

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 8, 2011

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Schiffer, at 8:15 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	Brian McCourt
	Raymond Moraski	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	

Robert Schiffer

Excused: Paula Lein

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Excused: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on January 4, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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.

Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 8, 2011

Mr. Schiffer stated that Dr. Cirasella is ill and will not at the meeting tonight.

Mr. Schiffer also personally thanked everyone who helped him when he collapsed while refereeing a basketball game. He stated that he had been to the doctor and everything is fine.

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)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the first tenured appointment for Stacy Garvey, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as per the resolution, which is attached as an appendix. P-1

Roll Call: 5 Yes (Criscenzo, Formicola, Dr. Thomas, Sullivan, Schiffer)

2 No (Canellas, McCourt)

1 Abstain (Moraski)

Mr. Moraski stated that documentation was requested from the Superintendent which was not received because of her being out ill. His vote is a reflection of that, not of Ms. Garvey's performance.

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

2. Approve the appointment of Rosemary Ferullo, special education teacher at the high school, to tutor a high school student in English. She will be paid a salary of \$1,466.28 as per Article XIII of the MPEA Contract, one period a day, five days per week, effective February 2, 2011 through June 22, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the list of Coaches for the spring season at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached): P-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the appointment of Brian Ersalesi as a Detention Moderator at the high school. He will be paid at the approved rate of \$33.18 per period, for one day per week, as per Schedule D of the MPEA Contract, effective February 2, 2011 through June 22, 2011.
5. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

(s) David Borst

* Rachel Denson

(s) Robert Feeney

(s) Monsouria Zaidi

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

* = NJ Certification

- *6. Accept the resignation of Daniel Anderson as an Instructional Aide in the elementary schools, effective February 1, 2011 (support material attached).
- 7. Accept the resignation of Daniel Anderson as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education Before and After School Child Care program, effective retroactive to January 31, 2011 (support material attached).
- 8. Approve the appointment of Jill Melveger as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education Before School Child Care program, effective February 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
- 9. Approve the following appointments as substitutes for the Midland Park Continuing Education Before School Child Care (support material attached):

Jessica Jamieson
JoAnn Wagstaff
- 10. Approve the appointment of Eileen Horn as an assistant Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective February 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
- 11. Approve the appointment of Nicholas Damiano as an Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective February 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
- 12. Approve the appointment of Eileen Horn as Coordinator for the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Break Mini Camp, effective February 22, 2011 through February 25, 2011 (support material attached).
- 13. Approve the appointment of Jessica Jamieson as a substitute for the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Break Mini Camp (support material attached).
- *14. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

Jessica Jamieson Instructional Aide

Roll Call: All Yes

*Supplemental Agenda items from February 1, 2011 were incorporated into the Agenda for February 8, 2011.

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

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

1. Approve the following block motion:

- a. First January 2011 payroll in the amount of \$511,309.80.
- b. Second January 2011 payroll in the amount of \$468,267.89.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the February 2011 claims in the amount of \$198,862.15.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Tentative 2011-2012 Budget Preparation Calendar (support material attached.)
- b. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw for candidate's positions on the ballot at the Board of Education office at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2011.
- c. Authorize the Board Secretary to request that the polls be opened from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 for the Annual School Election, and to request that the appropriate number of voting machines be provided by the County Superintendent of Elections.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education *Medicaid Initiative*) *Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2011-2012 school year*, due to the fact that there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible classified students in the Midland Park School District (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the bed side instruction of one elementary school regular education student, effective retroactive from January 24, 2011 through March 18, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Patricia Zarpaylic	Creative Curriculum Training	Feb. 8-10, 2011	\$250	Wharton, NJ
Sheralyn Gottlieb	Governance	March 8, 2011	\$25.00	Westfield, NJ
Jeffrey Peters	501 – Podcasting and Garage Band for Beginners K-12	March 16, 2011	\$100	Rochelle Park, NJ
Sheralyn Gottlieb	Special Education Law	April 11, 2011	\$189.92	Long Branch, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

3. This motion was tabled to a later meeting in February.

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

No Report.

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

A bill barring the employment of relatives of Board members, Superintendent and the Business Administrator

The State prepared districts for further aid cuts.

Legislation of homeless students

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

The committee met earlier this evening, and a report will follow shortly.

Also, next scheduled meeting will be after the Board of Education meeting on February 15th.

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

No Report.

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

We are looking for dates to meet with the Administrators and the committee.

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

Produce Pete on channel 4 gave “Shout Out” about our Talent Show.

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

The meeting which was set for tonight at 7:00 will be rescheduled.

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)

The Market Day orders are due February 12.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Rock the House nights have been going well.

Reminder: “Beef Steak” fund raiser

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

No Report.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Basketball is looking to do 2 projects- banners in Highland – trophy case in Highland. Ms. Garvey will speak to the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and building principal about placing them in the Highland school. The Board asked that it be discussed further by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

No Report

N. Old Business

Mr. Moraski said that he is unable to attend the Driving Student Achievement Program in Wyndham on February 26, 2011. He asked the Board if anyone would like to attend in his place.

O. New Business

Ms. Criscenzo asked about parking on the circle in front of the high school Ms. Garvey will check if parking is allowed on the circle after school is dismissed.

Mr. Canellas asked if the Board was going to continue the Educator's Hall of Fame. Mr. Schiffer answered that he would speak to the Superintendent.

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded- Mr. Formicola . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 15, 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.

Mr. John Lang commented on the Elementary Music Program – He feels that Music should not be only a ½ year course. This will impact Chorus and Instrumental programs and make students think that it is not important. Mr. Lang asked that it be restored in next year's budget to reflect a whole year course.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt

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