

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

January 6, 2009

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, at 8:06 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 REPORT

Board Secretary's Certification

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on December 2, 2008.

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The following items were reported on:

- Policy – Education Hall of Fame- Need two Board members to serve; Mr. Canellas, Chair-person; Mr. Hahn

- Technology Committee to be formed; three members – Mr. Hahn, Chair-person; Mr. Canellas and Ms. Criscenzo to serve on this committee.
- Asked for meeting of the Council Committee Group to review issues to discuss at the last meeting.
- School Boards Team Building Workshop – waiting to hear back
- Up coming Challenges
 - o New Principal, Director of Curriculum, Director of Special Education
 - o Fiscal Restraints / Budget/ Current Economic Conditions
 - o Negotiations

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

The following items were commented/reported on:

- Holiday Concert
- Bloustein Distinguished Scholars (4)
- Organizational Chart

A discussion on the chain of command in the buildings and the extent of Supervisory duties of Assistant Principal at the Godwin School and the High School.

The Board asked that job descriptions be checked against the chart.

The Board voted on our organizational chart with changes.

APPENDIX

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

Approve the Midland Park School District 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 – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Barbara Makela to conduct the Mathematics Club for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. She will be paid a fee of \$180 during the course of the 2008-2009 second semester.

2. Approve the following addition to the list of Coaches at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

Add: Alison Bryan Unpaid volunteer for the Girls' Basketball Team

3. Approve the appointment of Cheryl Boland as a .5 Instructional Aide for the Pre-School Disabled program in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$12,116.50, prorated effective January 7, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

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

- (s) Tahany Abbasi
- (s) Wheijenn Cheng

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- AS-1 Approve the appointment of Robert Blanchard as the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor for the district. He will be paid a prorated salary of \$73,500.00, effective February 9, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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 November 1, 2008, 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 . . .

To approve the following block motion . . .

2. Approve the January 2009 claims in the amount of \$271,882.31.

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. December 2008 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$30,210.34.

- b. December 2008 direct pays in the amount of \$221,817.49.

4. Approve the December 2008 payroll in the amount of \$1,053,284.13.

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 November 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. B

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period November 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. C

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board discussed the need for further information on the transfers. It was asked that there be and explanation given for all transfers made of \$10,000 or more and that the monthly category report be submitted to the board.

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

7. Approve the appointment of Mark Halliwell to work on the middle school musical set construction for a fee of \$70.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the amended 2006-2007 Title II, Part A portion of the NCLB Consolidated Grant Application.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

	Workshop	Date	Location
Craig Rush	Midland Park Public Schools In-service	1/ 8/2009	Florham Park, NJ
Karen Biondo	HSPA/EOC	1/21/2009	East Hanover, NJ
Nicholas Capuano, Ethan Grubman	NJ Steps: Redesigning Education in NJ for the 21 st Century	1/22/2009	Hamilton, NJ
Raina Dawson	Increasing On-Task Performance	1/ 23/2009	Piscataway, NJ
Karen Biondo	K-8 th Grade Counselor Meeting	1/28/ 2009	Maywood, NJ
David Marks,	NYSFBC Marching Band	1/28/ 2009	Liverpool, NY

Jeffrey Peters	Meeting		
Karen Corcoran	Pediatric Advance Life Support (renewal)	2/27/ 2009	Englewood, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

A committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30.

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

No Report.

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

It was reported that the S1861 has been stalled in the Senate and not brought back to vote.

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

The following items were reported on:

Tour of schools will be scheduled within the next two weeks

Phone system sign off on last line for Verizon be scheduled for 1/13

Mr. Hahn commented that he heard the high school bleachers are not safe. Mr. Sullivan stated that this is one of the issues being looked into.

Mr. Moraski suggested that we invite the new Buildings & Ground Supervisor to tour the schools.

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

No Report

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

Chalk Board posted on Website.

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

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

Approve the following job descriptions, which are attached as an appendix:

Teacher D

Instructional Aide E

Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds F

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board discussed adding language to the teacher’s job description to include “district” goals and objectives.

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. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The next meeting will be January 21, 2009 at 7:00 at the high school.
The next Market Day orders will be due January 24th, 2009.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The following items were reported on:

- a. 3rd & 4th grade coffee -8:30 Thursday
- b. PTA meeting scheduled for 1/15 at 7:30
- c. Friday, January 9th - Bingo

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were reported on:
Beef Steak dinner scheduled for January 21, 2009.
Pack the House Nights

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Special Education – (M. Hahn)

No Report

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

There is a scheduled meeting for next Tuesday.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Yalli)

No Report

N. Old Business

Mr. Venditti questioned the status of the security cameras? Dr. Heebink answered that they are being installed next week.

Mr. Venditti asked the status of the language teacher. Dr. Heebink will be interviewing over the next 2 days.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 20, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

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- Mrs. Lein . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary