

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 3, 2009

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, at 8:20 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	Michael Hahn
	Paula Lein	Raymond Moraski
	Wayne Roberts	William Sullivan
	Robert Schiffer	
	Richard Venditti	

Excused: Sandra Criscenzo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Garvey reported on the following items:

Bus bids were received and will be reviewed with the Finance Committee.

Letter from Pomptonian reaffirming that there are no peanut butter products used in our school cafeterias.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti sent an e-mail to the School Boards Association on scheduling a Team Building meeting for the 24th.

Also, nominating petitions are due in the Board office on March 2, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heebink reported on the following items:

List of student accomplishments;

Acknowledgement of school aides, assistants and monitors;

Student art displays at Barnes & Noble

Organizational Chart

QSAC Review

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

Approve the revised district staff Organizational Chart, which is attached as an appendix.

A

Roll Call: All Yes

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. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Karen Kantrowitz as a .5 Spanish teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid a salary of \$23,280.50 (MA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective February 4, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
2. Approve a revised paid maternity leave for Alison Deeney, elementary school teacher, effective March 30, 2009 (instead of April 13, 2009) through April 29, 2009; a paid child care leave effective April 30, 2009 through May 27, 2009 and an unpaid leave of absence, as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective May 28, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
3. Approve the following Math SRA Graders at the high school. They will be paid at the approved rate of \$33.18 per hour, for ten hours each, as per Schedule B of the MPEA salary guide, effective for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year:

Ethan Grubman

Matthew Sayles

4. Authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute an employment contract for Robert Blanchard, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, effective February 9, 2009 through June 30, 2009, which is attached as an appendix.

B

Roll Call: All Yes

5. This item was pulled from the Agenda.

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the appointment of the following high school teachers for the HSPA review class, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education Program, to be held at the high school:

Sarah Berninger	English
Ethan Grubman	Math

7. Approve the following change to the list of advisors to activities and clubs in the elementary schools, for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

Delete: Stephanie Quirk Vocal Ensemble

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

(s) Colleen Monahan

(s) County Substitute Certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

- AS-1 Approve the following changes to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

Delete: Donna Halliwell Musical – Assistant Director - Choral

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the January 2009 payroll in the amount of \$1,095,000.22.
2. Approve the February 2009 claims in the amount of \$110,932.64.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve a resolution authorizing the Midland Park Public School District to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, which is attached as an appendix. C

A discussion on the use of the above purchasing agreement ensued.

Mr. Schiffer discussed the budget calendar, the release date for State Aid Figures, and the current budget status.

Roll Call: All Yes

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
Nicholas Capuano	Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System Training	02/ 10/ 2009	Mercerville, NJ
Edward McDonough Craig Rush	NJSIAA-NJSCA/NJSCO Strength & Conditioning Coaches Clinic	02/ 27/ 2009	Robbinsonville, NJ
Jennifer Harris	Differentiated Instruction	03/02/ 2009	Montvale, NJ
Marilyn DeLuccia	Theater group presentation On cyber-bullying	03/ 13/ 2009	New Brunswick, NJ
Teresa Isik	College tour	04/20/& 21/2009	Scranton, PA
Joan Brennan Laurie Troisi	Building a Bridge to Global Learning Communities	05/19/ 2009	Monroe Twp., NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the Rutgers Summer Enrichment Program, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education Program, to be held on Mondays at the high school, effective July 27, 2009 through August 17, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The following items were reported on:

1. S2506/A3649 – Bill S2506 (Assembly corresponding bill A3649) would postpone the date of the governor’s annual budget message from 2/24 to 3/12. The Department of Education then has 48 hours to release education aid figures to local school districts. The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee released the bill on 2/2. It now goes to the full Senate.

2. S2211/A1943 – Bill S2211 was released by the Senate Education Committee on 1/26. The bill would create a “personal finance literacy course” for High School seniors. The bill now heads to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. The corresponding Assembly bill, A1943, was passed by the full Assembly in September.

3. A3186 – Bill A3186 was signed into law by the governor on 1/12. The law will permit New Jersey's Secretary of State to change the date of a special school election if the date coincides with a religious observance.

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

The following items were reported on:

The Recreation Department is looking for Board support to improve the softball/baseball field at the high school.

The Buildings & Ground Minutes from Facilities Tour, January 17th, 2009 were distributed in the packet.

Mr. Moraski asked about maintenance software and possible alternatives to School Dude.

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

Mr. Roberts said a meeting is scheduled immediately after the regular meeting tonight.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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)

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

M. Technology – (M. Hahn, Chairperson)

Mr. Hahn met with a consultant and they discussed the current state of the district and ideas to make advancements. The committee will be looking into current and new costs. Once this is finalized the committee will bring information to the full Board.

N. Liaison

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The following items were reported/commented on:

- a. March 20, 2009 – Volleyball
- b. Gift Cards
- c. Coffee connection – 5th & 6th Grades – 8:30 a.m. in music room.
- d. Godwin talent show

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were mentioned/discussed:

Mr. Roberts thanked everyone who attended the Beef Steak dinner.

Pack the House is scheduled for February 11, 2009.

The winter sports ad journal will be forthcoming.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The following items were mentioned/discussed:

High School Musical –“Leader of the Pack” – Performances will be March 19-22.

Fundraiser – Save these dates;

- a. 4/18/09 Comedy Night
- b. 5/5/09 Crate & Barrel

Special Education – (M. Hahn)

Mr. Hahn spoke with Director who is working on advances in procedures to improve IEP meetings and documentation.

New hire is working out well.

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

The following items were mentioned:

All 21 Trustees will be named shortly

Fundraiser – Save this date – 3/28/09.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Ms. Dent will be attending the next Special Ed Parents meeting to discuss programs.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Yalli)

No Report.

O. Old Business

Mr. Moraski discussed the January 19 Staff Training.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 24, 2009, for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. John Artuso, President of the MP Baseball Association made a presentation to the Board on making upgrades and repair to the softball/baseball field at the high school. Mr. Venditti thanked the association on behalf of the Board and asked that they contact the Business Administrator to discuss the project further.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary