

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
June 9, 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:	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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:  
May 12, 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.**

Mr. Venditti reported the following:

Goal Setting Workshop is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Letter received from School Boards Association  
Commented on a reduction of SBA dues

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heebink reported on a List of Student 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)

### APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the appointment and salary of Sheralyn Gottlieb as the Director of Special Services, for the 2009-2010 school year, beginning no later than August 10, 2009, with a pro-rated salary of \$125,000.00 as per the attached appendix: P1

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

2. Approve the appointment and salary of Danielle Bache as the Elementary School Principal in the Midland Park School System for the 2009-2010 school year, beginning July 1, 2009 with a salary of \$119,750.00 as per the attached appendix: P1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the appointment of Esther Bengel as a math teacher at the high school. She will be placed on BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (salary pending contract ratification).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the appointment of Cynthia Verbrugge as a one-on-one summer Aide for one special education student. She will be paid \$25.00 per hour for 4 hours per day, for the period of July 7th-July 31st.
5. Approve the appointment of Eileen Horn and Suzanne Esposito to provide educational support for a special education student. They will be working a period not to exceed 8 weeks and no more than 10 hours a week from July 1 to August 31, 2009. They will be paid \$33.18 per hour.

6. Approve the appointment of the following summer custodial/maintenance helpers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
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|------------------|----------------|
| Michael Convente | Scott Polhemus |
| Conor McGalade   | Patrick Weaver |
| Mark Peters      | Andrew Tucci   |
| Neville Heron    | Peter Hemans   |
| Chris Montanero  | John Shabrack  |
7. Approve the appointment of Christopher Gregory as a summer custodial/maintenance helper. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 10, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
8. Approve the appointment of Lisa Giovaniello and Maria Iler as co-coordinators for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp 2009 program from June 29-August 21, 2009 (support material attached).
9. Approve the following instructors for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer 09 Enrichment Program (support material attached)
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|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Sue Fischer    | - S.M.A.R.T., grades K, 1 & 2 | Godwin School |
| Madeline Barry | -S.M.A.R.T., grades 3, 4, & 5 | Godwin School |
10. Accept the resignation of Michael Kilgallen as the Head Girls' Basketball Coach at the high school (support material attached).
11. Approve the appointment of Eileen Horn to construct the summer language arts learning packet for grades 2 – 3. She will be paid \$125.00 (support material attached).
12. Approve the following block motion for appointments as summer Math Camp teachers:
- Barbara Makela for students entering grades 2 and 3 for six 90- minute sessions. Compensation will be \$180.00 plus \$12.00 per student in fees from each participating student.
  - Alison Ruta and Paula Didyk for students entering grades 4, 5, and 6 for six 90- minute sessions. Compensation will be \$90.00 per teacher plus \$6.00 per teacher in student fees from each participant (support material attached).
13. Approve the appointment of the following staff to construct summer Mathematics Learning Packets:
- Laurie Troisi for students entering grades 3 and 4.
  - Frank Isola for students entering grades 5 and 6.
- The compensation per teacher is \$200.00 (support material attached).
14. Approve the additional summer hours not to exceed 100 hours for Carole Treta to complete technology projects. She will be paid \$33.18 per hour (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- ASPI Approve the Proviso between the Midland Park Association of Supervisors & Administrators and the Midland Park Board of Education, as a waiver to Article XI.C of the existing contractual agreement.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To recess the meeting for fifteen minutes

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board of Education and went into a brief recess at 8:15 in order that the Board and the general public could spend a few minutes with the incoming Administrators.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30.

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

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

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, 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. Canellas . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. May, 2009 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$56,920.80.
- b. June, 2009 claims in the amount of \$135,321.60.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. May, 2009 direct pays in the amount of \$212,565.37.
- b. May, 2009 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$36,879.91.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. To accept the following donations:

- a. Accept a \$1,000.00 donation from the Class of 2008;
- b. Accept a \$1,000.00 donation from the Class of 2009;
- c. Accept a \$2,000.00 donation from the Midland Park High School PTA

These donations are for a high school project. The money has been donated to buy three round tables and two benches. The rest of the money is slated for repair to the benches in the front of the high school, cement, and all miscellaneous expenses related to this project.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Edward McDonough	Preparing Students for the AP Exam	New Brunswick, NJ	7/27/09-7/31/09

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the placement and transportation of two high school special education students to the Holmstead School for the 2009-2010 school year.
3. Approve the placement and transportation of an elementary special education student to the Union Street School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

Approve the first reading of the following new/revised policies, which are attached as an appendix:

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

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies:  
Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, Meals and Refreshments	Policy Section 6423 (revised)
Payroll Authorization	Policy Section 6510 (new)
Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	Policy Section 6830 (new)
Conditions of Receiving State Aid	Policy Section 6832 (new)
Facilities Maintenance, Repair Scheduling and Accounting	Regulation Section 7410 (new)

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Roberts questioned the following items:

- a. Policy 1220, is this mandatory? Mr. Canellas replied that it is.
- b. Policy 1220 Full membership of the Board needs to vote on contract for Superintendent? Ms. Garvey replied that the vote needs to be of the majority of the full Board for it to count.
- c. Policy 7410 – Are the date changes mandatory? Dr. Heebink replied yes.

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

The following items were reported on:

NJSBA's Legislative Day is scheduled for June 18, 2009 at 11:30 at Café NJ in Trenton.

A45 Eliminates rate of State BOE in the appeal of Commissioner of Education decisions in disputes arising under the State School Laws passed the Assembly on Senate Education Committee agenda for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. The railing was repaired at the high school.
- b. Recycling
- c. 2 lawn mowers are out for repair – trying to keep up with the lawns.
- d. Update on sprinkler system

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

Ongoing – will be meeting with the committee.

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)

No Report.

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. LightPath – Thursday afternoon
- b. Millennium –scheduled for next week.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No report.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were discussed:

- a. Spring Sports Awards
- b. Thanks to the Association for all their work.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

US Intrepid performance  
Fund Raisers

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

The following items were reported on:

The Foundation would like to create a “Master Plan” with the Board of Education and the PTA. With the changing Grant patterns there will be 1 cycle of teacher grants in the Fall and Spring will be for a Master Plan. They are also considering creating a capital campaign for longer range goals.

There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night to determine events for 2009-2010 school year. There will be an Annual March fundraiser. In addition, they are discussing hosting a big “Gala” every five years.

Over the summer we plan on meeting to determine goals.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Olympic Day is scheduled for June 13, 2009

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

O. Old Business

Mr. Roberts asked about having a new student representative to the Board for next year. Dr. Heebink replied that he reached out to a number of groups and at this time there hasn't been any response. Dr. Thomas suggested that we reach out again in September.

P. New Business

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



To go into closed session before the meeting of June 23, 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 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary