

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 15, 2011

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	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Excused: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Garvey reviewed the scheduled public March meeting dates. An additional public meeting needs to be scheduled for March 29th, 2011. This will be the Public Hearing Date. In addition, Ms. Garvey reviewed and collected the Ethics Forms.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on January 18, 2011

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

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 gave an update regarding Dr. Cirasella's condition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a paid maternity leave for Karen Biondo, Guidance Counselor at the high school, effective April 25, 2011 through May 20, 2011 and an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective May 23, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
2. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year (stipends will be prorated):

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Karen Biondo	National Honor Society Advisor	
Add:	Brian Ersalesi	National Honor Society Advisor (effective February 9, 2011)	\$1366
	Sheila Steinberg	French Club Advisor (effective February 16, 2011)	\$817

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

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Robert Currier	Assistant Spring Track Coach	\$4038
	Jennifer Perry	Assistant Spring Track Coach	\$4038

4. Approve the appointment of Linda Carr and Dianna Grasso as Home Instructors for a non-classified Highland School student. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$33.18, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, for a minimum of five hours per week, effective retroactive from February 7, 2011 through March 18, 2011.
5. Approve the appointment of Andrew Birchenough as a 1.0 one-to-one Instructional Aide at the Highland School. He will be paid a salary of \$24,233 (Category V, Step 1 of the Secretarial/Clerical Guide), prorated effective February 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support

material attached).

6. Approve the appointment of David DenHollander as a part-time Custodian in the Godwin School. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective February 22, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Accept the resignation of Jill Melveger as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education Before School Child Care program, effective February 18, 2011.
8. Approve the appointment of Lynn Johnston as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education Before School Child Care program, effective February 28, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
9. Approve the following high school teachers for the HSPA review class sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program to be held at the high school (support material attached):

Brian Ersalesi	English
Ethan Grubman	Math

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Approve the appointment of Cathy McCourt as an Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Break Mini Camp (support material attached).

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Formicola, Lein, Moraski, Thomas, Sullivan, Schiffer)
1 Abstain (McCourt)

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2011, 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.

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

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. January 2011 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$30,004.54.
- b. February 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$171,045.99.

- 3. Approve the January 2011 direct pays in the amount of \$239,295.84.
- 4. Approve the first February 2011 payroll in the amount of \$507,423.92.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

- 5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period January 1 – 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-1
- 6. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period January 1 – 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 7. Approve the Valley Health Medical Group pricing, effective March 1, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 8. Approve the rental of the Lower Sunset Field at the high school to English Pro Soccer sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for the following dates (support material attached):

August 1 – 5 and August 15 – 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that there will be a Budget Committee meeting scheduled for next week.

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

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

- 1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the bed side instruction of one high school regular education student in The Learning Center at Four Winds Hospital, effective retroactive from February 5, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Brian Ersalesi Jay Esposito	Video Production Conference	March 4, 2011	\$27.47 \$27.47	Mt. Olive, NJ
Traci Audino Teresa Mallon	“Believe in Me” – Common Core Standards & NJ	March 18, 2011	\$100.96 \$100.96	Union, NJ
Karen Corcoran	NJ State School Nurses Assn. Annual Conference	March 18, 19, 2011	\$249.74	New Brunswick, NJ
Nicholas Capuano	Making Legal One Priority One	June 28, 29, 2011	\$300.00	Paramus, NJ

3. Approve the proposed overnight trip, for Brian DeCarlo, at the NJSIAA Wrestling Championships from March 4 – 5, 2011 held in Atlantic City, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the Midland Park Public Education Foundation Access To All – Phase II Grant (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the Integrated Preschool Program to begin in September 2011. The tuition will be \$2700 for 2.5 hours per day for 5 days per week.
6. Approve the Rutgers Summer Enrichment program sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program at the high school on Thursdays during the month of August 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The following items were discussed:

Tax credits/vouchers advanced through the Senate

The Senate Education Committee on January 31 advanced a bill (S2114) that directs the state

Department of Education to develop a school district policy on how to report and respond to date violence, and it requires school districts to provide dating violence education in the health curriculum.

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

The committee will meet tonight after the public meeting.

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.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day pick-up is Friday, February 18th between 5:00-6:00 in the high school cafeteria.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The girls' basketball team is number 25 in the County.
Boys basketball and wrestling are doing well.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

No Report.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Blue Jean Ball is scheduled for March 5.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

One student suggested that the cafeteria make fried chicken on Friday.
Mr. Schiffer said we will have to talk to the dietician in the Cafeteria.

N. Old Business

Ms. Garvey commented on the parking at the High School Circle.

Hall of Fame Nominees and hanging of pictures

Dr. Thomas is taking Mr. Moraski's spot at the workshop – Driving Student Achievement on February 26, 2011.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 1, 2011, 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. McCourt . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary