

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
August 24, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Schiffer, 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 2010 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
	Richard Formicola	Paula Lein
	Brian McCourt	Raymond Moraski
	William Sullivan	

Robert Schiffer

Excused:	Maryalice Thomas
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff:	Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
	Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

July 20, 2010

Roll Call: Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Formicola, McCourt, Moraski, Dr. Thomas, Sullivan)  
Abstain (Mr. Schiffer, Ms. Lein)

August 6, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The following items were reported on:

- a. Meeting with Mayor and the Council – Mr. Schiffer asked if the administration had heard from the Borough regarding use of Board facilities. Ms. Garvey stated that there has not been a response. The Board asked Ms. Garvey to contact the Borough Clerk to discuss.
- b. New Teacher Orientation
- c. Emergency Closing List
- d. Mandatory School Board Member Training
- e. Board of Education office moved to the high school

### 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. Cirasella commented on the following items:

- a. New Teacher Orientation
- b. September 1<sup>st</sup> – All Staff Opening Day Convocation

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2010-2011 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 – (M. Cirasella)

### APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the employment contract between Stacy Garvey and the Midland Park Board of Education, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, which has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent, and is attached as an appendix: P-1
2. Approve the retroactive appointment of Maureen Donatien to revise the health curriculum for grades 1-6. She will be paid a stipend of \$500, as per Schedule D of the MPEA agreement.
3. Approve the appointment of Jason Doerr as a special education teacher in the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$54,401(MA Step 7 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

4. Approve the appointment of Shari Fried as a special education teacher in the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$47,313 (MA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
5. Approve the appointment of Nicole Heid as a .5 Preschool Disabled teacher. She will be paid a salary of \$26,109.50 MA Step 6 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
6. Approve the appointment of Michele Maietta as a first grade teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$46,561 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
7. Approve the appointment of Pia Vanderstreet as a .5 choral music teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid a salary of \$20,740 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
8. Approve the increase in position for Craig Rush from a .9 Student Assistance Counselor to a 1.0 Student Assistance Counselor. His salary will be \$75,402 (MA Step 14, including Longevity), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
9. Approve a sixth period assignment for Nancy DeRitter, science teacher at the high school. She will be the collaborative teacher in the General Chemistry class. She will be paid an additional stipend of \$6,868.70 for the 2010-2011 school year.
10. Approve an unpaid Federal Family Leave for Jacqueline Goodell, social studies teacher at the high school, effective September 1, 2010 through November 19, 2010 and an unpaid leave of absence, effective November 22, 2010 through January 28, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To approve the following block motion:

11. Approve the appointment of Lauren Salomone as a maternity leave replacement for Stacy Boufford's third grade class. She will be paid at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, effective September 1, 2010 through January 25, 2011 (support material attached).
12. Approve the following additions to the list of Fall Coaches for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Donald Guide	Assistant Volleyball Coach JV
	Jason Doerr	Assistant Football Coach
		\$3,653
		\$4,413

13. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix. P-2
14. This motion was removed from the Agenda.
15. Approve the list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). P-4

16. Approve the reduction in force for Christine Hutzler as a .5 Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, due to a drop in special education enrollment, effective September 1, 2010.
17. Approve the reduction in position for Anne Heller, Instructional Aide, from a .5 Instructional Aide in the Continuing Education Pre-School Program and a .5 Instructional Aide in the elementary schools, to a .5 Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
18. Approve the change in work shift assignment for Maher Boules from a night custodian to a day custodian at the high school. His salary will be decreased from \$27,170 to \$26,099, prorated effective September 7, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
19. Approve the change in work shift assignment for Walter Santana from a day custodian to a night custodian at the high school. His salary will be increased from \$28,229 to \$29,300 prorated effective September 7, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
20. Approve the appointment of the following substitute custodians for the 2010-2011 school year:

Chris Gregory	Andrew Tucci
Connor McGlade	Brian Walker
Vincent Montanaro	Patrick Weaver
Scott Polhemus	

21. Approve the appointment of Daniel Anderson as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education Before School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
22. Approve the appointment of Jessica Jamieson as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

23. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached):

Emily Adametz  
Edward Gordon  
Cathy McCourt  
Eli Moskowitz

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Formicola, Lein, Moraski, Sullivan, Schiffer)  
1 Abstain (McCourt)

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- SP-1. Approve the opening of the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association and the proviso for the inclusion of an occupational therapist to the MPEA membership, which is attached as an appendix. P-5

- SP-2 Approve the appointment of Debbie Kilgore as an Occupational Therapist for the district. She will be paid a salary of \$67,153 (MA Step 12 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

- SP-3 Approve the appointment of Elizabeth Depken as a family leave replacement for Jackie Goodell. She will be paid at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, effective September 1, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

1. Approve the following block motion:
  - a. Second July 2010 payroll in the amount of \$78,375.72.
  - b. First August 2010 payroll in the amount of \$146,645.02.
2. Approve the following block motion:
  - a. July 2010 supplemental claims in the amount of \$13,419.14.
  - b. August 2010 claims in the amount of \$214,010.82.
  - c. August 2010 supplemental claims in the amount of \$121,661.29.

Mr. Formicola questioned the Marching Band supplies.

Ms. Garvey will get info for you tomorrow through e-mail.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

3. Approve the Student Accident Insurance Policy through Bollinger for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$19,132.00.
4. Approve the resolution relating to the lunch program at the Forum School, Waldwick, NJ, as per N.J.A.C. 6A 23-4.5(A20), which is attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

5. Approve the Lease Agreement between TD Equipment Finance, Inc. for the wireless network, which is attached as an appendix. F-2

Mr. Sullivan asked Ms. Garvey to review the Terms of the Lease Agreement

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt. . .

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the appointment of Platt Psychiatric Associates, L.L.C. to provide psychiatric consultation for the 2010-2011 school year.
7. Approve the appointment of Franny Renshaw, M.S. Ed., BCBA for Home Programs and Home Behavior Consultations for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached).
8. Approve the appointment of Andrea Boyle M.Ed., for Home Program Coordination Services and Parent Training for a special education student at the rate of \$80 per hour.
9. Approve the Bloodborne Pathogen Program Professional agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the County of Bergen for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached).
10. Approve the appointment of RC Hicks & Co., Inc. to provide Instructional Technology Professional Development Programs to the staff during the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached).

Mr. Schiffer asked if this is part of the budget.

Dr. Cirasella answered yes it is.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Accept the 2010 List of Graduates from Midland Park High School, as listed on the attached appendix. C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the retroactive placement of a special education student who attended the HIP/Midland Park Summer program beginning July 6, 2010 through July 30, 2010.
3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the transfer of a special education student from the Bergen County campus to the Passaic County campus of the Department of Children and Families Regional School for the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the out-of-district placements and/or transportation of special education students for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-2

5. Approve the out-of-district placements and/or transportation of regular education students for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-3

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the tuition rate for out-of-district students to attend the Midland Park Public Schools for the 2010-2011 school year, as follows:

PS – K	\$10,805
Grades 1-5	\$12,958
Grades 6-8	\$12,268
Grades 9-12	\$14,318

Mr. Canellas asked do we have any tuition – paying students coming to this District. Ms. Garvey answered no, these are just the rates.

The Board asked how the rates are calculated. Ms. Garvey responded that the tuition rates are right from the Budget program.

Ms. Sue Vander Pyl asked for clarification.

7. Approve the contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Wilma Bogertman, as a non-public nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective September 1, 2010 through the end of Eastern Christian's school year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions (support material attached).

Mr. McCourt asked for clarification.

Mr. Schiffer explained that the Funds flow through the District from the State.

8. Approve the submission of the NCLB Consolidated Grant FY 2011 application to the Department of Education for the following amounts:

Title I -	\$13,871
Title IIA -	\$27,399
Title IID-	\$ 22
Title IV-	\$1,568
Non-Public Title II	\$5,802

9. Approve the attendance of Nicholas Capuano at the NJSIAA Eligibility Issues and Policies and Procedures workshop on September 23, 2010 to be held in Robbinsville, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

Mr. Schiffer questioned / commented on a policy for Student Board Representative.

E. Legislative Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

The following items were discussed:

- a. No RTTT Grant \$ for NJ
- b. New Federal Dollars coming from the State. We will know September if we are receiving anything.

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

There is a scheduled building tour September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries/Custodians - (P. Lein, Chairperson)

No Report.

H. Negotiations – Administrators – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

K. Service Review Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

- a. Info Packets are in the mail - today
- b. Meeting next Monday
- c. Market Day Order due 9/18/10.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report.



Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed:

- a. Book just came out, will be done annually
- b. Boosters would like to meet with the Superintendent to discuss ideas.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Marching Band performed this pass Saturday. It was a great performance although there was a tremendous loss with the passing of John Mule.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

We were able to meet the goal for the PTA Grant.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

No Report.

O. Old Business

The Board discussed attendance at Board Convention.

The Board discussed Goal Setting / Ethics Training Meeting dates.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 7, 2010, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.  
No one chose to speak.

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .  
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary