

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 21, 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 2009 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Paula Lein
	Raymond Moraski	Wayne Roberts
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

Richard Venditti

Excused: James Canellas - vacation

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

June 9, 2009

June 23, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti reviewed the District and Board Goals and noted that the Goals will be posted on our website.

Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 21, 2009

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

Adoption of School Board and District Goals for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached).

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 on the Student and Staff Accomplishments.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2009-2010 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. Sullivan . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Anne Marchetta as a mathematics teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$42,315.00 (BA Step 2 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).
2. Approve the appointment of Jean B. Clarke as a first grade teacher at Godwin School, leave replacement. She will be paid a salary of \$41,480.00 (BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of Jane Lindstrom as the Treasurer of School Moneys for the 2009-2010 school year. Her yearly salary will be \$3,120.00.
4. Approve the appointment of Gregory Gruzdis as the Assistant Football Coach for the 2009-2010 school year. He will be paid a stipend of \$4,413.00, effective July 22, 2009.
5. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp program, effective July 22, 2009 through August 21, 2009 (support material attached)

Katherine Fiaschi

Michelle Fiaschi

6. Accept the resignation of Kristin Ommerborn, fifth grade teacher at Highland Elementary School, effective July 22, 2009 (support material attached)

7. Approve Ruth Wezenter for a student teaching placement at the Midland Park High School, effective September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009(support material attached).
8. Approve the appointment of Denise Connelly as a one-to-one aide for a special education student attending an extended school year pre-school program for six weeks, five days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective July 6-August 14, 2009.
9. Approve the appointment of Francesca Mullady as a substitute one-to-one aide for special education students attending an extended school year pre-school program from 9:30 a.m to 12:00 at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

10. Rescind Motion A10 of the June 23, 2009 Board Agenda, pertaining to the appointment of Eileen Ietto as providing summer speech services to a special education student for six weeks.
11. This motion was pulled from the Agenda.
12. To amend the appointment motion A1 of the June 9, 2009 Board Agenda, as it pertains to Sheralyn Gottlieb’s starting date. Ms. Gottlieb will officially begin August 3, 2009 as the Director of Special Services in the District.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

13. Approve the appointment of the following Special Services staff for employment during the summer of 2009, per terms and conditions:

Cynthia Brown	Karen Corcoran
Eileen Ietto	Rachel Maietta (support material attached)
Christina Marinaro	Patty Sicree
Pam Vermaas	Therese Seiders

14. Approve the re-appointment of Maria Iler, teacher/coordinator for the a.m. and p.m. Pre-Kindergarten program from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This program is held at the Godwin School and sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education (support material attached).
15. Approve the appointment of Alison Ruta and Paula Didyk for the Intermediate Math Camp II. This camp is for students entering grades 4, 5, and 6. – not to exceed 4.5 hours at \$39.04 per hour.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

16. Approve the termination of Jason Goyco effective August 7, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

- ASP1 Accept the resignation of Casey Vier as a special education teacher at the high school, effective July 22, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- ASP2 Approve the appointment of Brian DeCarlo as a health/physical education teacher in the elementary schools. He will be paid \$41,480.00 (BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

- ASP3 Approve the appointment of Meghan Martinez as a 1st grade teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid \$50,268.00 (MA Step 5 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- ASP4 Approve the Sidebar Agreement between the Midland Park Education Association and the Midland Park Board of Education related to summer compensation.

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 June 30, 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 – Mr. Roberts . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. June, 2009 Adult School claims in the amount of \$62,424.47.
- b. June direct pays in the amount of \$217,560.30.
- c. June supplemental claims in the amount of \$226,652.83.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period of June 1 – June 30, 2009, which is attached as an appendix. F1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period of June 1- June 30, 2009, which is attached as an appendix. F2
5. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. To approve the June supplemental payroll in the amount of \$60,347.06.
 - b. To approve the July payroll in the amount of \$173,203.83.
 - c. To approve the June cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$31,279.12.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the non-aligned salaries for the 2009-2010 school year, which is attached as an appendix. F3

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, Lein, Moraski, Sullivan, Thomas, Schiffer, Venditti)

1 Abstain (Roberts)

Ms. Collins requested a copy of the salary listings. Ms. Garvey replied that the list would be available in the Board Office.

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

7. Approve the 2009-2010 cafeteria prices, which are attached as an appendix. F4

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Lein asked if meals are the same price. Ms. Garvey replied that they are.

Ms. Lein also asked if lunch tickets are going to be accepted from last year. Ms. Garvey replied – no.

Mr. Roberts asked for a comparative financial report. Ms. Garvey replied that we are waiting for the June statement and will provide a report to the Board when all final billing has been received.

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

8. Approve the appointment of Kielin Greeley to provide ABA support for a special education student attending a summer extended year program at the rate of \$33.00 an hour for six weeks from 9:30-12:00.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the change order MCG Job # Sep -33, in the amount of \$504.64 for Millennium Communications Group, Inc. (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education (Region One), a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2009-2010 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education and attached to this resolution, which is attached as an appendix. F5

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Collins asked if information would be available at the Board office.

Ms. Garvey replied yes.

Mr. Schiffer commented that State Health Benefits are increasing 23%, but we were originally told that we should estimate 12%. Mr. Venditti asked what the approximate dollar increase would be?

Mr. Schiffer replied \$18,000.00.

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

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

1. Approval of Foundations of Economics, AP Edition (Prentice Hall), textbook for the newly established AP economics course.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Fall' 2009 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approval of educational services rendered for a Midland Park student attending Daytop in Mendham, New Jersey, from June 1 to June 16, 2009, at a cost of \$98.00 per day.
4. Approve the creation of an in-house pre-school special education program for the 2009-2010 school year at Godwin School.
5. Approve the placement of a special education student in the Stepping Stones program in Fair Lawn for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Criscenzo questioned who is working on the development of an in-house program.

Dr. Heebink replied that Eileen Horn is working on it.

Mr. Sullivan asked do we have the space.

Dr. Heebink replied it is a small class. We do have space although Godwin is tight. We will be opening up to out of district students.

Dr. Heebink also stated that if we run our own program it is beneficial for three reasons:

- a. If you run your own program you have more control
- b. No transportation
- c. Cost beneficial

Public-

Ms. Collins questioned what the cap is on the number of students and what is the program called.

Dr. Heebink replied that it could go up to 8 but we will be keeping to 6. This is for upper age pre-school students in programs that are here and out-of-district aging out of current program.

Ms. Collins commented that she doesn't see that there is enough time for training or hiring of new staff for program. How can a quality program be developed so late?

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Karen Biondo, Teresa Isik, Sheralyn Gottlieb, Patricia Terraciano	Four Part Series- Creating Student- Centered Learning through Personalized Student Learning Plans	Monroe Township, NJ	9/22/09
			10/15/09
			11/19/09
			3/23/10
Karen Corcoran	American Academy of Pediatrics	Edison, NJ	10/28/09
Stacy Garvey	ASBO's 95 th Annual Meeting	Chicago, Illinois	10/22-25/09

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- CSP5 Approve an overnight camp for the Midland Park players on the Midland Park-Waldwick football team to Timberlake West in Roscoe, NY from August 22 – August 26, 2009, at no cost to the district.

Roll Call: All Yes

Discussed details of program- Dr. Thomas asked if child signed up for program and decided not to go – Can get \$ back. Administration will check.

Mr. Moraski commented that we will be meeting every 1st Tuesday of the month. Mr. Venditti agreed unless there is a need for another committee to meet.

Mr. Venditti asked the status of the textbooks. Dr. Heebink replied that all have been ordered except for Economics.

D. Policy Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policy:

School District Travel (mandated policy)

Policy Section 6471

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

The following summer projects/repairs have been completed to date:

- a. Water fountain at Highland second floor has been replaced.
- b. New radiator control valves are being replaced at Highland.
- c. Flood light installed on barn/shed to illuminate front of high school.
- d. P.S.E & G repaired the 2 pole lights at the north end of the high school driveway. Also, a flood light (owned by PSE&G) on the pole near the concession stand.
- e. The missing Sprinkler part has been installed and is running 100%. High Tech Landscape will perform a midseason check shortly.
- f. A parent is looking to raise money to create a memory Garden for Mrs. Carlisle and place it in front of Godwin School.

Mr. Venditti questioned how are we doing with replacing control valves. Ms. Garvey replied we are moving along.

Mr. Venditti questioned recycling. Thought it would be too expensive for dumpster- Ms. Garvey replied Robert is looking into a dumpster at a low cost.

Public-

Ms. Collins commented that hand dryer are not sanitary.

Ms. Garvey will look into it.

Ms. Vierheilg commented that the town is looking into recycling bid and that maybe the schools could be included with this bid.

Mr. Venditti replied that Mr. Moraski will be reporting on that.

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

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

1. Approve the contract of Anne Schaper, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 at a salary of \$71,140.78 which is attached as an appendix. G1
2. Approve the contract of Barbara Pierro, Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010 at a salary of \$56,165.31 which is attached as an appendix. G2

Roll Call: All Yes

H. Negotiations – Administrators – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Mr. Sullivan reported that he will be getting information out to the committee for the IT and the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor.

I. Public Relations Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

The following items were commented on:

- a. New Hires – maybe part of Chalk Board or publication. Dr. Heebink suggested –getting together information
- b. Ms. Lein stated that the committee will be scheduling a meeting.

J. Personnel Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

K. Service Review Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

Mr. Moraski reported on the following items:

- a. Shared recreation facilities;
- b. Recycling
- c. Numerous Grants discussed
- d. Technology
- e. Tennis Courts

M. Technology Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Ms. Garvey reported on the following items:

- a. Network is up and running;
- b. Significant increases in spread.
- c. Budget program in place.
- d. Payroll January 1st
- e. School Dude – September 1st

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To go into closed session after tonight’s meeting and before the meeting of August 18, 2009 to discuss personnel items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Collins questioned if there will there be a parent group for Special Education.

Dr. Thomas replied yes – this is one of our goals.

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. 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