

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 7, 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
	Paula Lein	Brian McCourt
	Raymond Moraski	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Robert Schiffer

Excused: Richard Formicola

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presentation of the Audit for the 2009-2010 school year by Gary Higgins, Auditor from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins.

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. Schiffer stated that he and Mr. Sullivan will be meeting with Assemblyman Russo and President and Vice President of the Ridgewood Board of Education to discuss issues being faced by Districts in New Jersey.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation of District and Board Goals (support material attached) by Dr. Cirasella.

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

To approve the District and Board Goals.

Roll Call: All Yes

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. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

1. Approve the following changes to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Lori Menken	Physics Team Advisor	
	Marisa Marco	7 th & 8 th Grade Advisor	
Add:	Nancy DeRitter	Physics Team Advisor	\$998.00
	Maureen Kelley	7 th & 8 th Grade Co-Advisor	\$381.30
	Marisa Marco	7 th & 8 th Grade Co-Advisor	\$889.70
	Lisa McNerney	Gay-Straight Alliance Club Advisor	\$368.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the elementary schools for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix.

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3. Approve the following addition to the list of coaches at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Ryan DeFeo	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach	\$4,273

4. Approve the following co-advisors for the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Ski Program (support material attached):

David Hershberger	Co-advisor
Jeffrey Peters	Co-advisor

5. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year

(support material attached):

*Marc Spoelstra

*=NJ certification

6. Approve the appointment of Jill Melveger as a full time ABA Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid \$24,233 (Category V, Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide for Secretaries/Instructional Aides), prorated effective December 8, 2010 through June 22, 2011 (support material attached).
7. Accept the retirement resignation of Walter Santana as a Custodian at the high school, effective retroactive from December 1, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, 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 November 30, 2010, 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. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. November 2010 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$18,231.22.

b. December 2010 claims in the amount of \$227,809.65.

3. Approve the November 2010 direct pays in the amount of \$82,108.51.
4. Approve the second November 2010 payroll in the amount of \$484,002.58.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the financial report of the Board Secretary for the period October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 which is attached as an appendix. F-1
6. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, which are

attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

7. Accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor's recommendations, as contained in the Annual Audit for the fiscal year 2009-2010, which is attached as an appendix. F-3
8. Accept the Certification of Implementation of the Corrective Action Plan, which is attached as an appendix. F-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Spring 2011 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).
2. Approve the list of staff members requesting workshop attendance, as follows (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Nicholas Capuano Patricia Terraciano	Bullying: Practical Prevention Strategies that Work!	Dec. 14, 2010	\$329.65	Monroe Township, NJ
Christina Gouraige	Handling Challenging Behaviors and Teaching Social Skills	Dec. 17, 2010	\$140.00	Park Ridge, NJ
Deborah Kilgore	Multisensory Strategies and Tools	Dec. 18, 2010	\$179.00	Saddle Brook, NJ
Ethan Grubman Ariel Weissman	Annual Winter Conference – Focus: Common Core State Standards	Jan. 13, 2011	\$150.00 (each)	Somerset, NJ
Christina Gouraige	IEP: Components and Considerations	March 9, 2011	\$11.00	East Orange, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

1. Approve the appointment of Avery Dravis-Stark as the Student Representative to the Board of

Education (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

2. Approve the second reading of the following revised policy and regulation:

Budget Transfers

Policy & Regulation Section 6422

Roll Call: All Yes

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

The following items were discussed:

- a. Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is on the Governor's desk for signature.
- b. The state Senate passed A-1637, which allows school districts to sell advertising space on the exterior of school buses owned or leased by the school district.
- c. Legislation that would require districts to use a model superintendent contract, A-406, passed the full Assembly on November 22. The bill is now before the Senate Education Committee.

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

The following items were discussed:

- a. Met with the Architectural firm on November 23 to review the energy audit. We will be sharing the results with the rest of the Board shortly.
- b. Meeting again tomorrow night to review at 7:00 p.m. and will present to the Board.

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)

The following items were discussed:

- a. Would like to update Chalk Board on Website and do an interview of Avery Dravis Stark.

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

There is a scheduled meeting for tomorrow night.

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

No Report.

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

Technology update provided to the Board tonight for review.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day Orders are due 12/11/10.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Schiffer)

An article in the Villadom Times on the status update of the Gymnasium at the high school.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Holiday performances listed on website.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Attended a meeting last night and there were no issues that would affect the Board.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

At the meeting last night there was a discussion regarding the programs in the brochures. The programs are running quite well.

Student Representative to the Board – (A. Dravis-Stark)

Ms. Dravis- Stark is very pleased to be selected and happy to have this opportunity.

N. Old Business

None

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of December 21, 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.

Mr. Bardzell, President of the Midland Park Baseball Association requested the installation of a Porto San to be placed near the Sunset fields. The unit will be locked when not in use and will be opened during games being played on the fields. The Baseball Association will have the unit installed.

Mr. Bardzell also asked for information on the installation of the wireless internet system.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary