

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

February 24, 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

Approval of Minutes

Board Secretary's Certification

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Hahn . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:

January 6, 2009

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Hahn . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:

January 20, 2009

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Hahn, Lein, Moraski, Sullivan, Venditti)
2 Abstain (Roberts, Schiffer)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 24, 2009

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Hahn . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:

February 3, 2009

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Hahn, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan, Schiffer, Venditti)
1 Abstain (Criscenzo)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No Report.

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.

A Team Building Workshop will be conducted by a representative of New Jersey School Boards Association.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

No Report.

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)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the revised contract for William Heebink as Superintendent of Schools from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). A
2. Approve the opening of the Employment Contract between the Midland Park Administrators and Supervisors Association and the Board of Education of the Midland Park School District and the Proviso to include new language in the Remuneration Clauses, which is attached as an appendix. B
3. Approve the appointment of Caline Treger as a .4 French teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid a salary of \$16,592 (BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide), prorated, effective March 3, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
4. Approve the first tenured appointment for Alison Deeney, elementary school teacher, effective March 2, 2009.

5. Approve the appointment of Ilya Maslov as the Choral Director and musical accompanist for the high school musical rehearsals and performances. **This is a non-contractual position.**

6. Approve the following addition to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the elementary school, for the 2008-2009 school year, retroactive to September 4, 2008:

Add:	Danielle Haring	Journalism Club	<u>Stipend</u> \$368.00
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7. Approve the following changes to the list of coaches at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Brian DeCarlo	Assistant Baseball Coach	
	Jay Esposito	Assistant Softball Coach	
Add:	Maria Iler	Assistant Spring Track Coach	\$4,038
	Kara DeBlasio	Assistant Softball Coach	\$4,149
	Edward McDonough	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$4,149
	Jay Esposito	7 th & 8 th Grade Baseball Coach	\$2,351

8. Approve the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education Indoor Soccer (Girls and Boys), effective February 26, 2009 through May 7, 2009 (support material attached):

Julia Bos
Connor Gleba

9. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

(s) Johanna Abrams (Substitute School Nurse)
(s) Sara Keller
(s) Bonnie Lowicki (Substitute School Nurse)
(s) Mimi Stitzer
(s) Jamie Tashian

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

10. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

Denise Connelly Substitute Secretary/Instructional Aide

11. Accept the resignation of Sheryl DeSantis as a Building Aide in the elementary schools, effective March 1, 2009 (support material attached).

12. Approve the appointment of Stephanie Healy as a Building Aide in the elementary schools. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$12.25 per hour, effective March 2, 2009 through June 25,

2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-1 Approve the following changes to the list of coaches at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Matthew Arroyo	7 th & 8 th Grade Softball Coach	
Add:	Scott Grasso	7 th & 8 th Grade Softball Coach	\$2,351
	Matthew Arroyo	Assistant Softball Coach	\$4,149

Roll Call: (Yes – 7 (Canellas, Criscenzo, Hahn, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan,)
(No -- 2 (Schiffer, Venditti)

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2009, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, subject to the conditions of P.L. 1701.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. January 2009 Midland Park Continuing Education Claims in the amount of \$68,917.93.

b. February 2009 supplemental claims in the amount of \$283,040.74.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following block motion:

a. January 2009 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$41,395.73.

b. January 2009 direct pays in the amount of \$220,637.81.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the February 2009 payroll in the amount of \$1,023,783.93.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period January 1, 2009, through January 31, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. C

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. D

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

- S-2 Award the sale of Bid File #502 – 1988 Dodge Pick Up Truck, as follows:

Advertised in The Record: February 6, 2009
Bids Received: 2

Awarded to:

Jersey One Auto Sales, Inc. \$417.00
495-497 Tonnelles Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07307

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-3 Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) advertised for bids for Contract No. 501, the Supply of a 54 Passenger Bus; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2009, the Board received 4 bids for Contract No. 501; and

WHEREAS, Truck King International Sales & Service (hereinafter referred to as “Truck King”) submitted the apparent lowest bid with a base bid in the amount of \$78,350.00, to be paid over five (5) years as part of a lease-purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, Truck King failed to include with its bid a listing of its stock inventory of fleet buses, evidence that it is a dealer maintaining such a fleet, or evidence that it has the ability to pick up the bus and return it, when necessary for servicing purposes, all of which collectively constitute a material defect that cannot be waived, rendering Truck King’s bid non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, Wolfington Body Company, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Wolfington”) submitted the next lowest responsible bid with a purchase price of \$81,490.00, to be paid over five (5) years as part of a lease-purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Wolfington conforms in all material respects to the bid specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid submitted by Truck King is hereby rejected as non-responsive for all of the reasons set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract for Contract No. 501, Supply of a 54 Passenger Bus, is hereby awarded to Wolfington Body Company, Inc., in the amount of \$81,490.00, to be paid over five (5) years as part of a lease-purchase agreement. This award is expressly conditioned upon Wolfington furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and performance bond as required in the project specifications, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer reported that the Finance Committee met tonight to review the tentative 09-10 budget. He will have more information after the District receives the State Aid Figures.

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

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

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

Employee	Workshop	Date	Location
Jennifer Langenfel	Curriculum Mapping in the 21 st Century	2/17/ 2009	Monroe Township, NJ
Linda Carr Dianna Grasso Frank Isola	Testing and Achievement for All Children	2/ 27/2009	Hackensack, NJ
Tarra Bergonzi	Differentiated Instruction	3/2/ 2009	Montvale, NJ
Karen Biondo Jacqueline Goodel	Character Education Training For Middle/High School	3/3/2009	New Brunswick, NJ
Ristem Sela	System Center Configuration Manager	3/3/ 2009	Edison, NJ
Therese Seiders	Effective Reading in Content Areas K-12	3/ 4/ 2009	Montvale, NJ
Karen Biondo	NJ ASK	3/ 19/ 2009	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
Teresa Wecht	The Great Gatsby: Rethinking How We Teach Through Writing	3/ 20/ 2009	Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Suzanne Kelly Rachel Reboiro	Guided Reading Strategies	3/24/ 2009	Newark, NJ
Matthew Arroyo Sarah Berninger Karen Biondo	Help Your Students Help Themselves with Peer Mediation Training	3/ 27/2009	New Brunswick, NJ
Carole Treta	Building a Bridge to Global Learning Communities	5/19/ 2009	Monroe Township, NJ
Karen Corcoran	Renewal Advance Cardiac	5/29/ 2009	Englewood, NJ

	Life Support		
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Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following grants funded by the Midland Park Public Education Foundation (support material attached):

Compound Microscope (High School)
 Response to Literature (Highland School)
 Groovy Music (Highland School)
 Brain POP (High School)
 My Masterpiece, Part II (Highland School)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the proposed overnight field trip to the NJSIAA State Wrestling Championships from March 6 – 8, 2009 in Atlantic City, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the Five-Year Curriculum Revision Cycle for the Midland Park School District, which is attached as an appendix. E

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. A3649 – The Senate and Assembly have both passed Bill A3649 which would postpone the date of the governor’s annual budget message from 2/24 to as late as 3/12(most likely the address will be on 3/10). The Department of Education then has 48 hours to release education aide figures to local school districts.
- b. S1809 – The Senate Education Committee released bill S1809 on 2/9. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to inform school principals of the identity of any student 18 years or older who has been charged with certain offenses and crimes between the 1st and 3rd degrees. There is also an obligation to provide a written notice of transfer, including the criminal history obtained, when such a student transfers to a new school.
- c. S2507 – The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee released Bill S2507 on 2/2. The bill would allow for a reduction in state aid equal to the amount a district would save by deferring half of its Public Employees Retirement System current year contribution.

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

The following items were discussed:

- a. Roof leak in K/Pre-K section fixed
- b. Discussion with baseball/softball league for an upgrade to the fields.
- c. Band trailer parking.

Mr. Venditti asked about a child falling at Godwin. Dr. Heebink answered we will check into it.

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

Mr. Roberts commented that the initial exchange was today and it will be reviewed with the committee.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

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

Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009 proposals were due in the Board office for the Midland Park School District's food service management operations for the 2009-2010 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that The Pomptonian, Inc. (Food Service Management Company) is hereby awarded the food service management contract for the 2009-2010 school year, as follows:

The Food Service Management Company shall receive, in addition to costs of operation, a fee of \$0.0884 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the Food Service Management Company for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The Local Education Agency guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the Food Service Management Company.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals (breakfast, lunch, and after school snack meals) served and meal equivalents. The number of School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program, and National School Lunch program meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from Sales of National Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program meals and After School Snack Program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal management fee of \$0.0884 will be multiplied by total meals.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the rebid was State driven. Mr. Roberts answered yes, relative to rebates being received directly by district.

Roll Call: All Yes

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)

Motion – Mr. Hahn, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

S-4 Authorize the School Business Administrator to execute a contract with Optimum Lightpath for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).

Mr. Roberts questioned at the end of three years what happens to rates? Mr. Hahn answered like any other – it can go up.

Mr. Venditti questioned if the company were to go out of business is there another company to pick up our business? Mr. Hahn answered that someone would pick it up. Fiber is an asset.

Roll Call: All Yes

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day pick up Friday.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were reported on:

- a. There will be a general meeting on 3/18/09
- b. Winter Sports Award on March 12, 2009.
- c. Accomplishments by students in sporting events.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

“Leader of the Pack”—performances are March 19-22.

Special Education – (M. Hahn)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

Fun Night is scheduled for 3/7/09.
Comedy Night is scheduled for March 28, 2009.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Yalli)

No Report.

O. Old Business

None.

P. New Business

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

To reschedule the meeting dates from March 10, 2009 and March 24, 2009 to March 17 and March 31 and to go into closed session before the meeting of March 17, 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.
No one chose to speak.

Motion –Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary