

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
May 26, 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

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BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

APPENDIX

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on April 28, 2009.

Roll Call: All Yes

Annual discussion of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics

The Board read discussed each code listed.

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

Adopt the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, which are attached as an appendix

BA 1

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti commented on the following items:

- a. Goal Setting is scheduled for June 23 at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular public meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- b. Senior Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 27.
- c. Superintendent Evaluation.

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

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2008-2009 and 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. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the revision in the paid maternity leave for Alison Deeney, elementary school teacher, from March 30, 2009 through April 20, 2009 (instead of April 29, 2009); a paid child care leave effective April 21, 2009 through June 4, 2009 (instead of April 30, 2009 through May 27, 2009) and an unpaid leave of absence as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective June 5, 2009 through October 30, 2009 (instead of May 28, 2009 through June 30, 2009), continuing the unpaid child care leave for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached).
3. Approve the non-contractual appointment of the following elementary school teachers to construct summer language arts learning packets:

Danielle Haring	Grade 3 → 4 and Grade 4 → 5	\$250.00
Laurin Apruzzese	Grade 5 → 6	\$125

Mr. Venditti asked for an explanation of packets. Dr. Heebink explained the packets contain exercises that are consistent with the Language Arts standards. Parallel to last summer packets that contain Math exercises.

4. Approve the recommendation for the reimbursement to the Municipal Alliance, in the sum of \$398.16 towards the Municipal Alliance Summer Program hours for Craig Rush, Student Assistance Counselor, during July and August (support material attached).
5. Approve a three-week unpaid leave of absence for Barbara Rasmussen, Secretary to the High School Principal, effective July 13, 2009 through July 31, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following resolution to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Lori Thiemann, elementary school teacher, for the 2009-2010 school year:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) hereby adopts and approves the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Sidebar Agreement by and between the Board and the Midland Park Education Association, which is incorporated herein by reference, and agrees to be bound thereby. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Sidebar Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate said Sidebar Agreement, which is attached as an appendix. P1

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

6. This Item Was Pulled From This Agenda

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of Gene Moore as a Custodial/Maintenance personnel for the 2009-2010 school year
8. Approve Marisa Marco as a student teacher at the high school, effective September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (support material attached).
9. Approve the appointment of Ryan Haegler as a summer custodial/maintenance helper. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 8, 2009 through August 31, 2009 (support material attached).

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 April 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 . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the May 2009 payroll in the amount of \$1,041,386.81.
3. Approve the May 2009 supplemental claims in the amount of \$68,886.37.

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 April 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F 1
5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period April 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F 2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Accept the funds for the No Child Left Behind Consolidated Formula Sub grant FY 2009 (NCLB), in the following amounts:

Title II Part A	\$36,548
Title IV	\$ 1,989

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the increase in the financial pay out limit for the following consultant:

Board Attorney/Bond Counsel from \$55,000 to \$65,000 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Public:

Julia Ward stated that the limit for attorney fees has been increased twice in a three month period. She asked what the increase was paying.

Mr. Schiffer responded that the increase is for legal matters mediation issues that cannot be discussed in public.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the resolution to finance a fiber-optic network project and related acquisitions through a competitive bid, recommendation of award and execution of a lease purchase agreement and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to commence documentation of such agreements, which is attached as an appendix. F3

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Karen Biondo	Counselor’s Workshop	Rochelle Park, NJ	May 27, 2009
Raina Dawson	Biology Performance Assessment	Montvale, NJ	June 4, 2009

Mr. Sullivan questioned the cost of the Biology Performance Assessment. Dr. Heebink replied that there was no cost, just payment for mileage.

Mr. Moraski commented on the following items:

- A meeting will be scheduled for June 9th.
- On line Curriculum
- Prom Video Competition

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

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

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

Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, Meals and Refreshments	Policy Section 6423 (revised)	<u>PB 1</u>
Payroll Authorization	Policy Section 6510 (new)	<u>PB 2</u>
Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	Policy Section 6830 (new)	<u>PB 3</u>
Conditions of Receiving State Aid	Policy Section 6832 (new)	<u>PB 4</u>
Facilities Maintenance, Repair Scheduling and Accounting	Regulation Section 7410 (new)	<u>PB 5</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Mrs. Lein reported on the following items:

a. S1882 – allows municipalities to transfer the responsibility for hiring Adult School Crossing Guards to School District;

June State Aid is delayed until July.

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

Ms. Lein questioned if the sprinklers were working. Ms. Garvey responded that the company was supposed to be in today to make repairs, but they did not show. We have call in and hopefully it will be done over the next couple of days.

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)

Mr. Sullivan reported that interviews have been conducted for the two Administrative positions. Dr. Heebink will be providing a recommendation.

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)

Mr. Canellas reported on the following items:

All system and network equipment has been installed;

Lightpath will be live within two weeks;

Millenium fiber will be complete by the beginning of next school year;

New budget/payroll and work order systems

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day pick-up is 5/29/09.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

New Executive Board was elected
Honored Governor Teacher and Fellowship Award Winners

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The Spring Sports Awards is scheduled for June 8 at 7:30.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Mr. Moraski reported the following items:

- a. The High School Concert
- b. Recognition of students; will provide information at a future meeting.
- c. The HIP Spring Concert is at Godwin School at 9:00 a.m. on June 4, 2009.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

Ms. Lein reported the following items:

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2009.
- b. Tour of Elementary School in Wyckoff to see what their foundation had done.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

O. Old Business

Mr. Roberts questioned if we could have a comparison of last year to this year with regards to the finances for food service.

Mr. Canellas questioned whether or not the High School Band participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Dr. Heebink answered that they did not, and it is on-going issue in the Community. We can bring this issue up again with the municipality. Mr. Venditti commented that a community event should encourage students to participate.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 9, 2009, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Tiffany Gallagher questioned when will you be announcing and approving a new Principal. Dr. Heebink replied that most likely it would be June 9, 2009 at the Board meeting.

Ms. Ward questioned when the new Director of Special Services would be announced. Dr. Heebink answered possibly at the June 9th meeting but we are not sure at this time. Process is a little delayed.

Ms. Collins questioned when the candidate would start. Dr. Heebink replied possibly early July. Ms. Collins asked what the procedure was for interviewing the candidates. The parents wanted to participate in the process. Dr. Heebink replied that he used the same procedure in both interview processes and used Board members as community members.

Ms. Collins asked if team members or teachers were part of the process. Dr. Heebink replied yes teachers will meet the candidate and be given an opportunity for feedback.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary