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Middletown Board of Education

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024

Present were: Dr. Vasquez-Matos, Superintendent

Marco Gaylord, Executive Director of Operations

Eduardo Miranda, Director of Finance

Mark Langton, Transportation Manger

Harold Panciera, Committee Chairperson

Susan Owens, Board of Education

Richard Labrie, Alliance Education Associates

Damian Dontfraid, I.T. support

I. The minutes were approved for the September 9th meeting.

II. Finance Director , Eduardo Miranda, reported on the one transaction for the last month. There were no financials to report, except for the surplus of \$123, 000 after the first month of the school year. He reminded us that as he reports each month we can expect that surplus to fluctuate .

III. Executive Director of Operations, Marco Gaylord, reported on the effort to lease storage space from the city at the Remington Rand building. The request has been approved by two committees of the Common Council, and will be voted on by the entire Council in November. If approved, it will cost the Board of Education about \$9,000 annually. It is possible that the facilities staff could start to use this space in early 2025.

IV. Superintendent Vasquez-Matos reported on the major concerns he and other superintendents have about funding reductions that may occur for state - mandated programs. One source of funds is scheduled to expire after this year. If it is not renewed, Middletown stands to lose almost \$1. 2 million dollars. The district will also apply for grants that will help us increase the programs we offer to students with special needs. By doing so we can save on the cost of sending these students out of town.



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V. Marco Gaylord and Transportation Manager, Mark Langton, introduced Mr. Richard Labrie. He has acted as a consultant to the district as the administration negotiated an extension of our contract with the Dattco bus company. The Board will vote soon on extending this contract for two more years. In his opinion, this contract is beneficial to the MPS district. When comparing this to other contracts around the state, he mentioned the savings we could expect. This will more than offset the percentage increase Dattco will receive each year, in his opinion. In addition, his report mentioned the large amount of credit we received at the end of the last school year. These totaled over \$ 450,000, for various reasons outlined in the report.

VI. There were no other budget concerns from anyone.

VII. There were no agenda items recommended for the next meeting.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53.

Thanks,  
Harold