

/MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
January 4, 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	Brian McCourt
	Raymond Moraski	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Robert Schiffer

Absent: Paula Lein

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on December 7, 2010.

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

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella wished the Midland Park Community a Happy New Year.

Dr. Cirasella thanked the Boosters' and all the volunteers for the gym improvement project.

Mr. Adolph Santorine was selected for induction to the Athletics Hall of Fame.

Dr. Cirasella announced the number of early college acceptances and scholarships received by students to date.

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 – Mr. Formicola . . .

Approve the following addition to the list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

(s) Lindsay Michaels

(s) = County substitute certificate

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

APPENDIX

Motion – Dr. Thomas, 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 December 31, 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.

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Mc Court . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. November 2010 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$36,601.16.

b. December 2010 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$30,246.79.

c. January 2011 claims in the amount of \$76,592.66.

3. Approve the December 2010 direct pays in the amount of \$229,569.48.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following block motion:

a. Second December 2010 payroll in the amount of \$469,236.62.

b. Third December 2010 payroll in the amount of \$4,682.59.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, which is attached as an appendix. F-1

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 placement of an elementary school special education student in the Valley Program at the County Road School, Demarest, NJ, effective from January 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011 and transportation will be effective January 6, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Canellas asked why it takes a few days for transportation to begin. Ms. Garvey replied that we have to coordinate transportation through Region 1 and it takes a few days to a week to accomplish.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Carole Treta David Hershberger	Utilizing Google Apps & 2.0 Technologies	Jan. 17, 2011	\$ 95.00 \$110.39	Montvale, NJ
Scott Grasso	Leading the Way: Education, Service & Accountability	Feb.17-19, 2011	\$258.32	Long Branch, NJ

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

Approve the first reading of the following revised policies and regulations, which are attached as an appendix:

Use of Electronic Communication and

Policy Section 5516

PB-1

Recording Devices (ECRD)

Mr. Formicola questioned if we allow students to leave if they are volunteers for ambulance/fire department. Dr. Cirasella answered yes if they are 18 years old.

Mr. Formicola asked can an administrator actually confiscate the electronic device. Dr. Thomas replied that it is at the discretion of the Administrator.

Mr. Canellas commented that the wording states no remote activated paging device, since there is no definition that could be considered a cell phone. Dr. Cirasella stated that the wording is meant for pagers.

Mr. Canellas questioned has this been reviewed by Council. Dr. Cirasella answered this has been reviewed by attorney with Strauss/Esmay.

Mr. Canellas felt that it should be more specific and state “pager” not paging device.

Change made to Policy 5516.

Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant
Expenditures

Policy & Regulations
Section 6112

PB- 2

Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Policy Section 6830

PB-3

Roll Call: All Yes

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

The Executive County Superintendents’ Contract has not been renewed. At this point, we are assuming that he is being replaced by appointees.

Proposal Alternate Route for Superintendent Certification only need BA – and could only be employed in 57 failing districts

High School Biology Test has been postponed

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

The following items were discussed:

- a. All district school buses passed DMV inspection
- b. Serviced district maintenance /plow vehicles
- c. Serviced bucket loader
- d. Repaired 3 HS gym lights
- e. Removed obsolete speakers
- f. Repaired leaking steam pipe in Highland Cafeteria.
- g. Completed 20 work orders.

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 orders are due on Saturday, January 15.

The next combined general meeting is January 19th, beginning at 7:00 in the Media Center.

At 8:00 p.m. the PTA will host a guest speaker, Nancy Graham, on January 19th. She will speak on the topic of “Body Image” and the young adult.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

Bingo night is scheduled for 1/7/11.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

A beefsteak is scheduled at the firehouse for January 29.

Painting of gym

Recognitions

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

A concert is scheduled for January 13.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

Absent.

N. Old Business

None.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 18, 2011, for the purpose of discussing personnel items, negotiations, and contracts.

Roll Call: All Yes.

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

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

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