

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:30 PM

Beman Middle School, 1 Wilderman's Way, Middletown, CT 06457

I. Call to Order	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
II. Salute to the Flag	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
III. Adoption of Agenda	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
IV. District Highlights	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
IV.A. Boys Crew Varsity State Championship	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Jessie Lavorgna
IV.B. New Teacher Welcome	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Jessie Lavorgna
IV.C. Physical Education Teacher Award	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Jessie Lavorgna
IV.D. Procolomation for Hispanic Heritage Month	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Jessie Lavorgna
IV.E. FAFSA Competition	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Jessie Lavorgna
V. Public Session	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
VI. Communications	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
VI.A. Report of Student Representative	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Nana Obeng
VII. Consent Agenda	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
VII.A. Minutes of June 13, 2023 BOE Regular Meeting	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
VII.B. 2023 Spring Sports Report	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Elisha DeJesus
VII.C. Proposal for School Based 4-H Club at MHS	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Elisha DeJesus
VII.D. MHS Crew - Regatta CRI Fall Classic	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Scot Peaslee
VII.E. MHS Crew - Regatta - New England Jr. Regionals	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Scot Peaslee
VII.F. MHS Crew - Regatta - Head of the Charles	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Scot Peaslee
VII.G. MHS Crew - Regatta - Head of the Fish	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Scot Peaslee
VII.H. MHS FFA/ASTE Eastern State Exposition 9-16-23 & 9-26-23	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Rebecca Isaacson
VII.I. MHS Ag Science 4H Eastern States Expo	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Rebecca Isaacson
VII.J. MHS FFA National Convention	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Rebecca Isaacson
VII.K. MHS Orchestra to Boston	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Lauren Otto
VII.L. Alliance Grant	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Natalie Forbes
VII.M. Grants Status Report	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Natalie Forbes

VII.N.	Policy #5127 - Readopt - Student Representation on the Board of Education	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
VII.O.	Policy #5131.5 - Revise - Vandalism	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
VII.P.	Policy #5142.2 - Revise - Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
VII.Q.	Policy #7230.2 - Revise - Indoor Air Quality	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
VIII.	<b>Department Reports</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
VIII.A.	Financial Report	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Eduardo Miranda
VIII.A.1.	Action on Line Item Transfer Report	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Eduardo Miranda
VIII.B.	Facilities Department	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Kevin Dion
VIII.C.	Personnel Report	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Harry Snyder
VIII.D.	Transportation Report	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Mark Langton
IX.	<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Dr. Vazquez Matos
IX.A.	Introduction of Newly Hired Administrators	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Dr. Vazquez Matos
IX.B.	Summer Programming Presentation	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Dr. Vazquez Matos
IX.C.	Math Pathways Overview	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Dr. Vazquez Matos
IX.D.	Strategic Operating Plan Timeline	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Dr. Vazquez Matos
X.	<b>Committees</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
X.A.	Budget Committee	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Charles Wiltsie
X.B.	Curriculum Committee	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Debra Guss
X.C.	Facilities Committee	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
X.D.	Policy Committee	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
XI.	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
XI.A.	Policy #4010 - Adopt - Hiring of Certified Staff	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
XI.B.	Policy #4020 - Adopt - Hiring of Non-Certified Staff	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
XI.C.	Policy #4111 - Delete - Recruitment and Selection	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
XI.D.	Policy #5123.1 - Revise - Summer School	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Justin Taylor
XII.	<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
XIII.	<b>Proposed for Executive Session</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain
XIII.A.	Discussion regarding written attorney client privileged memorandum (legal advice concerning communications from members of the	<b>Speaker (s)</b> : Deborah Cain

public and Board Policy 1260)

XIII.B. Adjourn Executive Session

**Speaker(s):** Deborah  
Cain

XIV. **Possible action concerning communications from  
members of the public and Board Policy 1260**

**Speaker(s):** Deborah  
Cain

XV. **Adjournment**

**Speaker(s):** Deborah  
Cain

## MPS NEW TEACHERS 2023-2024

- Sara Anderson - Special Education
- Sigrid Atherton - Pre School
- Ariel Baez - Spanish
- Tyler Berry - Business Education
- Veronica Bisson - Elementary
- Leann Boisvert - Secondary English
- Elissa Caracoglia - Special Education
- Yarimell Castro - Spanish
- Denise Conley - Elementary
- Mackenzie Cook - Art
- Destiny Davis - School Social Worker
- Blake DeBlase - Spanish
- Ronny Fuhrmann - School Social Worker
- Denise Grodzicki - Guidance Counselor
- Amanda Halpin - Special Education
- Younesse Hassi - Secondary Math
- Lesley Henry - Secondary English
- Ivelisse Hernandez - Bilingual
- Jonathan Juliano - Special Education
- Alex Kelsey - Band
- Christian Kennedy - Art
- Kara Kochiss - Elementary
- Licia Krier - School Psychologist
- Elizabeth McDonald - Secondary Math
- Sarah Merriam - Elementary



## MPS NEW TEACHERS 2023-2024

- Erin Oleynek - School Social Worker
- Bethany Ottowitz - Social Studies
- Emily Phillips - Secondary Science
- Seth Pianka - Secondary Science
- Kimberly Porras - School Social Worker
- Hector Portal - Spanish
- Molly Rosen - Elementary
- Adela Santiago Martinez - Spanish
- Andrew Satterberg - Band
- Jennifer Smith - Secondary Math
- George Sports - Special Education
- Cecile St. Jean - Social Studies
- Matthew Treme - Spanish
- Candice Wade - School Counselor
- Linda Wat - Art
- Mark Westendorp - Secondary Math
- Samantha Williams - Science
- Jeanne Worthen - Science
- Yorian Santiago Hernandez - Spanish
- Jesse Young - Art
- Caitlin Zima - School Psychologist



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Deborah Cain: Present  
Anita Dempsey-White: Absent  
Dina Ford: Present  
Debra Guss: Present  
Emily Jackson: Present  
Jon Pulino: Present  
Delita Rose Daniels: Present  
Justin Taylor: Present  
Charles Wiltsie: Present  
Present: 8, Absent: 1.

I. Call to Order

Chair Cain called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Salute to the Flag

Mr. Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended. This motion, made by Debra Guss and seconded by Dina Ford, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

MOTION: A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Taylor with a second by Ms. Ford - unanimous vote

Chair Cain stated that she would like to add Action Item XI.H. Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget

MOTION: A motion to add Item XI.H. Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget was made by Chair Cain and a second by Mr. Taylor- unanimous vote.

IV. District Highlights

IV.A. Seal of Biliteracy

Ms. Lavorgna shared that Middletown Public Schools is proud to announce that 16 exceptional graduating high school seniors have achieved the hard-earned and prestigious The Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy. This remarkable accomplishment serves as a testament to the students' mastery of two or more languages and highlights their exceptional linguistic abilities. The Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy is a distinguished recognition awarded to

graduating seniors who have demonstrated proficiency in English and at least one additional language. It is a highly esteemed achievement that showcases these students' commitment to embracing and nurturing diverse languages and cultures, making them an inspiration to their fellow students, teachers, and the entire Middletown community.

#### IV.B. DECA

The students started by thanking everyone for their support. The goal of DECA is to prepare emerging leaders in marketing, management, finance and hospitality. They explained the DECA program and the many events that they participated in throughout the school year. MHS DECA had 201 members this year. Students competed at the state and national levels. This year's international conference, held in Orlando, Florida, was the largest in DECA Inc.'s history with 22,000 attendees from 12 nations. Many students received recognition at the international level.

#### IV.C. Robotics

The MHS Robotics team earned a certificate of recognition from the State Senate. The team demonstrated their 2023 competition robots. The team will host both the 2024 Regional Competition Championship and the MHS Robotics Qualifier, which is the largest competition in the region. The team competed in many competitions throughout the year. Tournament champions, skills champion and excellence awards were all awarded to the Robotics teams throughout the season. Teams qualified to compete in Worlds Championships that was held in Dallas, Texas. Both teams made it to the quarterfinal round.

#### IV.D. MPS Retirees

Seven teachers have retired from Middletown Public Schools this year. Kathy Adams, Bruce Bardos, Jane Caluccio, Lina Kronenberger, Carol Mason, Susan Meehl and Colleen Twomey. Ms. Lavorgna shared a slideshow of each teacher.

#### IV.E. Pride Month Proclamation

Ms. Lavorgna read the Proclamation for PRIDE month.

Mr. Griswold also recognized the teachers that participated in the Teacher Education And Mentoring (TEAM) program this year. New teachers are paired with specially trained teachers as mentors. 18 beginning teachers and their mentors successfully completed the program.

### V. Public Session

Chair Cain explained the rules of Public Session.

Cris Freer, 108 David Drive. Ms. Freer spoke about her concerns with the Math Pathways and the Data Science classes.

Sanjay Rambhia, 952 Arbutus St. Mr. Rambhia asked questions regarding students transferring, sections offered and SAT prep being affected by the changes to the new Math Pathway.

Andrea McCarty 459 Chamberlain Rd. Ms. McCarty urged that changes be slowed down. She encouraged another parents' meeting regarding the curriculum changes.

Jessica Carini 12 Peppercorn Lane. Ms. Carini is concerned about the placement of students in a Math class for Beman students.

## VI. Communications

### VI.A. Report of Student Representative

Student Representative Pilar Brooks shared that the official last day was June 12. She congratulated 2 students that earned full scholarships to Cornell and Yale University. The senior awards, the senior picnic at Holiday Hill, the senior social, and the prom were all successful and memorable events.

June 9 was graduation rehearsal and project graduation. Project graduation at Nomads was a success. The school also celebrated the end of the year with Community Day and Diversity Day. Graduation will be Saturday, June 17th at 10:30 AM.

Chair Cain presented Ms. Brooks with an award for her dedication to the Board.

## VII. Consent Agenda

### VII.A. Minutes of May 9, 2023 BOE Regular Meeting

Approval of the Consent Agenda (or as amended). This motion, made by Jon Pulino and seconded by Justin Taylor, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### VII.B. Minutes of June 8, 2023 6:45PM Special Meeting

### VII.C. DECA Power Trip College & Career Conference, TX

### VII.D. DECA Sports and Entertainment Management Conference, FL

### VII.E. DECA International Career Development Conference, CA

### VII.F. Grants Status Report

### VII.G. Primary Mental Health Grant

### VII.H. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

### VII.I. Policy #7230.3 Acoustics- Revise - Acoustics

## VIII. Department Reports

### VIII.A. Financial Report

Mr. Miranda shared that a surplus is projected which is similar to last year. This was caused by vacancies across the district and the warmer winter this year.

#### VIII.A.1. Action on Line Item Transfer Report

Move to approve the Line Item Transfer Report. This motion, made by Jon Pulino and seconded by Dina Ford, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Miranda reviewed the line item transfers. They include purchase services for events and student activities.

#### VIII.B. Facilities Department

Mr. Dion reviewed the projects for the summer. In addition to deep cleaning and waxing floors, carpets will be removed and the library at MHS will undergo a renovation. The Beman cafeteria will have foam panels to help with the noise levels during lunches.

#### VIII.C. Personnel Report

Mr. Synder shared the end-of-year data. The Human Resources team has attended conferences, will attend community events and an increase in Para recruitment. He shared that there have been 351 hires, 62 teachers, 64 paras and 209 other staff members. He explained the turnover rate data looks higher in the summer because of the short-term summer positions.

#### VIII.D. Transportation Report

Mr. Gaylord reviewed the transportation report. May was a busy month with athletic events and field trips. Dattco continues to recruit drivers for the upcoming school year.

### IX. Superintendent's Report

#### IX.A. MPS Climate and Culture Survey

The Annual Climate and Culture Surveys were sent out to families, students and employees. Mr. Griswold gave an overview of the surveys. All surveys were voluntary and anonymous. 929 families completed the surveys, 376 employees completed surveys and 1796 students completed the survey. Participants were able to leave comments on the survey on open-ended questions.

Next steps include district and school leader analysis and results will be publicly available on our website.

#### IX.B. Employee Exit Surveys Data

Ms. Cannata and Mr. Snyder presented the Employee Exit Questionnaire. The exit questionnaire was developed in April 2022. It was sent to staff who voluntarily separated from Middletown Public Schools. It is a voluntary survey. Ms. Canata shared each question

on the questionnaire and the data from the responses. The Human Resources department is looking at and revising recruiting, hiring and retention strategies.

## X. Committees

### X.A. Budget Committee

Mr. Wiltsie gave an overview of the Budget Committee Meeting. There were no questions.

### X.B. Curriculum Committee

Ms. Guss shared that they reviewed a Dual Language program for 2024-2025 and an update on the K-5 Literacy program and the selection process. At the June 4th meeting, the Data Science Course was reviewed.

### X.C. Facilities Committee

The Committee met at Moody School last month. Painting will happen over the summer as well as various projects. They are working on the sound issues in the cafeteria at Beman with sound barriers.

### X.D. Policy Committee

The policy committee met on May 16. They reviewed 8 policies. Three were tabled and 5 will be presented this evening during Action Items.

## XI. Action Items

Motion to approve the addition of Data Science at Middletown High School. This motion, made by Deborah Cain and seconded by Dina Ford, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### XI.A. Data Science High School Course

Motion to approve the Data Science High School course. This motion, made by Delita Rose Daniels and seconded by Justin Taylor, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Jon Pulino: Nay, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 1, Absent: 1 Jon Pulino: Nay

Ms. Daniels, Mr. Cordaway and Ms. McCann explained the new data science high school course. This course will provide student choice. It will provide students with another pathway for students.

Dr. Vazquez Matos clarified that Algebra 2 was not removed from the curriculum. This will not affect middle school math courses. The new course pathway would begin for the 2024-2025 school year. Two teachers will be trained on the course and will become leaders of the program.

XI.B. Approval of Naming the Multipurpose Field in front of Beman Middle School the Quentin "Q" Williams Memorial Field in Honor of a Middletown Public Schools Student

A motion to approve the naming of the multipurpose Field in front of Beman Middle School the Quentin "Q" Williams Memorial Field in Honor of a Middletown Student. This motion, made by Jon Pulino and seconded by Delita Rose Daniels, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Quentin "Q" Williams was a Middletown Public Schools student and the first Black State Representative for Middletown. He was very proud of Middletown Public Schools. The naming of the field would honor him and the work that he did for Middletown. The next step is for the approval to go to the Common Council.

#### XI.C. Policy #5123.1 - Revise - Summer School

Motion to table Policy #. This motion, made by Justin Taylor and seconded by Jon Pulino, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Motion to table Policy #5123.1. This motion, made by Justin Taylor and seconded by Jon Pulino, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was recommended to revise to ensure consistency. Further recommend identifying that ESY is provided through the PPT - payment for ESY is not permitted. Chair Cain asked about Middletown residency and clarification. The decision was made to table the item for clarification.

#### XI.D. Policy #5127 - Readopt - Student Representation on the Board of Education

Move to readopt Policy #5127 as a first reading. This motion, made by Justin Taylor and seconded by Dina Ford, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

This policy is not mandatory. Recommend Board review to ensure compliance. Due to continuation of a having a student representative on the BOE, the administration reviewed the policy and recommends readopting it. No changes were required.

#### XI.E. Policy #5131.5 - Revise - Vandalism

Motion to revise Policy #5131.5 as a first reading. This motion, made by Justin Taylor and seconded by Dina Ford, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

This policy is not mandatory however it was recommend the Board review the policy to determine if it continues to be necessary. After reviewing the policy, the Administration recommends maintaining it.

**XI.F. Policy #5142.2 - Revise - Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions**

Motion to revise Policy #5142.2 as a first reading. This motion, made by Justin Taylor and seconded by Emily Jackson, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

This policy is not mandatory. However, the Board may wish to maintain the policy in some form to ensure procedures for dismissal are in place. Recommend administrative review to ensure compliance because the policy has not been reviewed since 2005. After reviewing the policy, the Administration recommends maintaining it.

**XI.G. Policy #7230.2 - Revise - Indoor Air Quality**

Motion to revise Policy #7230.2 as a first reading. This motion, made by Justin Taylor and seconded by Dina Ford, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

A Board policy on this topic is not mandatory. We recommend annual notification of the indoor air quality program and posting of inspection results, but we do not maintain a model policy on this topic. There were no questions from the Board.

**Item XIH. Adoption of Revised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget**

Mr. Miranda shared the changes that was made to the Board of Education Budget.

**MOTION:** Motion to accept the revisions to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget that was outlined by Mr. Miranda was made by Chair Cain and a second by Mr. Taylor - unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** A motion to adopt the Revised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget was made by Chair Cain and a second by Ms. Guss - unanimous vote.

**XII. Future Agenda Items**

There were no future items.

**XIII. Proposed for Executive Session**

Motion to enter Executive Session for the Superintendent Year End Evaluation and the Superintendent Contract Extension Discussion and invite Dr. Vazquez Matos at 10:02 PM to go into Executive Session. This motion, made by Deborah Cain and seconded by Charles Wiltsie, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII.A. Superintendent Year End Evaluation

XIII.B. Superintendent Contract Extension Discussion

XIII.C. Adjourn Executive Session

The Board returned at 11:38 PM.

XIV. Possible Action Item: Vote to extend Superintendent's Contract

Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Jon Pulino and seconded by Emily Jackson, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

XV. Adjournment

Move at 11:39 PM to adjourn. This motion, made by Debra Guss and seconded by Jon Pulino, Carried.

Anita Dempsey-White: Absent, Deborah Cain: Yea, Dina Ford: Yea, Debra Guss: Yea, Emily Jackson: Yea, Jon Pulino: Yea, Delita Rose Daniels: Yea, Justin Taylor: Yea, Charles Wiltsie: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## **Athletic Department End of Season Report – Spring 2023**

This report is an overview of each sport, the number of participants, the cost to run the program, an academic review of the spring sports season and the clubs and activities in place.

The report shows that participation in sports increased a little from last Spring.

From an operating perspective, expenses increased because of transportation and lack of drivers with Dattco. We had to go out to other companies which were more expensive. Salaries increased because of additional positions added to the MFT contract (assistant coaches at BMS).

I am happy to report we had a total of **108** (62%) varsity student-athletes receive All-Academic recognition (which is a GPA of 87.5 or higher during the 3rd marking period). Our two scholar athletes for the Spring season were freshmen girls lacrosse team member, Alexis Einsworth with a 99.57 GPA and junior, girls outdoor track and team member, Elise Kennedy with a 99.86 GPA.

Additionally, we had 19 Spring varsity student-athletes selected to the All-CCC South Conference team and 6 Spring varsity student-athletes selected as All-State recipients.

The Jim Bransfield Legacy Award was created to honor Jim Bransfield and all he did for our community and our student-athletes. This award is awarded to the “12 season student athlete.” This years recipients are:

- *Melissa Carlson - GXC, G. I. Track, G. Outdoor Track*
- *Jahne Carrenard - GSoc, GBball, Ultimate Frisbee*
- *John Carrenard - BSoc, B. I. Track, Ultimate Frisbee*
- *Michael Colombo - BSoc, Crew, B.I. Track, Ultimate Frisbee*
- *Natalie Forno - GXC, G.I.Track, G. Outdoor Track*
- *Hannah Kolosky - GSoc, G.I. Track, G. Outdoor Track*
- *Meghan Lemieux - Vball, G. I. Track, G. Outdoor Track*
- *Matthew Olerud - BXC, Girls Swim/Dive Manager, Boys Swim/Dive, B. Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee*
- *Audrey Rancourt - GXC, G .I.Track, G. Outdoor Track*
- *Evan Whittaker - BXC, B.I.Track, Boys Swim/Dive, B. Outdoor Track*

## High School Sports Narratives

### High School Softball: Sal Morello

Our 2023 MHS Softball season was a success as 26 student athletes competed this spring. We saw our team record 11 wins, the most in recent years. We are heading to the state tournament, for the first time since 2019. Our Junior Varsity program was a success as we did our best as a staff to develop skills and an understanding of the game of Softball. We say goodbye to 3 seniors and we're encouraged by the future of the program.

### High School Baseball: Daniel Botti

With one regular season game to play, we have broken the record for most regular season wins for the baseball team since we became the Blue Dragons in 1985. Everyone has stayed healthy and has maintained a great attitude as we look forward to the state tournament.

### High School Girls Tennis: Tish Ehnot

The Girls Varsity Tennis Team finished the 2023 season with a 6-10 record. Our team is a young team with mostly sophomore and freshman players. The younger team members worked hard and stepped into Varsity roles. Two of our wins were upsets of top league teams and first ever wins. Recruitment of players and lack of a JV /program/team continue to be a challenge.

### High School Boys Tennis: Kelvin Jones

Middletown High School Boys Tennis team completed a full season of tennis with a record of 0-15. The team was young and inexperienced at the varsity level. As the season progressed, much improvement was noticed from the beginning to the end. Although our record did not indicate it, our season was successful because of the improvement and hard work of the student athletes with no experience with tennis at the varsity level. We are looking forward to next season hoping to add more players with the opportunity to win more games.

### High School Boys Outdoor Track & Field: Jenn Price

The boys track and field season was all about improvement. The amount of student/athletes participating improved, their performances improved and our record improved. Although we are not necessarily where we want to be, we are making great strides to get there. Our season concluded with some great performances at the Class L meet which qualified 5 student/athletes to compete at the State Open. Of those, one, Jaiquan Hill, qualified to compete in the shot put at the New England Championships in Maine. While there, he threw his best and finished 10th. It was a great way to end the season!

### High School Girls Outdoor Track & Field: James White

The Girls Outdoor Track Team on the rebuilding stage had a lot of new talented athletes. The team ended their season 0-7. Our veteran athletes continued with great performances. Our 4x800 relay finished fourth in the CCC South. Lily Normandin finished 3rd in the pole vault and Elise Kennedy finished 5th in 3200 meters. We had a couple of girls who competed for Class L State meet; Elise Kennedy 1600 and 3200,

Sophia Pistorino 200 meters and 400 meters and Brianna Kennedy Long Jump. This season is a great farewell to our most dedicated seniors athletes. They have shown true compassion for track and field. We continue our journey with many underclassmen ready to step up and hope to have a more successful turn out for next season.

#### High School Boys Golf: Matthew Harris

This season the weather was in our favor. The boys golf team had 11 participants guided by Coach Harris and Coach Frost. Our home course was Lyman Orchards (Jones). We finished the season 9-12 in conference and 12-15 overall. MHS Boys Golf finished 5th in the CCC tournament and 11th in the Division 1 State tournament. Anthony Nanfito and Andrew Dunn won All Conference. Andrew Dunn was the medalist in the CCC tournament shooting -4. He also finished 4th in the state tournament and earned a position at the state open. Andrew finished 19th at the state open. Andrew Dunn was named an All State athlete. MHS Boys Golf had several All Academic student athletes this season.

#### High School Girls Golf: Roberta Downer

MHS Girl's Golf returned after 2 years. The team was composed of three freshmen and a senior. This season was focused on nourishing relationships and learning the game. The girls showed tremendous growth and tenacity as the season progressed, our top scorer won her first Medalist of the match in the latter part of the season. With three freshmen, it was a great year for rebuilding. We look forward to seeing the growth and development of these new players in the coming years.

#### High School Ultimate Frisbee: Trevor Charles

Middletown Ultimate finished 8-13 on the season, and 4th at Division 1 States. The team attended the PVI tournament in Massachusetts and finished 12th in the A division. The team carried 20 varsity players and graduated 11 seniors. We finished 58th in the national standings of over 200 teams that were ranked this year. The JV program did well despite low numbers, finishing 2nd in the division 2 States.

#### High School Boys Lacrosse: Weventz Valery

The Middletown High School Boys lacrosse team continued their journey of establishing themselves as a growing young program in the CCC. We had a competitive season only winning a handful of games, but stayed motivated and driving. As we look toward 2024, we will look to improve our win total. This season's varsity learning experience was beneficial. We only graduated 4 seniors, with 15 returning players, the future is very promising.

#### High School Girls Lacrosse: Sharon Murdock

The girls lacrosse team had a very successful first season as a co-op with Cogenchaug Regional High School. The girls from both schools came together seamlessly with a united and positive attitude. The team had our first winning record (8-7) since becoming a varsity sport, and came in fourth in our division in the CCC conference. We also qualified for the state tournament for the first time, had 3 student athletes score 100 career goals, and we have two seniors carrying on to play collegiate lacrosse next year.

### High School Spring Crew: Scot Peaslee

MHS Crew competed in two distinct competitive programs this season. We continued to compete in the Connecticut Public School Rowing Association (CPSRA), and we joined the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association (NEIRA). The boys varsity placed first, the boys novice placed second, and the girls varsity placed third at CPSRA, making us the winning team by points in four person boats & state championships among public schools in Connecticut. The boys first and second varsity boats also qualified for the New England Championships at NEIRA, seeding them in the top 18 boats among all public and private schools in New England. The boys first varsity boat placed fourteenth and the boys second varsity boat placed fifteenth at NEIRA.

### High School Unified Track: Cindy Culp

This season we had a cornhole tournament at Rocky Hill High School, where we worked together as a team to determine who would move on to the finals against Farmington, unfortunately we lost by 4 points, but we learned how to work together which is the most important part of team work! We also had a Track tournament at Newington High School where everyone on the team ran, did the long jump, threw javelin, and played other field event games. All around we had a great season!

## **Beman Middle School Sport Narratives**

### Beman Softball: Sydney White

Beman Softball had a very successful season, winning 7 games, losing 4 games, and tying 1 game. We had 16 amazing athletes on our team that put their all out on the field this season. As a team, we had 415 plate appearances, 122 hits, 88 singles, 23 doubles, 8 triples, and 4 homeruns. As a team, we scored a total of 121 points this season. We had two pitchers who produced 101 strikeouts over 70 innings. Overall, we had an outstanding season and increased our stats from last season.

### Beman Baseball: Mike Angeli

The Beman Baseball season finished with a record of 3-9. Focusing on improving not only skill but the mental aspect of the game, the boys grew as a team. Every player put focus on becoming a better asset to the team rather than just on personal improvement. This allowed the team to grow as a unit. This young and talented team shows great promise for the future of Beman Baseball.

### Beman Girls/Boys Outdoor Track & Field: Karen Agogliati & Shaen Murdock

The Beman Outdoor Track & Field season was a great success. The girls went undefeated and the boys had a winning record. We had a lot of students qualify to compete in the CT's Middle School Track & Field Meet.

SPRING TEAM RECORDS

MHS

	Wins	Losses	Ties
Baseball	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	
Softball	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	
Girls Track	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	
Boys Track	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	
Boys Tennis	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	
Girls Tennis	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	
Girls Crew	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	
Boys Crew	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	
Boys Golf	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	
Girls Golf	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	
Ultimate Frisbee	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	
Boys Lacrosse	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	
Girls Lacrosse	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	
Unified Track	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	

BEMAN

Baseball	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	
Softball	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
Boys Track & Field	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
Girls Track & Field	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Academic Review---2023 Spring Sports Season

All student-athletes in grades 9-12 were reviewed for compliance to Middletown High School's eligibility policy. In accordance with district policy, third marking period grades served as the criteria in the review process. Student-athletes who had met CIAC eligibility standards but had received one or more failing grades were subject to the review process.

Team-by team results of the Academic Review process are summarized in the following table:

	<b>Number Of Student Athletes Subject To Academic Review</b>	<b>Number Of Student Athletes Meeting MHS Criteria For Continuing Participation</b>	<b>Number Of Student Athletes Who Failed To Meet MHS Criteria For Continuing Participation</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	1	1	0
<b>Softball</b>	3	3	0
<b>Boy's Track</b>	7	7	0
<b>Girl's Track</b>	5	5	0
<b>Boy's Tennis</b>	0	0	0
<b>Girl's Tennis</b>	0	0	0
<b>Boy's Golf</b>	0	0	0
<b>Girl's Golf</b>	1	1	0
<b>Boys Crew</b>	3	3	0
<b>Girls Crew</b>	1	1	0
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	2	2	0
<b>Boys Lacrosse</b>	6	6	0
<b>Girls Lacrosse</b>	0	0	0
<b>Unified</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	29	29	0

**Middletown Public Schools  
 SPRING 2023  
 Participation**

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>Beman Middle School</u>								<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>											
	<u>SIXTH</u>		<u>SEVENTH</u>		<u>EIGHTH</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>NINTH</u>		<u>TENTH</u>		<u>ELEVENTH</u>		<u>TWELFTH</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Baseball	5	<b>4</b>	5	<b>7</b>	11	<b>5</b>	21	<b>16</b>	7	<b>11</b>	6	<b>4</b>	5	<b>5</b>	6	<b>6</b>	24	<b>26</b>	45	<b>42</b>
Softball	5	<b>4</b>	8	<b>6</b>	7	<b>9</b>	20	<b>19</b>	13	<b>5</b>	4	<b>11</b>	10	<b>4</b>	4	<b>3</b>	31	<b>23</b>	51	<b>42</b>
Boys Tennis									3	<b>1</b>	0	<b>4</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>0</b>	3	<b>6</b>	3	<b>6</b>
Girls Tennis									9	<b>2</b>	2	<b>8</b>	4	<b>3</b>	1	<b>3</b>	16	<b>16</b>	16	<b>16</b>
Boys Track	11	<b>9</b>	17	<b>14</b>	20	<b>30</b>	48	<b>53</b>	8	<b>13</b>	8	<b>13</b>	14	<b>9</b>	11	<b>12</b>	41	<b>47</b>	89	<b>100</b>
Girls Track	9	<b>14</b>	10	<b>13</b>	16	<b>15</b>	35	<b>42</b>	7	<b>7</b>	14	<b>17</b>	8	<b>12</b>	6	<b>9</b>	35	<b>45</b>	70	<b>87</b>
Crew - Male									8	<b>8</b>	8	<b>8</b>	10	<b>8</b>	1	<b>4</b>	27	<b>28</b>	27	<b>28</b>
Crew - Female									2	<b>11</b>	6	<b>2</b>	4	<b>4</b>	3	<b>3</b>	15	<b>20</b>	15	<b>20</b>
Golf - Male									2	<b>1</b>	8	<b>2</b>	2	<b>7</b>	6	<b>1</b>	18	<b>11</b>	18	<b>11</b>
Golf - Female									0	<b>3</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>4</b>	0	<b>4</b>
Ulti.									6	<b>6</b>	11	<b>10</b>	8	<b>8</b>	5	<b>7</b>	29	<b>31</b>	29	<b>31</b>
Frisbee-Male									4	<b>3</b>	2	<b>1</b>	2	<b>1</b>	0	<b>2</b>	8	<b>7</b>	8	<b>7</b>
Ulti. Frisbee - Female									2	<b>2</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>2</b>	4	<b>0</b>	6	<b>5</b>	6	<b>5</b>
Unified-Male									3	<b>1</b>	2	<b>3</b>	0	<b>0</b>	2	<b>0</b>	7	<b>4</b>	7	<b>4</b>
Unified-Female									3	<b>7</b>	5	<b>5</b>	2	<b>6</b>	6	<b>4</b>	16	<b>22</b>	16	<b>22</b>
Lacrosse - Male									4	<b>9</b>	1	<b>5</b>	4	<b>5</b>	3	<b>5</b>	12	<b>24</b>	12	<b>24</b>
Lacrosse - Female																				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>449</b>

2022-23 SPRING ATHLETICS EXPENSES

SPORT	*OPERATING EXPENSES		GENERATED INCOME		Number of Coaches		Total Salaries	
	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23
Baseball	\$9,201	\$12,192	\$620	\$1,627	2	3	\$8,751	\$16,767
Middle School Baseball	\$896	\$2,959			1	2	\$3,616	\$6,566
Softball	\$7,565	\$4,388	0	\$0	3	2	\$12,367	\$11,951
Middle School Softball	\$380	\$2,734			1	2	\$3,616	\$6,566
Boys Tennis	\$2,434	\$1,942			1	1	\$4,989	\$6,239
Girls Tennis	\$3,809	\$2,017			1	1	\$4,989	\$6,239
Boys Track	\$9,162	\$2,234			3	3	\$12,367	\$16,767
Middle School Track - Boys	\$200	\$228			1	1	\$3,616	\$4,816
Girls Track	\$8,442	\$1,534			2	2	\$8,751	\$11,951
Middle School Track - Girls	\$200	\$228			1	2	\$3,616	\$5,936
Boys/Girls Head Crew	\$4,750	\$8,588			1	1	\$6,945	\$9,445
Boys/Girls Asst. Crew	\$4,750	\$8,588			4	4	\$12,472	\$12,478
Boys Golf	\$2,873	\$1,867			1	2	\$4,989	\$9,998
Girls Golf	\$378	\$1,687			1	1	\$4,989	\$6,239
Ultimate Frisbee	\$150	\$1,829	\$205	\$234	2	2	\$8,751	\$11,951
Unified Sports	\$0	\$0			1	1	\$1,050	\$1,450
Lacrosse - Boys	\$4,946	\$5,977	\$860	\$582	2	2	\$8,605	\$11,951
Lacrosse - Girls	\$4,010	\$3,800	\$339	\$501	2	2	\$8,605	\$11,951
Athletic Trainer	\$450	\$1,450			1	0	\$12,000	\$0
Strength & Conditioning	\$0	\$0			0	1	n/a	\$6,239
***Miscellaneous	\$10,232	\$2,309						
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	\$74,828	\$66,551						
Transportation	\$39,172	\$59,285						
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$114,000	\$125,826	\$2,024	\$2,944	31	35	\$135,084	\$175,500

\*Operating Expenses- Includes officials, uniforms, equipment, supplies and game personnel (event workers, security OT, custodial/maintenance OT).

\*\*\*Miscellaneous: includes awards, administrative supplies, office supplies, dues & fees.

**2022-23 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION REPORT**

<u>Club - Stipend Positions</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Ninth</u>		<u>Tenth</u>		<u>Eleventh</u>		<u>Twelfth</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
		2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23
Fall Dance Club	M. Bishop	1	3	3	3	4	2	1	2	9	10
Key Club	N. Charles	0	5	6	3	12	7	6	19	24	34
Senior Class Advisor	L. Pszczolkowski/B.Shapiro	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	5	4
Yearbook	J. Price/L. Pszczolkowski	0	1	4	1	4	4	1	6	9	12
Flag Corps, Color Guard	A. Barrows	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	2	5	4
National Honor Society	M. Molski	0	0	0	0	63	69	58	62	121	131
Freshman Class Advisor	B. Shapiro	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	12
Future Teachers of America	K. Hamilton	4	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	8	10
Junior Class Advisor	J. Price/K. Bysiewicz	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	0	7	10
Drama Club/Music Club	J. Kellogg	9	14	10	5	13	22	21	18	53	59
Sophomore Class Advisor	P. Ehnot	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	5	10
School Newspaper	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Math Team	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Future Business Leaders	S. Latif	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	3	7	6
Student Council	N/A	2	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	11	0
Gender, Sexuality Alliance	T. Charles	4	2	15	2	8	5	8	2	35	11
Model UN/Debate Team	D. Lowry	8	2	4	3	6	8	10	6	28	19
Tri-M	S. Zak	0	11	6	0	2	8	5	5	13	24
Judo	P. Hinkle	2	3	2	1	4	3	1	3	9	10
Pride Crew	A. Ayer	0	0	0	0	31	6	43	12	74	18
Fall Crew Club	S. Peaslee/M. Metaxas	8	6	6	8	13	9	9	9	36	32
Drumline/Percussion	A. Newman	3	4	2	5	1	3	4	1	10	13
Dragon Watch	M. Molski	2	2	1	7	6	1	5	10	14	20
Environmental Club	J. Mickiewicz	6	6	1	4	2	4	0	2	9	16
Minority Student Coalition	K. Bianchini/S. Russel	7	1	10	3	2	1	5	4	24	9
Robotics	S. Faulkenberry	0	9	10	13	13	16	6	6	29	44

Art Club	S. Callahan/A. Kaye	38	65	37	85	69	90	95	95	239	335
Co-Curricular (**)											
**FFA	R. Isaacson/M. Kingsbury S. Russell/A. Thomson	41	34	24	35	17	23	30	18	112	110
**Band	K. Rodriguez	20	27	14	25	23	18	27	27	84	97
**Vocals	S. Zak	13	15	8	3	6	10	8	5	35	33
**DECA	D. ReynoldsV. Sheen	1	0	0	0	86	109	98	89	185	198
* Class committees operate as needed on a drop in basis.											
Total number of students participating		167	226	170	219	392	433	458	413	1,187	1291
Unpaid Activities											
AndSometimesY	D. Frankel	8	4	2	7	1	6	12	3	23	20
GIFTS	C. White	0	3	0	10	0	10	0	7	0	30
Pre-Med Club	R. Downer	3	7	2	9	0	2	3	6	8	24
Men of Excellence	R. Dixon	8	10	7	20	3	9	2	2	20	41
Science Bowl	M. Cohen	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0
Total number of students participating		29	24	16	46	18	27	24	18	87	115
Beman Middle School											
<u>Club Stipend Positions</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>SIXTH</u>		<u>SEVENTH</u>		<u>EIGHTH</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>			
		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>		
Student Council	J. Geary/J. Brady	15	17	15	17	15	18	45	52		
Drama Club/Musical	S. White/S. Zak	20	11	19	10	11	11	50	32		
National Jr. Honor Society	K. Formhals	0	0	0	0	105	27	105	27		
Color Guard/	K. Spaulding	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	6		
Science Olympiad	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tri-M	S. Zak	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15		
Yearbook	S. Blackmon	19		15		10		44	no report submitted		
Total number of Middle School students participating		54	31	49	28	141	73	244	132		
		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>								
Grand Total of Students Participating (Beman & MHS)		1518	1538								

## Monthly Club / Activity Report - **Sample**

Instructions: Complete at month-end and e-mail as an attachment to Robin in the Athletic Office at [wilsonr@mpsct.org](mailto:wilsonr@mpsct.org). Your stipend is based upon the following criteria: 100 Hours per Calendar Year

Advisor: Sample

Name of Activity / Club Drama Club

	Date	Activity	Place	Start Time	Duration	# of Students
1.	9/11/08	Drama Club Meeting	Chorus Room	2:10	1 hour	58
2.	9/18/08	Auditions for Fall Show	Chorus Room	2:10	1 hour	16
3.	9/19/08	Auditions for Fall Show	Chorus Room	2:10	1 hour	12
4.	9/23/08	Rehearsal	Room 325	2:10	2 hours	10
5.	9/24/08	Rehearsal	Black box Theatre	2:10	2 hours	10
6.	9/25/08	Rehearsal	Black box Theatre	2:10	2 hours	10
7.	9/29/08	Rehearsal	Black box Theatre	2:10	2 hours	10
8.	9/30/08	Rehearsal	Black box Theatre	2:10	2 hours	10
9.						
10.						
11.						
12.						
Total Monthly Duration					13 hours	

Below, list the dates you will meet in the upcoming month:

Date	Location	Time
Almost Daily	Black box Theatre	2 hours

## SAMPLE

<b>MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY ROSTER</b>			
		<b>ACTIVITY/CLUB</b> _____ <b>DATE:</b> _____ <b>ADVISOR:</b> _____	
<b>SENIORS (Alphabetically)</b>		<b>JUNIORS (Alphabetically)</b>	
<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b>M/F</b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b>M/F</b>
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<b><u>SOPHOMORES (Alphabetically)</u></b>		<b><u>FRESHMEN (Alphabetically)</u></b>	
<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b>Gend er M/F</b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b>Gend er M/F</b>
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### *Spring Coaches*

Baseball		Dan Botti	<b>Head</b>
		Anthony Franco	Asst.
		Ryan Famiglietti	Asst.
	Beman	Mike Angeli	
		David Baldyga	Asst.
Softball		Sal Morello	<b>Head</b>
		Meaghan Constant	Asst.
	Beman	Sydney White	
		Donald Austin	Asst.
Boys Track & Field		Jennifer Price	<b>Head</b>
		Lori Canaday	Asst.
		Brennan Lazich	Asst.
	Beman	Shawn Murdock	
Girls Track & Field		James White	<b>Head</b>
		Tom Weston	Asst.
	Beman	Karen Agogliati	
Boys Tennis		Kelvin Jones	<b>Head</b>
Girls Tennis		Tish Ehnot	<b>Head</b>
Boys Golf		Matt Harris	<b>Head</b>
		Greg Frost	Asst.
Girls Golf		Roberta Downer	<b>Head</b>
Ultimate Frisbee		Trevor Charles	<b>Head</b>
		Dan Kinney	Asst.
Unified Sports		Cindy Culp	<b>Head</b>
Boys/Girls Crew		Scott Peaslee	<b>Head</b>
		Hannah Breton	Asst.
		Sarah Isaacson	Asst.
		Melina Metaxas	Asst.
		Katherine Wicander	Asst.
Boys Lacrosse		Weventz Valery	<b>Head</b>
		Donte Powell	Asst.
Girls Lacrosse		Shannon Murdock	<b>Head</b>
		Darren Getek	Asst.
Strength & Conditioning		Kevin Dean	

## PROPOSAL FOR A SCHOOL BASED “4-H” CLUB AT MHS

**ADVISOR:** Amanda Thomson is willing to serve as club advisor

**FACILITIES:** Middletown High School Ag Science & Technology center

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED:** 16 (Anticipated enrollment 2023-24)

**EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM:** Not applicable

**BUDGET REQUIREMENTS:** \$0; 4-H membership is free

**FUNDING:** None required at this time

**TRANSPORTATION:** Provided by parents/guardians and/or Advisor with Ag Science program vehicles

### **ABOUT 4-H:**

4-H is the nation’s largest youth leadership organization. 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation (including University of Connecticut) that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. For more than 100 years, 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.

Through life-changing 4-H programs, nearly six million kids and teens have taken on critical societal issues, such as addressing community health inequities, engaging in civil discourse and advocating for equity and inclusion for all.

A school-based 4-H club would provide MHS students with additional opportunities to develop personal development and leadership skills and Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Amanda

**Instruction**  
**Field Trips and Community Service**

**OVERNIGHT & OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM**

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Name of School: **Middletown High School**

Date of Request: **6/9/2023**

Name of Club or Activity: **MHS Crew Team**

Trip To: **20 Nonantum Rd. Brighton, MA**

Purpose: **Regatta (CRI Fall Classic)**

Number of Students Participating: **45**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **45**

Dates of Trip: From: **9/16/2023** To: **9/16/2023** # of school days missed: **0**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Scot Peaslee	
2. Melina Metaxas	
3. Hannah Breton	

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: **Bus** Van Train Plane Car Other:

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes** If so, describe: **Booster Fundraisers & Crew Club Dues**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **Approx \$400 total crew club dues go toward crew regattas, busses & lodging**

Lodging: Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home

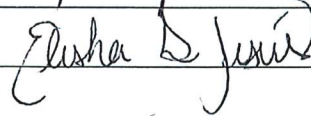
Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

Cost per Student: \$ Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$

Cost per Nurse: \$ Cost per Paraprofessional: \$

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **N/A**

Name of teacher making request: **Scot Peaslee** 

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: 

Approved by Principal: 

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: 

Superintendent Approval: 

Date: **9/5/23**

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Date of Request: **6/9/2023**

Name of Club or Activity: **MHS Crew Team**

Trip To: **10 N Lake Ave Worcester, MA**

Purpose: **Regatta (New England Jr. Regionals)**

Number of Students Participating: **45**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **45**

Dates of Trip: From: **10/8/2023** To: **10/8/2023**

# of school days missed: **0**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Scot Peaslee	
2. Melina Metaxas	
3. Hannah Breton	

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: **Bus** Van Train Plane Car Other:

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes** If so, describe: **Booster Fundraisers & Crew Club Dues**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **Approx \$400 total crew club dues go toward crew regattas, buses & lodging**

Lodging: Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

Cost per Student: \$ Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$

Cost per Nurse: \$ Cost per Paraprofessional: \$

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **N/A**

Name of teacher making request: **Scot Peaslee**

Approved by Department Head at secondary level:

Approved by Principal:

Authorized by Associate Superintendent:

Superintendent Approval:

Date:

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Name of School: **Middletown High School**

Date of Request: **6/9/2023**

Name of Club or Activity: **MHS Crew Team**

Trip To: **1464 NY-9P Saratoga Springs, NY**

Purpose: **Regatta (Head of the Fish)**

Number of Students Participating: **45**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **45**

Dates of Trip: From: **10/28/2023** To: **10/29/2023**

# of school days missed: **0**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Scot Peaslee	
2. Melina Metaxas	
3. Hannah Breton	

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: **Bus** Van Train Plane Car Other:

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes** If so, describe: **Booster Fundraisers & Crew Club Dues**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **Approx \$400 total crew club dues go toward crew regattas, busses & lodging**

Lodging: **Hotel/Motel** Camp Private Home

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

Cost per Student: \$ Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$

Cost per Nurse: \$ Cost per Paraprofessional: \$

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **N/A**

Name of teacher making request: **Scot Peaslee**

Approved by Department Head at secondary level:

Approved by Principal:

Authorized by Associate Superintendent:

Superintendent Approval:

Date:

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Name of School: **Middletown High School** Date of Request: **6/9/2023**

Name of Club or Activity: **MHS Crew Team**

Trip To: **991 Soldiers Field Rd Boston, MA** Purpose: **Regatta (Head of the Charles)**

Number of Students Participating: **20**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **45**

Dates of Trip: From: **10/22/23 (Dependante of Lottery Entry)** To: **10/22/2023** # of school days missed: **0**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Scot Peaslee	3. Hannah Breton
2. Melina Metaxas	

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: Bus Van Train Plane Car Other: **Athletes arrange transportation w/parents**

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes** If so, describe: **Booster Fundraisers**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **N/A (Handled by families if applicable)**

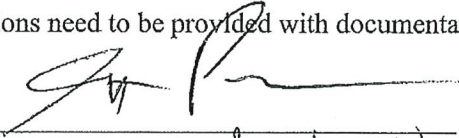
Lodging: Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

Cost per Student: **\$40** Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$

Cost per Nurse: \$ Cost per Paraprofessional: \$

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **N/A**

Name of teacher making request: **Scot Peaslee** 

Approved by Department Head at secondary level 

Approved by Principal: 

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: 

Superintendent Approval: **Dr. A. Vaggis**  Date: **7/10/23**

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Name of Club or Activity: **MHS Crew Team**  
Trip To: **1464 NY-9P Saratoga Springs, NY** Purpose: **Regatta (Head of the Fish)**  
Number of Students Participating: **45**  
Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **45**  
Dates of Trip: From: **10/28/2023** To: **10/29/2023** # of school days missed: **0**  
Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Scot Peaslee	
2. Melina Metaxas	
3. Hannah Breton	

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: **Bus** Van Train Plane Car Other:

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes** If so, describe: **Booster Fundraisers & Crew Club Dues**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **Approx \$400 total crew club dues go toward crew regattas, busses & lodging**

Lodging: **Hotel/Motel** Camp Private Home

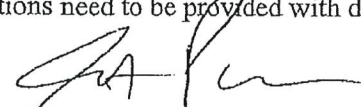
Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

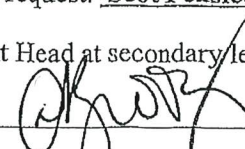
Cost per Student: \$ Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$

Cost per Nurse: \$ Cost per Paraprofessional: \$

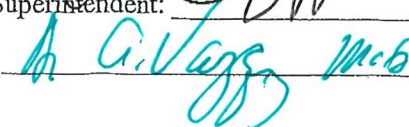
If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **N/A**

Name of teacher making request: **Scot Peaslee**

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: 

Approved by Principal: 

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: 

Superintendent Approval: 

Date: **7/26/23**

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Name of School: **Middletown High School**

Date of Request: **6/6/2023**

Name of Club or Activity: **Mattabest FFA/ASTE Program**

Trip To: **Eastern States Exposition**

Purpose: **The FFA Big E Events include Career Development Events (competitions) which are directly related to content. In addition the FFA members will volunteer in the Farm-A-Rama building where they will engage with the public to teach agricultural facts and advocate for New England Agriculture and Agricultural Education.**

Number of Students Participating: **34**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **90**

Dates of Trip: **Saturday, September 16 & Tuesday, September 19, 2023** From: **7:30 AM** To: **5 PM**

# of school days missed: **1**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

<b>1. Rebecca Isaacson</b>
<b>2. Michael Kingsbury</b>
<b>3. Amanda Thomson (alternate)</b>
<b>4. Stephanie Russell (alternate)</b>

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip: **0**

Transportation: **Bus Van Train Plane Car Other** Are fund-raising activities planned: **If so,**

describe: **ASTE Program Vehicles**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **N/A**

Lodging: **No Lodging required** Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

Cost per Student: **N/A** Cost per Teacher **N/A** and/or Chaperone: **N/A**

Cost per Nurse: **Currently unknown. Any cost will be covered by FFA Activity Funds.**


Cost per Paraprofessional: \$ **Currently unknown. Any cost will be covered by FFA Activity Funds.**  
(if necessary) (if necessary)

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form:

N/A

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Name of teacher making request: Rebecca Isaacson 

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: Rebecca Isaacson 

Approved by Principal:  

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Approval:  Date: 6/28/23

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Name of School: **Middletown High School Ag Science** Date of Request: 6/13/23

Name of Club or Activity: **Middletown Ag Science; Eastern States 4-H Horse Activity Delegate**

Trip To: **Eastern States Exposition** Purpose: **Participate and represent CT in 4-H Horse Events**

Number of Students Participating: **4**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **4**

Dates of Trip: From: **9/21/23 To: 9/24/23** # of school days missed: **2**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Amanda Thomson
2.

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip: **0**

Transportation: ~~Ag Truck~~ Van Train Plane Car Other

Are fund-raising activities planned: **No** If so, describe: N/A

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: N/A

Lodging: Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home Dormitory

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: Self-Provided, plus additional through 4-H

Cost per Student: \$0 Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$ 0 (Program is free; meals provided)

Cost per Nurse: \$0 Cost per Paraprofessional: \$0Not applicable

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: Not applicable

Name of teacher making request: Amanda Thomson *Amanda Thomson*

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: Rebecca Isaacson *Rebecca Isaacson*

Approved by Principal: Dr. Dawn Brooks *Dr. Dawn Brooks* *Carol Dyer*

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Approval: *A. P. Vegge* Date: *7/20/23*

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Name of School: **Middletown High School Ag Science**

Date of Request: 6/13/23

Name of Club or Activity: **Middletown Ag Science; National FFA Convention**

Trip To: **National FFA Convention** Purpose: **Represent CT in National FFA Poultry Evaluation CDE and participate in FFA Convention Leadership Development Activities**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

Number of Students Participating: **4**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **4**

Dates of Trip: From: **10/31/23 To:11/4/23** # of school days missed: **4**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

I. TBD; ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Amanda Thomson, Rebecca Isaacson, Michael Kingsbury OR Stephanie Russell

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip: **0**

Transportation: Ag Truck Van Train Plane Car Other

Are fund-raising activities planned: Yes If so, describe: Duck Race Raffle, Wreath Sales, etc.

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: \$2000

Lodging: Hotel/Motel Camp Private Home Dormitory

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: Self-Provided

Cost per Student: \$600 Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$900

Cost per Nurse: \$0 Cost per Paraprofessional: \$0Not applicable

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: Not applicable

Name of teacher making request: Amanda Thomson *Amanda Thomson*

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: Rebecca Isaacson *Rebecca Isaacson*

Approved by Principal: Dr. Dawn Brooks *Dr. Dawn Brooks*

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: *[Signature]*

Superintendent Approval: *A. Vagg* *met* Date: *7/20/23*

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Name of School: Middletown High School

Date of Request: Sept. 5, 2023

Name of Club or Activity: MHS Orchestra

Trip To: Boston, MA

Purpose: Attend an open rehearsal for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and participate in an interactive interview with one of the musicians

Number of Students Participating: 24

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: 24

Dates of Trip: From: 04/04/24 To: same day

# of school days missed: 1

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

1. Lauren Otto	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip:

Transportation: Bus    Van    Train    Plane    Car    Other

Are fund-raising activities planned: Yes    If so, describe: Holiday Coffee House Fundraiser 12/2/23

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: tbd

Lodging: NA    Hotel/Motel    Camp    Private Home

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: NA

Cost per Student: \$ 20

Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: \$20

Cost per Nurse: \$NA  
(if necessary)

Cost per Paraprofessional: \$NA  
(if necessary)

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: NA

a.

c.

b.

d. Other

Name of teacher making request: Lauren Otto

*Lauren Otto*

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ernie L. Jensen*

Approved by Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*

Authorized by Associate Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# MPAC meets BSO



The MHS Orchestra has the opportunity to visit Symphony Hall in Boston, MA to attend an open rehearsal for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

*The group will participate in an interactive interview with a musician or composer from 9:30-10am.*

*Starting at 10:30am, students experience an intimate look at a symphony rehearsal assisted by the Conductor Cam, which lets the audience see the conductor from the orchestra's perspective.*

*High School Open Rehearsals are scheduled from 10:30am-1pm, but they may end before 1pm. The orchestra typically takes a short break about midway through the rehearsal.*

## Trip Highlights:

- **Date** ~ January 11, 2024 (snow date April 18)
- **Time** ~ 7:00am - 4:30pm (approx.)
- **Cost** ~ \$20 cash or check made out to MHS Activity Fund
- **Meals** ~ bring bagged lunch
- **Transportation** ~ Bus

**\*\*\*Permission slips and payment due December 1, 2023\*\*\***

Attached please find: 1) Itinerary (*on back*), 2) Field Trip Permission Slip

I am so excited to share this opportunity with the Orchestra students! Please reach out with any questions, [OttoLI@mpsct.org](mailto:OttoLI@mpsct.org)

**Lauren Otto (she/her/ella)**

MHS Orchestra & Piano Teacher  
LAW 4th & 5th grade Band Teacher

## Itinerary

7:00am - Students and chaperones meet at the Keigwin parking lot

7:15am - board buses and leave for Symphony Hall (Boston, MA)

*Travel time approx. 2 hr*

9:15am - arrive at Symphony Hall (Boston, MA)

9:30-10am- engage in an interactive interview with a musician or composer

10:30am - Boston Symphony Orchestra rehearsal begins

1:00pm - approximate end of rehearsal

1:30pm - eat lunch (location TBD based on weather)

2:30pm - depart for Middletown

*Travel time approx. 2 hr*

4:30pm - arrive at Keigwin parking lot

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
SY24 ALLIANCE GRANT

The district is submitting its 2023-24 Alliance District grant plan to the CT State Department of Education (CSDE). Middletown has been allocated \$7,119,476 for SY24.

The Alliance District program is a unique and targeted investment in Connecticut's 36 lowest-performing districts. Connecticut General Statute Section 10-262u establishes a process for identifying Alliance Districts and allocating increased Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding to support district strategies to dramatically increase student outcomes and close achievement gaps by pursuing bold and innovative reforms. Pursuant to C.G.S. § 262u, each Alliance District's receipt of its designated ECS funding is conditioned upon district submission and the Commissioner of Education's approval of a plan, district progress and performance relative to that plan, and subsequent annual amendments, in the context of the district's overall strategy to improve academic achievement.

The CSDE reviews district plans on an annual basis and approves plans aligned to the goals of the program. Annual plan approval is predicated upon district implementation and performance during the prior year.

Under Connecticut General Statute Section 10-262u(d), the following focus areas for spending are defined for Alliance District funds that may include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A tiered system of interventions.
2. Foundational reading programs (Grades K-3).
3. Additional learning time, either extended day or extended year.
4. A talent strategy designed to "attract, retain, promote and bolster the performance of staff".
5. Training for school leaders and staff on new teacher evaluation models.
6. Coordination with early childhood education providers, including funding for Head Start.
7. Coordination with governmental and community programs for student support and Wraparound Services.
8. Implementing and furthering statewide education standards and associated activities and initiatives.
9. Minority teacher/administrator recruiting.
10. Enhancement of bilingual education programs.

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed the ‘Every Student Succeeds Act’ (ESSA) into law. ESSA includes provisions that will help to ensure success for all students and schools. Connecticut’s ESSA Consolidated State Plan is built upon the goals and promises of the State Board of Education’s 2016-2030 Comprehensive Plan that has embraced three long-term goals that focus on steady and sustained growth toward critical targets that will ensure student success:

1. Improving achievement of all students and measuring student academic growth across time;
2. Increasing graduation rates for all students; and
3. Ensuring growth and achievement of English language proficiency for all of Connecticut’s English learners.

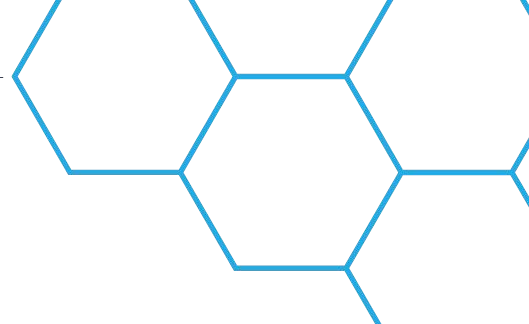
Each district has pre-determined ESSA goal targets provided by the State.

*Funding Requested: \$7,119,476.*

SUBMITTED BY: NATALIE FORBES, DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION & GRANTS

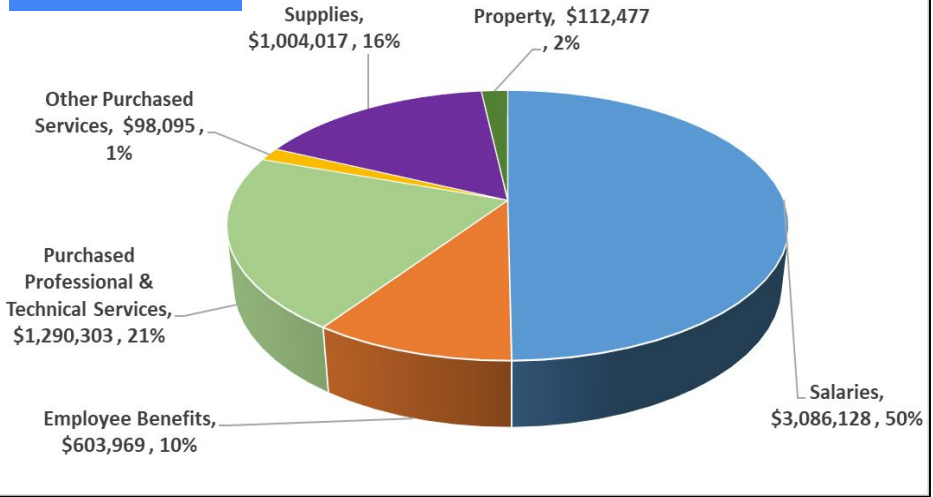


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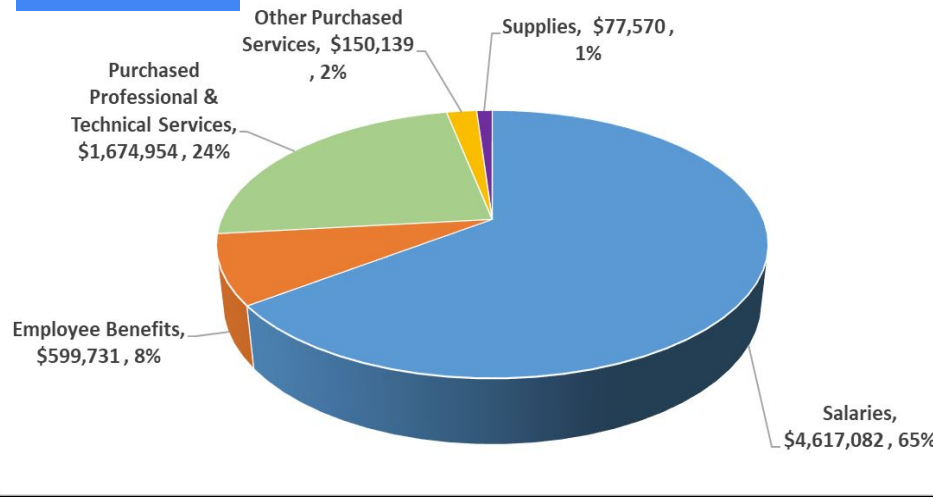
**\$6,194,989**

**2022-2023**



**\$7,119,476**

**2023-2024**





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Board of Education Report
9.8.23
Grants Report September 2023

The following grants were confirmed over the period from July to September 2023:

Carl D. Perkins Enhancement (CTE—MHS)	CSDE	\$42,458	0
Adult Education—Program Enhancement Grant	CSDE	\$160,000	\$160,000
Adult Education—IELCE English Lit & Civics Education	CSDE	\$54,000	\$54,000
Student Interns for 21C programs	CSDE	\$60,000	0
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable (Mac, Farm Hill, Spencer + Snow (newly added))	CSDE	\$73,269	\$48,465.82
Family Resource Center (Farm Hill/Macdonough)	CSDE	\$112,629	\$101,725
Even Start –Child Abuse Prevention	CSDE	\$55,000	0
ASTE AgSci (Operating)	CSDE	\$329,898.60	\$374,698.80
Adult Ed (State Provider)	CSDE	\$1,338,311	\$1,323,886
Adult Ed (Cooperative)	CSDE	\$8,844	\$8,670
School Readiness –Enrolment Based	OEC	\$238,080	*
School Readiness –Priority COLA	OEC	\$164,250	*
School Readiness—Snow PreSchool + Community Sites	OEC	\$2,316,800	*
School Readiness-- I&T Expansion	OEC	\$54,000	*
School Readiness—Admin Funds Enhancement	OEC	\$32,262	*
School Readiness Quality--Enhancement	OEC	\$19,023	*
RISE network (MHS)	Dalio Foundation	\$152,000	\$177,000
United Way—Club Support	United Way	\$3,000	\$4,000
Arts Enrichment (Various Schools)	CFMxCounty	\$6,000	0



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Health & Wellness (Farm Hill)	CFMxCounty	\$5,000	0
Entangled & Ingested	CFMxCounty	\$2,500	0
Tritown Collaborative—Out of School Youth	WIOA	\$53,698	\$24,866.36
FFA Living to Serve (AgSci)	FFA	\$3,000	\$3,000
Adult Education—Cooperative	Program Partners	\$475,982	\$475,982

\* Please note that the School Readiness Grants were previously held at the City of Middletown but that oversight of those grants has shifted to the Board of Education due to better alignment and resources to support Educational Grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Forbes, Director of Innovation & Grants

## **Students**

### **Student Representation on the Board of Education**

The Middletown Board of Education will seat one student from Middletown High School in a non-voting capacity at all public Board of Education meetings. Student opinion will be solicited to give an added dimension to the decision-making process of the Board of Education.

Student members of the Board are expected to represent the student body and the Board of Education through:

1. regular attendance at board meetings;
2. participation in meeting discussions of issues before the Board;
3. suggesting agenda topics;
4. regular attendance on committees if appointed;
5. becoming knowledgeable about Board authority, constraints, and procedures;
6. serving as liaisons between the student body and the Board of Education and the student council and the Board of Education;
7. understanding and following Board of Education policy;
8. report to the Board of Education of student activities.

The Student Representative and/or Alternate Student Representative will not attend executive sessions of the Board of Education nor have access to associated back-up material.

Policy adopted: April 11, 2000  
Policy readopted: June 7, 2005  
Policy revised: August 19, 2008

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### Vandalism

#### Vandalism by Minors

The parent or guardian of any minor/unemancipated child who willfully cuts, defaces or otherwise injures in any way any property, real or personal, belonging to the school system shall be held liable for all such damages up to the maximum amount allowed under state law.

The liability provided under Connecticut General Statutes 52572 does not relieve the minor(s) or personal liability for such damage or injury. This liability of the parent for damages done by a minor child is in addition to any other liability which exists in law.

The parent or guardian of a minor child also shall be held liable for all property belonging to the school system lent to the student and not returned upon demand of the school system. The student also may be liable to disciplinary action.

#### Vandalism by an Adult Student

An adult student shall be held personally liable for any damage done to any property, real or personal, belonging to the school district. **Additionally, the student shall be held liable for all property belonging to the school system lent to the student and not returned upon demand of the school system.** The student also may be subject to disciplinary action.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10221 Board of education to prescribe rules (subsection (c) re sanctions that may be imposed by a board against students who damage or fail to return textbooks, library materials or other educational materials)

52572 Parental liability for torts of minors. Damage defined

Policy readopted: June 7, 2005

Middletown, Connecticut

## Students

### Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions

The school district is legally responsible for the safety of its students during the school day. Therefore, each building principal will establish procedures to validate requests for early dismissal, to assure that students are released only for proper reasons, and only to authorized person(s).

Staff members shall not excuse any student from school prior to the end of the school day, or into any person's custody without the direct prior approval and knowledge of the building principal, or his or her designee.

In keeping with these precautions, the following procedures will be adhered to:

- The building principal or designee shall not excuse a student before the end of the school day without a **formal** request for early dismissal by the student's **legal** parent or guardian.
- Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student shall be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent or guardian.
- Children of single-parent families will be released only upon the request to the custodial parent; i.e., the parent whom the court holds directly responsible for the child, and who is identified as such on the school record or otherwise noted on the student's emergency card.

Additional precautions may be taken by the school administration, appropriate to the age of students, and as needs arise. Parents shall provide documentation concerning parental rights, including divorce decrees and restraining orders if any.

Policy adopted: April 16, 1996  
Policy revised: June 7, 2005

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**Construction**

**INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING**

The Middletown Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes that acceptable indoor air quality (“IAQ”) and fresh air ventilation in school buildings is a primary objective in the creation and maintenance of an optimal learning environment for students, teachers, staff and visitors.

To achieve this objective, the Board acknowledges that the Middletown Public Schools (the “District”) must comply with applicable inspection, evaluation, and maintenance requirements for IAQ and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (“HVAC”) systems.

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to implement an IAQ and HVAC compliance program that provides for ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the maintenance and improvement of the IAQ in all District school buildings and compliance with applicable requirements.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

§ 10-220(d) Duties of boards of education (as amended by P.A. 22-118)

§ 10-231e Maintenance of heating, ventilation and air conditioning system

POLICY ADOPTED: September 9, 2014

REVISED:

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Middletown Board of Education  
BOE Transfer of Funds

Date Range: 01-Jul-2023 to 05-Sep-2023 For FY 2024

Account	Description	Original Budget	Budget Adjust	Total Budget	From	To
Journal#: 38928      Date: 04-Aug-2023						
From 1010-100-1000-105-56500-00000	CURR: ART*SUPPL TECH RELATED	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	
From 1010-100-3200-105-55010-00000	CURR: ART*PURCH SVCS	14,418.00		14,418.00	3,568.80	
To 1010-100-2213-105-53220-00000	CURR: ART*INSERVICE/PROF DEV Per Business Office, transfer to Art Inservice Line item to pay for professional learning platform for entire district	2,000.00		2,000.00		8,068.80
Total Transfer for Central Office					8,068.80	8,068.80
Journal#: 38896      Date: 25-Jul-2023						
From 1010-100-1000-160-51109-00000	CURR: MATH*CURR WRITING	17,000.00		17,000.00	2,000.00	
To 1010-100-1000-160-56110-00000	CURR: MATH*INSTR SUPPL Moving funds to supply line to purchase Desmos	5,000.00		5,000.00		2,000.00
Total Transfer for CURRICULUM					2,000.00	2,000.00
Journal#: 38945      Date: 23-Aug-2023						
From 1010-001-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: SP*DISPOSAL	11,760.00		11,760.00	1,177.16	
To 1010-005-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: FH*DISPOSAL	8,400.00		8,400.00		1,177.74
From 1010-001-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: SP*DISPOSAL	11,760.00		11,760.00	1,000.68	
From 1010-054-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: BMS*DISPOSAL	30,000.00		30,000.00	2,081.48	
To 1010-940-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: DISPOSAL	14,200.00		14,200.00		3,082.16
From 1010-002-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: BIEL*DISPOSAL	9,800.00		9,800.00	217.84	
From 1010-011-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: SNOW*DISPOSAL	9,800.00		9,800.00	217.84	
From 1010-012-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: MDY*DISPOSAL	9,800.00		9,800.00	217.84	
From 1010-013-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: LAW*DISPOSAL	9,800.00		9,800.00	217.84	
From 1010-014-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: WES*DISPOSAL	9,800.00		9,800.00	217.84	
From 1010-054-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: BMS*DISPOSAL	30,000.00		30,000.00	13.52	
From 1010-940-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: DISPOSAL	14,200.00		14,200.00	110.78	
From 1010-960-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: CO*DISPOSAL	3,000.00		3,000.00	167.90	
From 1010-009-2610-000-54421-00000	OPER/BLDGS: MACD*DISPOSAL	9,800.00		9,800.00	217.84	
To 1010-091-2610-200-54421-00000	MDT TRANS CTR: DISPOSAL TRANSFER TO CORRECT LOCATION APPROPRIATIONS AND TO ADD 51 GREEN STREET LOCATION NOT ORIGINALLY BUDGETED FOR					1,598.66
Total Transfer for Facilities					5,858.56	5,858.56
*** Grand Total To Transfer					15,927.36	15,927.36



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**Facilities Report for Board of Education September 12th Meeting**

Summer work 2023

We completed classroom flooring replacements at Farm Hill and Spencer school this summer. Carpets were replaced with LVT for better durability and air quality.

MHS Library received new flooring and furniture over the summer. Awaiting new furniture delivery in September.

Beman student chairs were replaced over the summer at the manufacturers expense. New chairs have felt bottom sliders, not casters. Over 900 chairs were replaced.

Rubber playground surfacing was applied to Moody School and Snow School. ADA swing was repaired at Moody. Still awaiting the delivery and install of the new Lawrence playground. Expected delivery is September/October 2023.

Beman digital sign installation is complete on both sides of the building. Software set up and training is being scheduled.

Middletown Track and Field replacements

RFP will be released and publicly available on 9/11/23. Replacement still on track for Summer 2024

Air conditioning review in the schools -

We continue to replace existing air conditioning units in the district buildings as well as plan and cost out expanding A/C in the areas of building that do not currently have air conditioning.

Expansion and upgrade are large capital investments that must be planned and funded in collaboration with the BOE, City, and State when possible.



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Additional

We are seeing a moderation in cost increases in custodial supplies and equipment but are still experiencing higher than normal cost increases and lead times in large grounds equipment, HVAC equipment, vehicles, and trades labor.

We continue to monitor utility costs and increases.



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### **Department of Human Resources BOE Report**

#### **September 12, 2023 HR Report:**

#### **STAFFING: Time Period: June 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023**

##### **New Hires: 74**

Certified staff: 33

Non Certified: 41

##### **Separations: 79**

##### **Retirements: 7**

Certified staff: 5

Non Certified staff: 2

##### **Resignations: 43**

Certified staff: 17

Non Certified: 26

**Turnover Rate for the Month of June: 3.7%**

**Turnover Rate for the Month of July: 0.4%**

**Turnover Rate for the Month of August: 1.8%**

##### **Vacancies (Current): 32**

Certified staff: 3

Non Certified: 29

#### **Vacancy Rate for the Month of September 2023 - 2.8%**

8 listed positions below are currently posted and/or in the process of being filled.

##### **Certified:**

Bielefeld Principal

Snow Principal

Athletic Trainer

### Non Certified

1467 School Secretary - MacDonough

1467 School Secretary - Bielefield

1467 School Secretary - Beman Middle School

1467 School Custodian II - Beman

1467 School Security Officer - Beman

Temp/Seasonal Custodians - Ongoing Recruitment

Temp/Seasonal Cafe Workers - Ongoing Recruitment

Building Substitutes - Ongoing Recruitment/transitioning to ESS

Elementary Duty Aides - Ongoing Recruitment

(24) Paraprofessionals - District

**783 Applications** were processed during the months of July 1 - August 31

### **Other News:**

- Transition to ESS for substitutes is in progress; in the process of completing database matters - expected to go live late September - no break in service currently subs still BOE employees.

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**June 1, 2023**

**Zoom**

**5:30 PM**

<p><b><u>Board of Education (BOE)</u></b> <b><u>Committee Members Present</u></b> Debra Guss, Chair DeLita Rose Daniels</p>	<p><b><u>Also Present</u></b> Stacey McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Stacey McCann, Chief Academic Officer Richard Cordaway, Director of Math (K-12) Yvonne Daniels, 6-12 Math Supervisor Ryan Hunt, 6-12 Science Supervisor Sheila Daniels, Community Committee Member Charles Wiltsie, BOE Member</p>
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1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Committee Chair Debra Guss called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and introductions were made.
2. **Apex Learning Update at Beman:** Next, Mr. Hunt provided an update on the use of Apex learning in a seventh-grade science class at Beman, noting that there were mixed results with the program and that the administration was tracking student progress closely. A discussion followed during which it was noted that based on current teacher recruitment efforts, the expectation was that it would not be necessary to rely on the program for the upcoming school year.
3. **Math Pathways:** Next, Mr. Cordaway and Ms. Daniels provided an overview of a proposal to add two new Data Science classes to Middletown High School (MHS), which would allow for the addition of a Data Science Pathway for MHS students starting in the 2024 -2025 school year and would be presented for approval at the next BOE meeting. A discussion followed during which Committee members reiterated their support for expanding new pathways provided that they did not harm current pathways for students and during which it was further noted that there was confusion in the community around the proposal and members of the Committee encouraged the team to clarify in their presentation to the Board that the proposal was limited to adding the Data Science Pathway classes and that there were no changes being proposed at this time to the current AP Calculus and Statistics Pathways at MHS or the Algebra 1 option at Beman Middle School.
4. **Adjournment:** Committee Chair Debra Guss adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Virtual Meeting 5:30 P.M.

**Board of Education Policy Committee Members participating:**

Justin Taylor, Vice Chair of Board of Education

**Also participating:**

Marco Gaylord, Executive Director of Operations

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Principal

Cody Altieri, Administrative Assistant

**The Virtual Meeting was called to order by Justin Taylor at 5:32 P.M.**

Justin Taylor turned the meeting over to Mr. Gaylord.

**Policy #4010 - Adopt - Hiring of Certified Staff**

*Attorney Notes:* Policy not mandatory, but recommend adoption for best practice

The policy was tabled back in 2021 for legal review, which it underwent. There were no questions.

**The Policy Committee were all in favor and requested NEW Policy #4010 be brought forward at the next Board of Education meeting for its first reading.**

**Policy #4020 - Adopt - Hiring of Non-Certified Staff**

*Attorney Notes:* Policy not mandatory, but recommend adoption for best practice.

The policy was also tabled back in 2021 for legal review, which it underwent. There were no questions.

**The Policy Committee were all in favor and requested NEW Policy #4020 be brought forward at the next Board of Education meeting for its first reading.**

**Policy #4111 - Delete - Recruitment and Selection**

*Attorney Notes:* Policy not mandatory, recommend repeal or review

Clarification that the bulk of the policy now exists in the regulations of 4010. Also, clarification that there is a minority recruitment policy that currently exists. So, we are not removing everything as the content exists in other policies. No further questions.

**The Policy Committee were all in favor and requested Policy #4111 be brought forward for DELETION at the next Board of Education meeting for its first reading.**

**Policy #5123.1 - Revise - Summer School**

*Attorney Notes:* Policy not mandatory, but legally compliant to readopt

The edits were shown to the committee, which were approved. No questions.

**The Policy Committee were all in favor and requested the REVISED Policy #5123.1 be readopted and brought forward at the next Board of Education meeting for its first reading.**

**Other**

Consider how policies can be used to support chronic absenteeism in the district. Additionally, an update will be provided on what policies have been addressed in the last few years. Finally, the chair stated they will try to find more board members to participate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

**The next virtual Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2023 with a time of 5:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cody Altieri  
Administrative Assistant

### **HIRING OF CERTIFIED STAFF**

It is the policy of the Board of Education (the “Board”) to appoint the most qualified applicants to positions of employment within the Middletown Public Schools (the “District”). The Board requires that all such appointments be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes, applicable Board policies and administrative regulations, and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for appointments to all positions in the District requiring a certificate issued by the State Board of Education and for establishing lawful, fair and sound administrative regulations and other necessary and appropriate procedures for the recruitment, selection and appointment of such personnel.

To ensure compliance with the Board’s policy 4112.8, Nepotism, any applicant for employment in the District shall disclose any previous or existing relationship with the Superintendent of Schools, any Board member, or any other current employee within the District.

The Board will not make employment decisions (including decisions related to hiring, assignment, compensation, promotion, demotion, disciplinary action and termination) on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, alienage, ancestry, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, veteran status, or gender identity or expression, except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification.

**Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes §10-151

Policy adopted:  
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**Hiring of Non-Certified Staff**

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Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220

Policy adopted:

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## Instruction

### Summer School

The Middletown Board of Education may sponsor a summer school program providing enrichment, compensatory or remedial instruction at one or both levels (elementary and secondary). At the secondary high school level, summer credit recovery courses may be taken for lost credit.

### Admission

Attendance in the summer school shall be on a voluntary basis.

#### 1. Elementary

Admission to elementary summer school classes will be limited to those students who will be enrolled in Grades PreK-5 in September of the year of the summer school session and who are current Middletown residents. Admission to any summer remedial and enrichment program will be based upon student performance, teacher recommendation, space, and grant funding.

#### 2. Middle School

Admission to middle school summer school classes will be limited to those students who will be enrolled in Grades 6-8 in September of the year of the summer school session and who are current Middletown residents. Admission to any summer remedial program will be based upon student performance, teacher recommendation, space, and available funding.

#### 3. Secondary

Admission to Middletown High School's summer school remedial classes will be granted to those students who have failed ~~the a course with a grade no lower than 50~~. Students who have withdrawn from a course will not be eligible for summer school.

The High School's summer school offerings comprise core courses in math, English, science, social studies, world language, and wellness.

#### 4. Tuition

The Board of Education may charge a reasonable fee to each attending child.

There is no fee for the extended school year (ESY) program.

Nonresidents are only allowed to attend high school summer credit recovery courses. These students will be required to pay fees as established by the Board of Education.

Policy adopted: March 12, 2002  
Policy readopted: June 7, 2005  
Policy revised: May 11, 2010  
Policy revised:

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