Board of Education Regular Meeting  
December 10, 2019, 6:30 PM  
Common Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present: Deborah Cain, Anita Dempsey-White (arrived at 6:34 PM), Dina Ford, Sean King, Lisa Loomis, Jonathon Pulino (arrived 6:34 PM), Delita Rose-Daniels (arrived at 6:31 PM), Christopher Sugar, and Justin Taylor

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Conner, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Magda Parvey, Chief of School Operations and Communications Marco Gaylord, Chief of Administration Christine Bourne, Director of Technology Michael Skott, Interim Manager of Human Resources Melaina Cossette, Manager of Transportation Mark Langton, Finance & Resource Management Specialist Cheryl Walcott, Minute-taker Joyce Carey, and fourteen (14) visitors.

Chair Deborah Cain called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Student Representative Evan Davis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Cain called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Agenda, passed with a motion by Mr. King and a second by Ms. Loomis – unanimous vote.

IV. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

V.A. Recognition of Middletown High School Band

Dr. Conner called Mr. Marco Gaylord forward to recognize the MHS Marching Band. Mr. Gaylord shared a PowerPoint presentation of the band’s performance at the Southington Competition. There are over 170 student members. He called forward Kimberly Rodriguez and Michael Chou. Ms. Rodriguez recognized band members present.

V. PUBLIC SESSION

Chair Cain explained the rules of Public Session.

No one addressed the Board.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII.A. Report of Student Representative

Student Representative Evan Davis provided an update on Student Council activities. He said that Student Council met. Committees have been formed and goals have been set. There is a door decorating contest going on at Middletown High School (MHS). Drama club has started. The Holiday Concert is Sunday at 7:00 PM.
VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. King and a second by Ms. Loomis—unanimous vote.

VIII.A. Minutes of November 19, 2019 BOE Regular Meeting

VIII.B. Grants Status Report

VIII.C. Extended Field Trip – MHS Robotics Trip to Worcester MA 1-16-19

IX. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

IX.A. Financial Report

Ms. Bourne and Ms. Walcott came forward and provided an overview of the Financial Statement and Line Item Transfer Report. They responded to Board member questions. Ms. Bourne stated that an Overtime Report was distributed. There were no questions.

IX.A.1. Action on Line Item Transfer Report

Ms. Walcott responded to questions.

MOTION: Move to approve the Line Item Transfer Report passed with a motion by Mr. King and a second by Mr. Pulino—unanimous vote.

IX.B. Facilities Department

There was no report.

IX.C. Personnel Report

There was no report.

IX.D. Transportation Report

There was no report.

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

X.A. Teacher Supply Allocation

Dr. Conner called Ms. Bourne and Ms. Walcott forward. They explained line item allocations and teacher access to them for supplies. Ms. Bourne noted that unused funds are returned each year from the schools. They responded to questions.

X.I.B. Technology Audit and Review Presentation

Dr. Conner thanked AASA & Millennium for partnering with Middletown Public Schools. Mr. Skott did a PowerPoint presentation of the Technology audit done by Millennium. The Future Ready Technology Plan 2025 and Middletown Cybersecurity Threats Avoidance Roadmap were distributed to each Board member. Information shared was of a general nature to protect the district. Audit recommendations will be provided to the Technology Department. Mr. Skott responded to questions and there was a discussion.
X.C. District News
Chair Cain welcomed new Chief Academic Officer Dr. Magda Parvey and new Board member Christopher Sugar.

XI. COMMITTEES

XI.A. Budget Committee
Mr. King reported that the committee met last evening and shared highlights of discussions. There was a brief discussion about the five-year Facilities Plan.

XI.B. Curriculum Committee
Ms. Loomis provided an overview of the Curriculum Committee’s meeting of the November meeting. She highlighted the positive response of MHS Freshmen to the CT Rise program. There was a discussion.

XI.C. Facilities Committee
Chair Cain shared what was discussed at the last Facilities Committee meeting, sharing they toured Wesley Elementary School and contract updates. She said the committee will be meeting next Wednesday at 5:30 PM at Central Office and encouraged BOE members to attend.

XI.D. Policy Committee
There was no report.

XI.E. Representative Reports
There was nothing reported.

XI.F. New Middle School Building Committee
The next meeting is December 12, 2019.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII.A. New Items
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:06 PM passed with a motion by Mr. King and a second by Mr. Pulino – unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Dempsey-White
Secretary

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