

**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016**

**6:31 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 George DeLollis  
     P Calvin Back  
     P Robert Bakley II  
     P Edward Dagney  
     P Burgess Hamer (Arrived at 6:52 p.m.)  
     P Gloria Hodges  
     P Patricia Taylor  
     P Stephanie Thomas  
     P Jeffrey Trout (Arrived at 6:58)

## **ATTENDANCE**

<u>P</u>	Dr. David Salvo, Superintendent of Schools
<u>P</u>	Diane Fox, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
<u>P</u>	Kathleen McDonald, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
<u>P</u>	Robert F. Johnson, Director of Special Education
<u>A</u>	Christian Paskalides, Principal, Elementary #1
<u>A</u>	Douglas Penkethman, Principal, Elementary #2
<u>A</u>	Dr. Toni Lehman, Principal, Middle School
<u>A</u>	Frank Riggitano, Principal, High School
<u>A</u>	William Donio, Board Solicitor
<u>P</u>	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. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Doniger, Rio Grande asked that the process and timeline for the replacement of the board member be outlined and why the resignation in the first place.

Ms. Elco, attorney responded that the resignation was due to the ethics law and the hiring of family members of sitting board members. As for the timeline and process for replacing a board member, the following is an outline:

- Mr. Roberts delivered his resignation to the board secretary on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The board accepted his resignation at the July 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting and made a motion to post immediately for applications for the vacant seat on the board.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> the notice was posted on the front page of the district website and the front door of the Administration building. The Cape May County Herald and Middle Township Gazette were notified and asked to run the advertisement for the vacancy in the next issue of the publications. The advertisement specified that the application had to be in writing to the Board Secretary.
- The Herald ad was run in the July 27<sup>th</sup> edition
- The Gazette ad was run in the July 28<sup>th</sup> edition
- All applications were due in the board office by August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Only one application for the seat was received. It was from Mr. Roberts.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Applications for Board Member Position

**VI. INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES**

The Board interviewed Mr. Roberts.

**VII. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to move to closed session at 6:44 p.m. for approximately 10 minutes for

1. Discussion of Board Member Appointment

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

**VIII. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion to reconvene to regular session at 6:56 p.m.

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

1. **Motion was made to nominate Mr. Roberts to the vacant seat on the Board of Education.**

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

- 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

**XI. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER**

SWEARING IN - Dennis Roberts

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane S. Fox  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary