

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
April 14, 2009

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, at 8:00 p.m. and the following statement was read:

"Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as specified in the Open Meeting Act. Notices of this meeting were sent to the Record, Ridgewood News and to the Midland Park Borough Clerk for the 2008 elective year. A notice was also posted outside of the office of the Midland Park Board of Education in a place reserved for such announcements."

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Michael Hahn	Paula Lein
	Raymond Moraski	Wayne Roberts
	William Sullivan	Robert Schiffer

Richard Venditti

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

Mission Statement

The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides students with a comprehensive, adaptive education in a positive environment by maximizing all resources and empowering them to realize their individual worth and responsibility with the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heebink reported that an Education Hall of Fame has been established to recognize the key contributions made by many past staff members of the Midland Park School District. Individuals selected for the Education Hall of Fame will be honored at the first Board meeting in April.

The two members who have been inducted to this Education Hall of Fame this year are as follows:

a. Mr. Jack Cogger –taught Chemistry and Physics at Midland Park High School from 1982-death in 1995.

b. Mr. Gerard Thomas – taught Physical Education, driver's education and coached three sports at the Midland Park High School. He was also a counselor in the Guidance Department.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

To adjourn to a short recess for the dedication ceremony into the Education Hall of Fame

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was recessed at 8:15

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded- Ms. Lein .

To return to the Open Public Meeting

Roll Call: All Yes

The public meeting was called to order and resumed at 8:25 p.m.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2008-2009 school year will be on an emergency basis, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1, N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 and/or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13, as applicable.

A. Personnel – (W. Heebink)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the retirement resignation of Donna Doherty as a math teacher at the high school, effective June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
2. Approve the appointment of Denise Connelly as a .5 AM Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a prorated salary of \$12,116.50, (Category V, Step 1 of the MPESA salary guide), effective April 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of the following substitute workers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective April 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached):

Christine Phillips Bus Driver

Marilyn Utz Bus Driver

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

- AS-1 Accept the resignation of Harry Shortway as a Substitute Bus Driver for the district, effective April 17, 2009.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

1. Approve the following block motion:

a. March 2009 direct pays in the amount of \$340,292.64.

b. March 2009 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$16,314.90.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

2. Approve the April 2009 claims in the amount of \$92,839.51.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

S-2 Accept the funds for the IDEIA Consolidated Grant, FY 2009, as follows:

Basic	\$258,214
Preschool	\$ 20,568

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer stated that he met with Mr. Ersalesi for a power point for MPTV presentation for MPTV. It will be ready by Friday. Mr. Hahn asked that the presentation be shared with the rest of the Board.

C. Curriculum Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

Approve the list of staff members requesting workshop attendance, as follows (support material attached):

Employee	Workshop	Date	Location
Jane Bandstra	Enhancing Sensory Integration Perspectives for Assessment and Intervention	May 13, 14, 2009	Fort Lee, NJ
Casey Vier	Wilson Language Training	May 18-20, 2009	Cherry Hill, NJ
Karen Corcoran	“Families are so complicated these days; no two are the same”	May 19, 2009	East Windsor, NJ
Raina Dawson	AP Biology	July 6-10, 2009	New York, NY

	Curriculum and AP Labs		
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Roll Call: All Yes

This item has been removed from the Agenda.

S-3 Approve the proposed “Release the Beat Concert” to be held at Midland Park High School.

Mr. Roberts questioned when looking at any of the training sessions do we look at cheaper alternatives? Dr. Heebink replied, looking at the ones listed, there are not any alternatives.

Mr. Moraski commented that there is a follow-up form that has been added to get more detail on the workshops. Mr. Hahn asked if all of the staff receive the same training. Dr. Heebink replied that in a perfect world they would, but instead we try to send limited staff and they come back to district and turn-key the information learned.

D. Policy Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised Board policies and regulations:

Standards-Based Instructional Priorities	Policy Section 2428.1 (new)
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Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils	Policy Section 5111 (revised)
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Tuition Income	Policy Section 6150 (revised)
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Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Mr. Sullivan commented that there will be a tentative meeting scheduled at 7:30 on 4/21/09.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

Mr. Roberts commented that there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

H. Public Relations Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Mr. Canellas commented that the Chalk Board will be going out by Thursday. Our hope is to have it in the homes on Saturday.

I. Personnel Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

Ms. Criscenzo discussed the following items:

- a. Parent input meeting on April 1st—Director of Special Services at 7:00 p.m. It was well attended and lots of input was given.
- b. Discussed Search Process and where we stand at this time.

J. Service Review Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

No Report.

K. Town Council Special Projects Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

No Report.

L. Special Recreation Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

M. Technology Committee – (M. Hahn, Chairperson)

Mr. Hahn discussed new technology equipment installation – Light Path Connection and private fiber installation.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Thank you to Ms. Mary Keenan and Trish Olsen for a great week of Cultural Awareness. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activities. 40 bookshelves were built and sanded and will be used in various Habitat sights.

Market Day Orders due by Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Orders for the Spring Plant Sale are due by Friday, April 17th, 2009. All plants are from Alexander Hay Greenhouses and will be delivered to MPHS on May 7th, 2009. Order forms can be found on the Midland Park High School Website. Proceeds will go to Scholarships and Summer Grants.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

Book Fair is Tuesday-Wednesday.

Open House 6-9 on Tuesday.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were discussed/or commented:

Scholarships

5/13/09 – 7:00pm – baseball Midland Park vs. Waldwick at Yogi Berra Stadium.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The following items were discussed/commented on:

- a. Jr. HS Musical is on Thursday, April 24th and Friday, April 25th, 2009.
- b. High School Spring Concert and Awards – April 29th at 7:30 p.m.
- c. Middle School Spring Choral Concert is on May 14th.
- d. Band Concert is May 31st, 2009.

Special Education – (M. Hahn)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Yali)

No Report.

O. Old Business

Mr. Venditti questioned the status of the Principal's Search. Dr. Heebink answered that the interviewing process has been started.

Mr. Roberts questioned if there was any new information concerning the tennis courts. Dr. Heebink answered nothing more.

Mr. Hahn commented/questioned that the 2009-2010 school calendar has two weeks off in marking period. Dr. Heebink answered that he will look into it and balance the marking periods.

P. New Business

Mr. Venditti commented on the NHS inductions on April 16, 2009.

Mr. Venditti discussed letter from baseball/softball association asking to dedicate the field

Mr. Moraski commented that the Board has agreed that they would be very judicious on dedications. Discussion ensued.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

P1. To name the field after Mrs. Carione

Roll Call: No – 8 (Canellas, Criscenzo, Hahn, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan, Venditti)
Abstain 1 (Mr. Schiffer)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

P2. To authorize funds to be available for a plaque thanking the Associations & the Carione Family for work on the field.

Roll Call: Yes -4 (Canellas, Criscenzo, Sullivan, Schiffer)
No 5 (Hahn, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Venditti)

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

P3. Plaque to thank Baseball/Softball Association to recognize work on the field.

Roll Call: Yes – 5 (Canellas, Criscenzo, Roberts, Sullivan, Schiffer)
No 4 (Hahn, Lein, Moraski, Venditti)

Motion – Mr. Venditti, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 28, 2009 for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Julia Ward – questioned IDEA Funds, #3 on the agenda - which year is this that they are talking about?

Mr. Schiffer answered 2009-2010 dollars are already budgeted. It is not found money.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary