

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
January 18, 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
	Paula Lein	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	
Excused:	Richard Formicola	
	Raymond Moraski	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

District policy states that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item prior to its vote by the full Board will have an opportunity to do so without prior notice.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled public meeting held on December 21, 2010.

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 January 18, 2011

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to all the students in the Winter Band Program.

Thanks to the Administration for organizing and facilitating an in-service day on January 17, 2011. We will be evaluating feedback from the Staff.

A discussion ensued on a contingency plan for high school students if there are any future school closings.

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 the increase in salary for the following elementary school teacher, effective February 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011:

Jeffrey Peters - MA 5 (\$50,268) to MA+5 (\$56,013)

2. Approve the reassignment of Laura Smith, Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, from a one-on-one aide for an elementary school special education student to a shared position in the Preschool Disabled classes, effective retroactive from January 3, 2011 through June 22, 2011.
3. Approve Denise Connelly to accompany a high school special education student as a one-on-one aide for two hours during the Winter Concert on January 13, 2011. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$20 per hour.
4. Approve the increase in position and transfer of building assignments for John Turkousky from a part-time custodian at Godwin School to a full-time custodian at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$26,099 plus the night stipend, prorated effective January 31, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
5. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

(s) Robert MacPhee

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

6. Approve the resignation of Harry Shortway as a part-time Bus Driver, effective retroactive to January 3, 2011.
Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following block motion:

- a. December 2010 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$47,912.89.
- b. January 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$124,926.01.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, which are attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Nancy DeRitter	Current State Assessments – Move to Common Core Standards, High School Reform and End of Course Assessments	Jan. 25, 2011	\$18.29	Monroe, NJ
Danielle Bache Jennifer Stalb	NJASK Prep = Math, Language Arts	Feb. 4, 2011	\$215.12 \$217.91	Princeton, NJ
Brian Ersalesi Ethan Grubman Joanne Manicone Teresa Wecht Ariel Weissman	Proficiency & Beyond		\$835.25 + tolls	
Marilyn DeLuccia	Developing Citizens of Character: Achievement with Integrity	March 15, 2011	\$118.40	Lawrenceville, NJ
Christina Gouraige	Social Work Ethical Practice and Dealing with Behavioral Concerns in the Classroom	April 11, 2011	\$120.96	Monroe Township, NJ

Mr. Schiffer asked if there is any problem with so many teachers being out at the same time.

Dr. Cirasella replied that it is essential that these key teachers be trained for assessment testing.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the second reading of the following revised policies and regulations:

Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECD)	Policy Section 5516
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Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	Policy & Regulations Section 6112
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Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	Policy Section 6830
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Roll Call: All Yes

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

The Governor signed bill for bus advertising and anti-bullying into Law.

Administrative group filed suit against the Governor on Superintendent Salary Caps.

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

The following items were completed:

Replaced leaking pipe on feed water line of Godwin's boiler #1.

Assembled brackets and hung 3 flat panel televisions and one older television in the MPHS studio.

Replaced construction cores in Highland band room doors so they are now lockable.

Assessed MPHS generator and found it in need of minor overhaul. Suburban Generator will be performing the work over the next few weeks.

Snow removal equipment and manpower is holding up well in light of the recent snow storms.

Painted food storage area at Godwin school and will continue painting until the kitchen area is completed.

Completed 12 work orders.

Kudos to Bob Blanchard and his crew –they did a great job with snow/ice

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)

The following items were reported on:

Market Day pick-up is Friday, January 21st between 5:00-6:00

The next combined general meeting is January 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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)

There will be a General Meeting on January 25.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Booster Reminder: Booster Beefsteak --- Book your table now for January 29th, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House.

The following events are scheduled:

- a. Boys Basketball – Friday January 28, 7 p.m. vs. Waldwick
- b. Wrestling – Friday, 2/4 7:00 p.m. vs. Lyndhurst/North Arlington
- c. Girls Basketball – Tuesday, 02/08, 4 p.m. vs. Bogota

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, 2011.

Ideas for new raffle prizes are needed.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

Students from the high school said thank you to the Boosters' for upgrades to the gym. Suggestion Box has been established in order that the students can reach Ms. Dravis-Stark daily.

N. Old Business

Mr. Canellas suggested that the new cell phone policy be communicated to the community/students. Dr. Thomas noted that the new policy is on the website and can be re-enforced administratively.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 1, 2011, for the purpose of discussing personnel items 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary