MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

A recap of the 07.17.25 Board of Education meeting

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We officially welcome Mrs. Stephanie DeRose as the new superintendent of Middle Township Public Schools.

Mrs. DeRose brings impressive levels of experience, energy and enthusiasm to her role, and we look forward to working together to help our students thrive.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

I am truly grateful to the staff and community of Middle Township for the warm and supportive welcome during my start as superintendent. Your kindness and dedication have made my transition smooth and meaningful.

As this is my first board meeting, there is no official Superintendent's Update at this time, but I look forward to sharing more in the meetings ahead.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Approval of monthly budget reports for the 2024-2025 school year
- Resolution to increase bid threshold from $44,000 to $53,000, per state statute
- Approval of submission of Federal School Violence Prevention Program Grant

Meeting minutes must be board-approved at the following month's meeting before release.

SUPERINTENDENT
Stephanie DeRose

ASST. SUPT. / SCHOOL BA / BOE SEC.
Dr. Diane S. Fox

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- August 21, 2025
- September 18, 2025
- October 16, 2025
- November 20, 2025
- December 11, 2025*
- Organization Meeting - January 6, 2026 - 4 p.m.*

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Administration Building: *216 S. Main St., Cape May Court House*

Exceptions to regular time/location

ANSWERS TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Topic: Finance

- Due to the lack of stadium upgrades, spectators were unable to use the bleachers for graduation, resulting in the need to order 550 chairs at a cost of $1,622.50.
- School physician - Dr. Vodges has been the school doctor for the past 10 years, but Cooper University Health System is no longer allowing doctors to provide this service. Her contract was for $20,000. We contacted numerous doctors who were also unable to contract with the school district because of their association with Cooper. We also contacted Dr. Corrado, who agreed to the previous contract rate.
- Voided checks - The voided checks are not the same vendor. We have sent numerous requests and resupplied checks yet they remain uncashed.
- Annual bids go out every year for projects that cannot be completed by staff. The percentage over wholesale is the cost of any supplies for projects.
- Student enrollment numbers for the 24-25 school year at Cape May Technical School:
  - Regular Ed - 168
  - Special Ed - 39

Topic: Food Service

- The New Jersey Department of Agriculture monitors our compliance with the USDA requirements for National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. At least 80% of the grains served in our school meal programs must be whole-grain rich. Whole-grain rich is a product in which 50% or more of the flour is whole grain. The flour used by many of our bakeries for our breads and rolls is considered a "white wheat" that is compliant with whole-grain rich requirements. It is a blend of whole grain and enriched flour. The white-wheat flour is a great way to introduce and make whole grains more palatable for students who are not used to eating them at home.
- **2024 USDA Nutrition Standards**
- **USDA info on whole grains**

Topic: Busing

- We are contracting with Dennis Township to provide transportation for sports and field trips on days when our transportation department cannot meet the demand due to a high volume of requests.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DR. DIANE S. FOX