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Middletown Board of Education
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026

Present: Dr. Alan Addley, Interim Superintendent
Natalie Forbes, Director of Finance
Harold Panciera, Chairperson of Budget Committee
Sheila Daniels, Chairperson of the Board
Dean Krupa, Finance Committee Member
Geoff Belair, Community Member

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

1- The minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2006, were approved. Motion: Dean Krupa
Second: Harold Panciera The meeting schedule for March 23 was replaced by a special Board meeting to explain the budget.

2- Natalie Forbes reviewed the financial statement covering the period from February 20 until April 23. She mentioned that to date the projected budget surplus is approximately \$302,000.

However, a number of unanticipated expenses have recently resulted due to the hiring of two nurses, an increase in transportation costs due to a serious accident that has left a student seriously injured, and the enrollment of three students requiring out-of-district services and transportation. There is the possibility that more costs will occur, causing the surplus to shrink.

In addition, Ms. Forbes mentioned additional money was spent upgrading security cameras, and to cover the cost of rising tuition for students who attend schools of choice.

III. Natalie and Dr. Addley reviewed the extra charges the district will have to cover for electricity that was used but not billed. Due to an error in the Eversource finance department, Beman Middle School did not pay for all their electricity use for about four years. By statute, the company can only collect one year of unpaid charges. As a result, the District has agreed to pay a lump sum of \$115,000, and go on a payment schedule for the balance. The Finance Department will continue to discuss the matter with its city counterpart in hopes of getting the Common Council to pay an additional amount of the balance.

An additional cost for this year will be the need to replace an oil tank at Moody School. At this time it is uncertain how much of the cost will come out of the District's budget, and how much will be covered by the Council.

IV. Natalie provided some background about our eligibility for the Alliance Grant funds. She also stressed that all expenditures must be used to improve the following areas: Math, EL, ELL, school climate, chronic absences, operations, property improvements, after-school programs, and summer

programming. She will continue to discuss specific areas of the grant in more specific details during future Budget Committee Meetings.

V. There were no requests to put items on the agenda for the next meeting on May 26 (Tuesday).

VI. Motion to adjourn: Panciera Second : Krupa