

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 2, 2008

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 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: Dr. William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joseph Amatuzzi, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Secretary's Certification

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti thanked Mr. Schiffer for chairing the last meeting, August 19, 2008. It was reported that the July meeting with the Mayor and Council was moved to September 7, 2008.

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 Superintendent reported that all required staff has been hired and that the schools are ready for the opening of school.

Also, Dr. Heebink thanked the Board for hiring two additional Instructional Aides for the 2nd grade classroom.

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)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the employment contract between Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective retroactive from July 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008, which is attached as an appendix, subject to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools' approval: A

This motion is in continuance form the agenda of August 19, 2008.

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

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

		<u>Stipend</u>	
Add:	Matthew Arroyo	Summer Weight Training & Conditioning	\$576.33
	Nicholas Capuano	Summer Weight Training & Conditioning	\$576.33
	Michael Kilgallen	Summer Weight Training & Conditioning	\$576.33

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the opening of the Employment Contract between the Midland Park Administrators and Supervisors Association and the Board of Education of the Midland Park School District and the Proviso to include new language in the Recognition and Remuneration Clauses, which is attached as an appendix. B
4. Approve the opening of the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association and the Proviso for the addition of two special titles under Schedule C Athletic Coaches, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached):

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective retroactive from September 1, 2008:

Elementary School

Dianna Grasso - MA 16 Exp. Lvl.21 (\$80,511) to MA+16 Exp. Lvl. 21 (\$92,954)
Mary Johnston- MA 9 Exp. Lvl. 11 (\$56,983) to MA+9 Exp. Lvl. 11 (\$65,851)
Jeffrey Peters - BA 4 Exp. Lvl. 5 (\$42,189) to MA 4 Exp. Lvl. 5 (\$49,025)

High School

Nancy DeRitter- MA 9 Exp. Lvl.11 (\$56,983) to MA+ 9 Exp. Lvl.11 (\$65,851)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the increase in position for Catherine Prinsell, School Psychologist, from a .5 position to a .8 position. She will be paid a salary of \$45,810.40, prorated effective September 1, 2008 until such time as a part-time Psychologist is secured (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the following additions to the list of coaches at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

		<u>Stipend</u>	
Add:	Shawn Bennett	7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Soccer Coach	\$2,351
	Tara Hardt	Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$3,653
	Casey Vier	Fall Cheerleading Advisor	\$2,334

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve .2 of a 6th period lab assignment for Nancy DeRitter, science teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$1,317.00, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

9. Rescind Motion A-9 of the of the August 19, 2008 Board Agenda, as it pertains to the appointment of Salvador Saavedra as a full-time evening custodian at the Highland School, effective September 1, 2008 (support material attached).
10. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute custodians for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

Vincent Lewis
Andrew Tucci

11. Approve the appointment of Peter Hemans as a part-time morning custodian at the high school.

He will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$15.25, effective September 3, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

12. Approve the appointment of Vincent Lewis as a full-time evening custodian at the Highland School. He will be paid a prorated salary of \$19,624.50 (Step 1 on the MPC&MA salary guide), including night stipend, effective October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

13. Approve the appointment of the following substitute truck drivers for the Marching Band Competitions. They will be paid at the approved rate of \$12.25 per hour for the 2008-2009 school year:

Jeffrey Peters
Andrew Tucci

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

14. Approve the list of substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached): D

15. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2008-2009 school year, which is attached as an appendix: E

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

16. Approve the appointment of Maria Iler as the Teacher/Coordinator for the Midland Park Continuing Education Pre-Kindergarten program, effective September 3, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

17. Approve the appointment of Maria Iler as the Before School Care Coordinator for the Midland Park Continuing Education Program (support material attached).

18. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care Program, effective September 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached):

Carolyn Asch	Dylan Gonzalez
Stephanie Cohen	Benjamin Goodheart
Katherine Fiaschi	David Kiernan

Roll Call: All Yes

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

19. Approve the appointment of Helen Tavantzis as a Learning Consultant on a case basis to observe, evaluate and complete written reports for the purpose of determining eligibility for special education at the rate of \$450 per case for the 2008-2009 school year (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 July 31, 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 . . .

2. Approve the annual request for June 2008 monthly transfers for accounts that exceed 10%, in the amount of \$36,318.00 from Operations to Legal Services and \$11,868 from Central Services Operation to Equipment for Food Services (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the September 2008 claims in the amount of \$167,199.34.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. F

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. G

Roll Call: All Yes

Following these items, Mr. Schiffer recommended that the Board agree to support the repair of two tennis courts in the amount of \$8,700 and to tell this to the Borough. This repair will be funded over two budget years.

No Report.

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

The first issue of Chalk Board is out to the community. The next issue will be December 6, 2008.

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

No Report.

J. Service Review Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

Dr. Heebink reported that the first RFP's are going to be developed for Legal Services.

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

No Report.

L. Special Recreation Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

There will be a Board of Recreation meeting on September 3, 2008. Mr. Sullivan will meet with the Recreation board.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The first meeting will be September 9, 2008.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The first meeting will be September 17.
Fund raisers to be discussed.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The first meeting is September 9, 2008.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The first meeting is September 9, 2008.

Special Education – (M. Hahn)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

The virtual classroom is complete. Fall grants applications will be reviewed.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

The town picnic is Saturday, September 6, 2008.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

N. Old Business

We need to firm up a date for dinner with Mr. Roer. There is a tentative date for Thursday, September 25, 2008 depending on the availability of Mr. Roer.

O. New Business

Mr. Sullivan asked if proof of residency is required upon enrollment.
The answer was yes.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 16, 2008, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.
There was no public comment.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9: 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joseph R. Amatuzzi,
Interim School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary