

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
June 21, 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 2011 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: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .
Approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled public meetings held on May 24, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Garvey commented on the Board trustee fingerprinting letter.

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

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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.

The Board recognized the following people:

Recognition of Paula Lein for service to the Midland Park Board of Education

Recognition of retiring staff members: Marilyn DeLuccia, Sheralyn Gottlieb, Phyllis Johnson, Lee Tracy, Kathy Piscitello and Bonnie Platter

Recognition of Gordon MacDonald as the newest inductee to the Midland Park Education Hall of Fame

The Board recessed at 8:25

The Board resumed at 8:45

The Board has received two Letters of Interest for the Board Trustee vacancy.

A date will be scheduled for an interview with the candidates.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella acknowledged all the graduates and wished all a very happy, healthy & safe summer.

AGENDA

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 – Dr. Thomas . . .

1. Accept the resignation of Marisa Marco as an English teacher at the high school, effective June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

2. Approve the appointment of Thomas Antonucci as the Interim Director of Continuing Education and the Employment Agreement between Mr. Antonucci and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the appointment of John Schembari as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment. He will be paid a salary of \$120,000 prorated, effective July 13, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the appointment of Patricia Sicree to work on an as needed basis to complete speech and language evaluations during the months of July and August, 2011. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$55 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.
5. Approve the list of Fall Athletic Coaches at the high school for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached): P-2
6. Approve additional days in the summer for each of the following secretarial personnel. They will be paid their approved hourly rate as per the MPEA agreement:

Carol Berninger – Elementary School Secretary – 15 days

Michele Callesano – Secretary to the Elementary School Principal – 15 days

Marie Pantina – High School Guidance Secretary – 20 days

Barbara Rasmussen – Secretary to the High School Principal – 15 days

Carol Weaver – Secretary to the High School Assistant Principal – 15 days

7. Approve the summer hours for the following Midland Park Continuing Education staff (support material attached):

Diane Rebholz for up to 80 hours

JoAnn Francolino for up to 120 hours

8. Approve the appointment of Melissa Terpstra as an Aide for the Summer Volleyball Camp for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8) sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education. The camp is for six sessions: July 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

9. Approve the appointment of Megan Reilly as an alternate Aide for Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8) sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective July 19, 2011 (support material attached).
10. Approve the appointment of Tarra Matway as a 1-1 Aide for two high school special education students during Marching Band season. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$20 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA salary guide, effective August 8, 2011 through October 31, 2011 for a total of 225 hours.
11. Approve the appointment of the following summer custodial/maintenance helper. He will be paid at the approved rate, effective August 1, 2011 – August 31, 2011 (support material attached):

Ethan Monroe

12. Approve the following new job description at the high school level, which is attached as an appendix:

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Peer Coach – Language Arts Literacy, Gr. 7-12
Peer Coach – Mathematics, Gr. 7-12

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

13. Approve the appointment of Stacie Millman as a Guidance Counselor at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$49,291 (MA Step 4 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
14. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment for Matthew Arroyo to teach a social studies class at the high school. He will be paid an additional salary of \$6,206.40, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
15. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment for Nancy LoPresti to teach a social studies class at the high school. She will be paid an additional salary of \$9,447.10, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
16. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment for David Marks to teach a computer programming class at the high school. He will be paid an additional salary of \$7,347.10, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
17. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment for Deborah Marks to teach a computer programming class at the high school. She will be paid an additional salary of \$8,077.10 effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- AS-1. Accept the resignation of Ariel Weissman as a math teacher at the high school effective June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following block motion:
- a. First June 2011 payroll in the amount of \$622,400.93.
 - b. Second June 2011 payroll in the amount of \$483,689.29.

2. Approve the June 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$125,056.16.
3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period May 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-1
4. Approve the schedule of tax payment requests from the Borough of Midland Park for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached).
5. Authorize the Business Administrator to cancel outstanding checks in the various school accounts in accordance with the Auditor's recommendations, as per the attached appendix. F-2
6. Approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports supervised by Robert Blanchard on the following dates and locations (support material attached):

4/28/11 at 9:00 a.m. at Colonial Road School, Franklin Lakes, NJ
5/13/11 at 2:50 p.m. at Children's Therapy Center, Fair Lawn, NJ
5/18/11 at 2:45 p.m. Union Street School, Hackensack, NJ
6/6/11 at 11:27 a.m. Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ
7. Approve the appointment of Bergen County Special Services – Educational Enterprises to provide occupational and physical therapy services for a middle school special education student for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the resolution for the transfer of the current year surplus to the Capital Reserve Account, which is attached as an appendix: F-3

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan commented that the Building & Grounds Committee will review any projects that are funded.

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

To approve the following block motion:

9. Approve the resolution to join membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached): F-4
10. Approve the Risk Management Consultant Professional Services Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and FIRM, Inc., effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, which is attached as an appendix. F-5

Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pomptonian, Inc. (Food Service Management Company) is hereby awarded the renewal of the food service management contract for the 2011-2012 school year, as follows:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$.0901 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The LEA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals (breakfast, lunch, and after school snack meals) served and meal equivalents. The number of School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program, and National School Lunch program meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from Sales of National Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program meals and After School Snack Program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$.0901 will be multiplied by total meals.

Mr. Formicola asked if the suggestions from the students given to Pomptonian. Ms. Garvey replied yes. Dr. Thomas questioned if the price increases similar to those around us – Ms. Garvey answered yes.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

12. Approve purchases through Hewlett Packard State Bid Contract #WSCA11 A70262.

Mr. Canellas asked Ms. Garvey to explain the use of State Contract purchasing.

13. Accept the donation of \$1,250 by the Midland Park Booster Club and a donation of \$1,250 by the Midland Park Soccer Association toward the purchase of a 40' steel storage container, as per Policy Section 7230.
14. Approve the extension of School Registration and Participation Agreement with MSG Varsity Network LLC, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
15. Approve an elementary school special education student to receive speech therapy three times per week for 30 minutes per day with Joy Hollander-Fink. The rate is \$95 per hour, effective July 6 – July 29, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school special education student on bed side instruction, effective June 13, 2011 through June 21, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Re-establish the Midland Park Waldwick Cooperative Cheerleading Program for Grades 9-12 for the Fall of 2011, contingent upon the Waldwick Board of Education approval.

Mr. McCourt asked how many students are interested are interested. Dr. Cirasella answered 15.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Karen Corcoran	Annual School Nursing Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$205.07	Oct. 26, 2011

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the membership resolution in the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached).

Mr. Schiffer asked if we have a choice to not participate. Ms. Garvey replied that the Board has to approve membership for its athletic programs.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the following extended programs and instructors for the Midland Park Continuing Education program, which are offered in the evening during July and August at the high school:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Electric Foil Fencing (Monday & Thursday)	Frank Carnevale
Men's Basketball (Monday)	Bart Merola
Oil Painting (Tuesday)	Susan Marlett
Yoga Beginning & Intermediate (Tuesday & Thursday)	Gloria Smiley
20/20 Fitness Blast (Tuesday & Thursday)	Faith Grohman
Pilates Plus (Wednesday)	Denise Swan
Zumba Fitness (Wednesday)	Silvia Acosta

6. Approve the following program and personnel for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Enrichment Program (support material attached):

Vocal Intensity Show Choir - Donna Halliwell, Vocal Director
Joanne Cannata, Choreographer

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- CS-2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one pre-school special education student in the Ridgewood Nursery School Extended Year Program, Ridgewood, NJ, effective July 5 – July 29, 2011 at a cost of \$665.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

- E. Legislative Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

No Report.

- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

The following items were reported/commented on:

- a. Completed beautification at high school for graduation;
- b. Trimmed hedges at all 3 schools;
- c. Checked bleacher boards for graduation;
- d. Sprinkler system at high school is now fully operational;
- e. DPW patched some of the holes in the high school parking lot to get us through the last couple weeks of school/graduation;

Items to be done over the summer break:

- f. Reconfigure office space at MPHS;
- g. Repair sewer line in ceiling at basement of Highland;
- h. Install air conditioners at Godwin
- i. Install new floor in teacher's lounge at high school;
- j. Finish installing of electric hand dryers throughout the district;
- k. Upgrades and improvements in room M3 at the high school;
- l. Gym lighting at the high school

The Minutes were distributed.

In addition, the committee will be meeting tonight after the regular meeting.

- G. Negotiations Committee - (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

Met with Administrator at the end of May – ongoing negotiations.

- H. Public Relations Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

- S-3. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff during the summer months with ratification by Board approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.

Mr. Canellas asked that since the hiring is contingent on Board ratification will candidates be made aware. Dr. Cirasella replied yes.

The committee will be distributing minutes to the Board for 2 nights of meetings.

J. Liaison Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

Mr. Canellas questioned what the goals are of the Liaison Group. Could someone not on committee be a liaison? Mr. Schiffer stated that the committee members divide up liaison positions –maybe even combine some of the positions.

High School PTA

The existing President is continuing.

Elementary School PTA

Susan Hartman is the new president.

Booster Club

John Mulligan is the new president.

Performing Arts Parents

No Report.

Special Education

Colleen Monahan is continuing as parent advisor.

Education Foundation

ATA / AFA Campaign continues.

Board of Recreation

No Report.

Continuing Education Program

Summer registration regarding the camp ---Continuing Education will be meeting with

Recreation department to possibly expand programs for next year—maybe work out 1 price for both programs.

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

K. Old Business

None to discuss.

L. New Business

A letter from Senator Michael Dougherty was sent. Ms. Garvey and Dr. Cirasella will review and report back to the Board.

Mr. Formicola commented on the Policy of Suspensions—If student violates something in student handbook disciplinary actions are spelled out with no leniency. It was stated that the principal has a right to make judgment call, but that is not happening -0 tolerance. Mr. Formicola asked that this policy be reviewed. Dr. Cirasella will review with Administrators.

Mr. Canellas questioned whether or not there is any resolution regarding the students that are being Home Schooled and wish to participate in District athletic programs. Dr. Cirasella replied the issue is still ongoing.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of July 19, 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 - Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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