Elementary #1
Type: Resignation
Effective: August 17, 2016

B. The following leave(s) of absence:

Gary Rhile – On FMLA from 10/6/16 through 1/5/17 using sick days. RTW 1/6/16

Christina Dermott – On FMLA from 9/1/16 through 9/30/16; paid using personal days.

C. Employment of the following substitute teachers:

Bonny Collins	Teacher Cert.	\$90
Tanya Hunter	Teacher Cert.	\$90
Jane Ratchford	Sub Cert.	\$85

D. Employment of the following substitute bus aides: Anthony Conner and RoseAnn Lindmar.

E. The following personnel transfers:

Name: Julie Seitz
 Previous Position: Data Entry Operator 4
 New Position: No Change
 Previous Location: Middle School
 New Location: Elementary #2
 Salary: No Change
 Previous Account: 11-000-240-105-00-04
 New Account: 11-000-240-105-00-02
 Effective: TBD

Name: Katherine Schmidt
 Previous Position: Teacher's Aide
 New Position: Teacher's Aide
 Previous Location: Elementary #1
 New Location: High School
 Salary: No Change
 Previous Account: 11-000-217-106-00-01
 New Account: 11-000-217-106-00-08
 Effective: September 1, 2016

Name: Lisa Mericle
 Previous Position: Social Studies Teacher
 New Position: Computer Technology Teacher
 Previous Location: Middle School
 New Location: Middle School
 Salary: No Change
 Account: No Change
 Effective: September 1, 2016
 Replacing: Melanie Lisitski

Name: William Knight
 Previous Position: Custodian

New Position: Custodian
 Previous Location: High School
 New Location: Grounds
 Previous Account: 11-000-262-110-00-08
 New Account: 11-000-261-110-00-10
 Effective: August 19, 2016
 Replacing: Charles Hengstler

F. Employment of the following Certified Staff:

Name: Sheryl Rubin
 Position: L.T. Substitute Elementary School Teacher
 Status: Long-Term Substitute
 Building: Elementary #2 School
 Effective: September 1, 2016 – January 3, 2016 (Subject to change)
 Salary: \$50 upgrade from Teacher's Aide salary
 Account: 11-130-100-101-00-02
 Replacing: Jennifer Heun

Name: Katherine Schmidt
 Position: L.T. Substitute Teacher
 Status: Long-Term Substitute
 Building: High School
 Effective: September 1, 2016 – November 6, 2016 (Subject to change)
 Salary: \$50 upgrade from Teacher's Aide salary
 Account: 11-209-100-101-00-08
 Replacing: Angela Mattera

Name: Elizabeth Van Trieste
 Position: Special Education Teacher
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Elementary #1
 Effective: September 1, 2016
 Salary: BA Step 1-2/\$53,587.00
 Replacing: New Position
 Account: 11-212-100-101-00-01

Name: Christopher White
 Position: Social Studies Teacher
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Middle School
 Effective: September 1, 2016
 Salary: BA Step 12/\$60,457.00
 Replacing: Lisa Mericle
 Account: 11-130-100-101-00-04

G. Employment of the following Non-Certified Staff:

Name: Monica Sudan
 Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours

Status: Permanent
 Building: Middle School
 Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
 Salary: \$14,143.00
 Account: 11-000-217-106-00-04
 Replacing: Open Position

Name: Janice Ricci
 Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Middle School
 Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
 Salary: \$14,143.00
 Account: 11-000-217-106-00-04
 Replacing: Open Position

Name: William Miller
 Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Middle School
 Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
 Salary: \$14,143.00
 Account: 11-000-217-106-00-04
 Replacing: Open Position

Name: Jill Quintas
 Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Elementary #2
 Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
 Salary: \$14,143.00
 Account: 11-000-217-106-00-02
 Replacing: Open Position

Name: Jennifer Dolbow
 Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Elementary #2
 Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
 Salary: \$14,143.00
 Account: 11-000-217-106-00-02
 Replacing: Open Position

Name: Jane Ratchford
 Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours
 Status: Permanent
 Building: Elementary #1
 Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
 Salary: \$14,143.00

Account: 11-000-217-106-00-01
Replacing: Open Position

Name: Erin Kohr
Position: Teacher's Aide – 29.5 hours
Status: Permanent
Building: Elementary #1
Effective: Pending Criminal Clearance
Salary: \$14,143.00
Account: 11-000-217-106-00-01
Replacing: Open Position

Name: Sakinah Masud
Position: Keyboarding Clerk 1
Status: Permanent
Building: Middle School
Effective: Pending Criminal History
Salary: Step 4/\$27,265.00
Account: 11-000-240-105-00-04
Replacing: Julie Seitz

Name: Jose Silva
Position: School Bus Driver
Status: Permanent
Effective: September 6, 2016
Salary: \$23.31 per hour
Replacing: Richard Marter
Account: 11-000-270-160-00-12

H. Employment of the following Schedule B Positions:

Name: Linda Camp
Position: Social Media Coordinator
Building: Elementary #1
Stipend: \$500

Name: Karen Ortman
Position: Instructional Coach
Building: Elementary #1
Stipend: \$1,500

Name: Janet Biller
Position: Instructional Coach
Building: Elementary #2
Stipend: \$1,500

I. To amend all summer school hours worked *not to exceed 66.5 hours total* (previously approved at 57 hours in error on June agenda, Items M and N).

- J. Anthony Farmer, H.S. In-School Suspension Teacher, to attend CPI Instructor Training on August 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2016, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour for 30 hours, a total of \$900.00.
- K. The following teachers to be paid for New Teacher Orientation Training on August 30th and August 31st for up to a total of 8 hours at \$30.00 per hour.

Elementary #1 – Shelley McFadden (5.5 hours only)
 Elementary #2 – Julie Moore
 Middle School – Tracy Vanderhoff
 High School – Kelley Hogg and Deborah Dalfonso
 Account # 11-000-223-102-00-10

Motion: Mr. Bakley Second: Ms. Hodges
 Vote: Roll Call Carried: Yes

- Y Dennis Roberts
- Y George DeLollis
- Y Calvin Back
- Y Robert Bakley II
- Y Edward Dagney
- Y Burgess Hamer
- Y Gloria Hodges
- Y Patricia Taylor
- Y Stephanie Thomas
- Y Jeffrey Trout

XIX. STUDENT PLACEMENT

- A. The placement of student listed below as tuition student at Out of District location for the 2016-2017 school year. Name on file in the Office of the Superintendent.

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Willowglen Academy	161702	\$57,147.30 (210 days)
YALE School East	161703	\$52,306.20 (180 days)
YALE School East	161705	\$52,306.20 (180 days)

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 Edward Dagney
- Y Burgess Hamer

Y Gloria Hodges
Y Patricia Taylor
Y Stephanie Thomas
Y Jeffrey Trout

XX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Ed Hirsch, Cape May Court House, is concerned with the educational environment, the housing development in Middle Township and the enrollment numbers within the individual schools. They are particularly concerned about the ballooning class size, as research has shown that smaller class sizes are more optimal for student achievement. He wanted to be sure the board was aware of this situation and questioned what they were going to do to rectify the problems.

Dr. Salvo explained that enrollment is a fluid issue, it can and will change throughout the year. The administration and board is aware the average class size is approximately 25 students per class in second grade. Options are being explored, but at this time no new staff will be hired. Mr. Roberts assured Mr. Hirsch that the board is always concerned about class size and as Dr. Salvo stated it is a fluid issue that constantly changes. He is confident that the administration is monitoring the situation and will make necessary recommendations to the board should the need arise.

Mr. Hamer stated that as for the housing issues the board has met with the mayor and asked that the board meet with him again.

Mrs. Jennifer Hirsch, Cape May Court House, stated she is particularly concerned with the second grade as it is not fair to the educator, let alone the kids, to have 25 or more in the class.

Mr. Doniger, Rio Grande, asked about the balance sheet of the Performing Arts Center. Ms. Fox informed him that the audited numbers have yet to be released and they would be made public as soon as possible.

Mr. Doniger stated that the public trusts the board to do what is right and take into consideration the senior citizens that are on a fixed income. It is a delicate balance, the children must be educated, but they must also remember who is paying the bill.

XXI. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Back stated that the board is conscious of the affordable housing issues and will continue to meet to monitor any further housing issues within the township.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Hamer
Vote: Voice

Second: Mr. Roberts
Carried: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane S. Fox
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary