

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
June 23, 2009

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, at 8:15 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Paula Lein	Raymond Moraski
	Wayne Roberts	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Robert Schiffer

Richard Venditti

OTHERS PRESENT

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

There was a Moment of Silence for Mrs. Carlisle.
Comments from the Board members and remembrances from the public.

Presentations made to the recipients of the Governor's Teacher Awards.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, Ms. Lein . . .
Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:

May 26, 2009

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S 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.

No further report.

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

To recess into closed session to discuss personne and legal issues.

The Board recessed at 8:20

The Board reconvened at 9:02

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heebink reported to the Board on a meeting held with the administration of Waldwick Board of Education establishing a tentative agreement for the football contract.

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. Roberts, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the increase from .4 to .5 for Caline Treger for the 2009 -2010 school year. She is a non-tenured elementary French instructor.
2. Approve the appointment of Rachel Grotsky to provide substitute educational support for a special education student. She will be available to work between July 1, 2009, and August 31, 2009 in place of either Eileen Horn or Suzanne Esposito. She will be paid \$33.18 per hour.
3. Approve the additional summer hours for the following secretarial personnel. They will be paid their approved hourly rate pending contract ratification (support material attached).

Carol Berninger	up to 100 hours
Michele Callesano	up to 120 hours
Jo Ann Francolino	up to 80 hours
Diane Rebholz	up to 110 hours
4. Approve the appointment of Harry Shortway as a part-time bus driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.

5. Approve the appointment of Sam Schaper as a substitute bus driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.
6. Approve the following appointments as summer custodial/ maintenance helpers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:
 Ed Gordon
 Bryan Walker
7. Approve the list of the fall season coaches at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year, which is attached as an appendix and support material attached. P1
8. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp 2009 program, effective June 29, 2009 through August 21, 2009 (support material attached):

Samantha Coppola	Dylan Gonzalez
Chelsea Kavanagh	Siobhan Keenan
Kalli Lota	Kellie Mc Clain
Kerry Mc Glade	Colleen Steel
9. Approve the appointment of Matthew Arroyo as a Security Aide at the Midland Park High School from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. for the 2009-2010 school year. His rate of pay will be \$33.18 per hour (support material attached).
10. Approve the appointment of Eileen Ietto to provide summer speech services to a special education student for six weeks. She will work four hours per week and be paid \$33.18 per hour.
11. This motion was pulled from the Agenda.
12. Approve the appointment of Linda Carr and Dianna Grasso to participate in summer eligibility meetings at the rate of \$33.18 per hour. The work will occur between July 1, 2009, and August 31, 2009, and will not exceed 14 hours per person.
13. Rescind the following past Board of Education actions:
 - A 3 under Personnel from the May 26, 2009 Agenda related to construction of summer language arts learning packets;
 - A 11 under Personnel from the June 9, 2009 meeting related to construction of summer language arts learning packets;
 - A 12 under Personnel from the June 9, 2009 meeting related to the appointment of summer math camp teachers;
 - A 13 under Personnel from the June 9, 2009 meeting related to the construction of summer mathematics learning packets.
14. Approve the appointment of the following elementary school teachers to construct summer language arts learning packets:

Danielle Haring	grades 3 to 4 and 4 to 5 - not to exceed 8 hours; \$33.18 per hour;
Laurin Apruzzese	grade 5 to 6 - not to exceed 4 hours; \$33.18 per hour;

Eileen Horn grade 2 to 3 – not to exceed 4 hours; \$33.18 per hour

15. Approve the appointment of the following elementary school teachers to conduct summer mathematics camps:

Barbara Makela entering grades 2 and 3 – not to exceed 9 hours; \$39.04 per hour;
Alison Ruta entering grades 4,5, and 6 –not to exceed 4.5 hours; \$39.04 per hour;
Paula Didyk entering grades 4,5,and 6—not to exceed 4.5 hours; \$39.04 per hour;

16. Approve the appointment of the following elementary school teachers to construct summer mathematics learning packets:

Laurie Troisi grades 2 to 3 and 3 to 4—not to exceed 6.5 hours; \$33.18 per hour;
Frank Isola grades 4 to 5 and 5 to 6—not to exceed 6.5 hours; \$33.18 per hour,

17. Approve the appointment of David Kessinger as the Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- SP1. Approve a memorandum of understanding related to an agreement with the MPEA –now also inclusive of clerical staff, custodial staff, and instructional aides --- covering the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of May 31, 2007, 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.

2. Authorize the Business Administrator to pay monthly bills in July and August to be approved at a later meeting by the Board.

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. To approve the June 2009 payroll in the amount of \$1,081,245.29.
b. To approve the June 2009 supplemental claims in the amount of \$187,437.97.

Mr. Venditti asked what the payment to USA Architect included. Mr. Schiffer answered that it was the final payment on the work done at Highland School for the power pad and wall.

4. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period of May 1 – May 31, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F1
5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period of May 1 – May 31, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F2
6. Authorize the Business Administrator to cancel outstanding checks in the various school accounts in accordance with the Auditor’s recommendations, as per the attached appendix. F3
7. Approve the submission of the amendment to the NCLB Grant with addition of carry-over on the following amounts: (support material attached)

Title II A	\$ 408.00
Title II D	\$ 24.00
Title IV	\$ 209.00
Title V	\$1,524.00

8. Approve Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey as the dental benefits provider for the 2009-2010 school year.
9. Approve the submission of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Summer ‘2009 Grant (support material attached).
10. Rescind the Board Motion B-7 of the April 28, 2009 Agenda approving Municipal Services Group, Inc as the financing agent for the acquisition of a 54-passenger bus.
11. Approve the following resolution approving Sovereign Bank as the financing agent for the acquisition of a 54-passenger bus:

RESOLVED, whereas the Midland Park Board of Education has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of a 54-passenger bus (Equipment) described in the Agreement and then determined to accept the Sovereign Bank financing proposal and execute the Agreement for the acquisition of the Equipment, therefore taking all steps necessary, including any legal bidding requirements, under applicable law, to arrange for the acquisition and financing of the Equipment.

THEREFORE, the Midland Park Board of Education directs the School Business Administrator (Buyer) and its legal counsel to review the Agreement and negotiate appropriate modifications to the final form of the Agreement so as to assure compliance with state law and local statutory law, prior to execution of the Agreement by those persons authorized for such purpose.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, by the Midland Park Board of Education that:

Finding: Authorized Officers – The covenants, terms and conditions of the Agreement are in the best interests of Buyer for financing the acquisition of the Equipment. The Buyer is hereby authorized to take all action necessary or reasonably required or desirable to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including, but not limited to the execution and delivery of the Agreement, with such variations or revisions or all additional certificates, documents, and other papers thereto deemed necessary by the Buyer or its counsel in

order to implement and carry out the matters authorized in this Resolution.

RESOLVED, the Midland Park Board of Education hereby confirms that the School Business Administrator is duly authorized to execute and deliver and to witness (or attest) respectively, the Agreement and any additional certificates, documents and other papers necessary for the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein. Execution by the School Business Administrator shall be deemed to be final approval by the Buyer of all the provisions of the Agreement and any additional related certificates, documents or other papers.

RESOLVED, the acquisition of the Equipment, under the terms and conditions provided for in the Agreement, is necessary, convenient, in the furtherance of, and will at all times be used in connection with, Buyer's governmental and proprietary purposes and functions and are in the best interests of Buyer, and no portion of the Equipment will be used directly or indirectly in any trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit of the state on a basis different from the general public.

RESOLVED, Buyer certifies that it has not issued or effected the issuance of, and reasonably anticipates that it shall not issue or effect the issuance of, more than thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) of tax-exempt obligations during the 2009 calendar year, and hereby designates the financing of the Equipment in which the Agreement pertains as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation: as defined by Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

12. Approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report. The date of the drill was June 18, 2009. The drill was supervised by Robert Blanchard and the times of the drills conducted were: 7:39, 8:05, 8:45, and 3:05. They were conducted at ECLC, Highland School, Midland Park High School, and Hubbard School (support material attached).
13. Approve the Bergen County Special Services School District contract for services required under Chapter 192 and 193 of the Laws of 1977 for the 2009 school year, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-9.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A46A-7(support material attached).
14. Approve the appointment of Eurico Antunes as a technology consultant for the district, for the 2009-2010 school year. He will be paid at the rate of \$80.00 per hour.
15. Approve the disposal of two cash registers (Sharp Model XE-A 202) at the high school. These registers are not repairable

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

- SF1. Approve an extension to the consultant agreement with William Shlala through July 31, 2009, subject to agreed to-changes in terms and conditions.

Roll Call: 8 Yes – (Canellas, Criscenzo, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Thomas, Schiffer, Venditti)
1 No – (Sullivan)

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the membership resolution in the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached).
2. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of 15 special education students in the Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education's Summer Program (support material attached).
4. Approve the following Midland Park Continuing Education extended programs starting late June, July and August (support material attached).

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Zumba Fitness – (Tuesday)	Silvia Acosta
20/20/20/ Fitness Blast – (Tuesday & Thursday)	Nicole Kraft
Oil Painting (Tuesday)	Susan Marlett
Basketball (Tuesday)	Bart Merola
Bellydancing – (Thursday)	Diane Schroller
Yoga, Int. – (Tuesday)	Gloria Smiley
Pilates Plus – (Wednesday)	Denise Swan

5. Approve the proposed 2009 high school Summer Reading Lists (support material attached).

Mr. Roberts mentioned that the Reading Lists were missing pages. Dr. Heebink stated that the correct pages have been sent.

Mr. Roberts questioned why the same book is on two separate grade levels. Mr. Moraski answered that the books are used for different purposes.

6. Approve the proposed overnight trip to the Take Action Conference between August 24 and August 26, 2009 at Camp Nyoda Hills in Oak Ridge, New Jersey (support material attached).

The Board discussed the camp.

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

3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placements and/or transportation of special education students attending extended school year programs, which is attached as an appendix. C1

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

SC1 & SC2 Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

Approve the placement of a senior high school student in the Cornerstone School, including the provision of transportation to and from, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approve a summer extended school program for a special education pre-school student at the Kid's Club in Midland Park for a period of six weeks.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

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

Policy Section 6471

School District Travel (mandated policy)

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

Nepotism

Policy Section 0142.1
(revised)

Employment of Chief School
Administrator

Policy Section 1220
(revised)

Administrative Employment Contracts

Policy Section 1620
(revised)

Employment of Teaching Staff Members

Policy Section 3125
(revised)

Public Relations Program

Policy Section 9120
(revised)

Special Education – Participation in
Statewide Testing

Regulation Section 2460.05
(abolish)

Special Education – Maintenance, Access To
And Confidentiality of Student Records

Regulation Section 2460.10
(abolish)

Special Education – In – Service Training

Regulation Section 2460.14
(abolish)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Ms. Lein reported that tougher high school graduation requirements have been approved. They include more lab sciences and high –level math, a four-year sequence of English classes, and exams at the end of key courses to make sure students have mastered the skills they will need in college or on the job. The new requirements will be phased in over the next several years and will affect students starting with the current freshman class. They do not increase the number of necessary credits, but specify the content and complexity of lessons and require students to pass up to five subject exams to show what they have learned.

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

Ms. Criscenzo reported on the following items:

- a. The Sprinkler System is working.
- b. Meeting scheduled for Monday 6/29/09 at 7:00 p.m.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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 that a meeting is being scheduled for mid July.

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

The following items were reported on:

LightPath/Millennium projects are ahead of schedule.

Could not go live with LightPath because of the way circuits were set up with Verizon.

We have to wait for Millennium to install the fiber, but still up and running by July 1.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

No Report

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

No Report

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

Motion - To go into closed session before the meeting of July 21, 2009, for the purpose of discussing 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 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary