

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
June 7, 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
	Paula Lein	Brian McCourt
	Raymond Moraski	Maryalice Thomas

Robert Schiffer

Excused:	Richard Formicola
	William Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on May 10, 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.

Presentation to the Bergen County Teacher/Educational Professionals recipients

Review of the Board Committee Assignments.- List placed on the agenda for approval.

Mr. Schiffer commented that the Board will meet at 6:00 at the high school for the Graduation ceremony.

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

To review and approve the Board of Education Standing Committee assignments for the 2011-2012 Elective Year.

Roll Call: All Yes

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella reported that the PDP plan was accepted by the County and thanked everyone who worked on it. Ms. Jennifer Pike was recognized as Midland Park’s Valedictorian at the County Valedictorian Breakfast.

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. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the resignation of Therese Connors as a .4 math teacher at the high school, effective June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
2. Accept the resignation of Ryan Haegler as a part-time custodian at the high school, effective June 10, 2011 (support material attached).
3. Approve the following appointments to the list of advisors to activities and clubs for the 2011-2012 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Band Director	David Marks	\$2,797
Assistant Band Director	Jeffrey Peters	\$ 907
Assistant Band Director	Courtney Haan	\$ 907
Color Guard Advisor	Stephanie Peters	\$ 422
Percussion Instructor	Brian Prokop	\$ 422

4. Approve the following Marching Band Volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year:

James Garde
Gordon Fisher

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the following summer custodial helpers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate,

effective July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 (support material attached):

Chris Gregory
Patrick Hagerty*
Conor McGlade
Vincent Montanaro
Matthew Murphy

Scott Polhemus
Ben Ryan*
Andrew Tucci
Andrew Vassallo*
Patrick Weaver

* = New appointments. All others have worked before.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the appointment of Alberta Dykstra as a part/time summer bus aide. She will be paid at the approved hourly, effective July 1, 2011 through August 15, 2011.
7. Approve the appointment of Karen Fracassini as a 1–1 aide for an elementary school special education student during the extended school year at the Warren Point School, Fair Lawn, NJ. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 11, 2011 through August 11, 2011.
8. Approve the transfer in building assignment for Amy Villanueva as a Health Aide in the Highland School to the Godwin School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

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

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. May 2011 lunch program claims in the amount of \$27,479.68.
- b. May 2011 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$75,217.00.
- c. June 2011 claims in the amount of \$185,387.18.

3. Approve the second May 2011 payroll in the amount of \$484,673.43.
4. Approve the May 2011 direct pays in the amount of \$265,080.89.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period May 1, - May 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix: F-1
6. Approve the increase in the financial pay out for the following consultant:

Board Attorney/Bond Counsel from \$40,000 to \$47,500 for the 2010-2011 school year
7. Approve the Bergen County Special Services contract for services required under Chapter 192 and 193 of the Laws of 1977 for the 2011-2012 school year, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A 467A-7 (support material attached).
8. Approve the resolution for the Forum School Lunch Program, which is attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Dravis-Stark asked why is this motion being approved. Dr. Cirasella answered because we have students who attend the Forum School.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. McCourt. . . .

9. Approve the revised fee and hours for Linda Edwards to provide extended school year instruction for services to an elementary school special education student. She will be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per session for 3 sessions per week, effective July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011.

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Canellas, Lein, McCourt, Moraski, Dr. Thomas, Schiffer)
1 Abstain (Criscenzo)

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school regular education student on bed side instruction, effective retroactive from May 23, 2011 through June 22, 2011.
2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one elementary school regular education student on bed side instruction, effective retroactive from May 25, 2011 through June 22, 2011.

3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the Fair Lawn Board of Education to provide a substitute aide for a Midland Park student's 1-1 aide at the Memorial Middle School at the rate of \$65 per day.
4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placements and/or transportation of special education students attending extended school year programs, which is attached as an appendix. C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the proposed overnight summer football camp at Timberlake West in Roscoe, NY from August 20 – 24, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Danielle Bache	Making Legal One Priority One	Paramus, NJ	\$230	June 28, 29, 2011
Marie Cirasella	ASCD Conference	Boston, MA	\$1,470.21	June 30 – July 3, 2011

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Request for Textbook/Instructional Materials Approval for Reading – Grades K-5 (support material attached):

Journey's; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; 2011/Florida

8. Approve the following new course (support material attached):

AP English Language and Composition

Mr. Moraski commented on the following:

The Summer Reading list will be on our Website and be given to the students within the next week.

Implementing the Common Core State Standards – A hand out was in the packet this week and Dr. Cirasella reviewed the contents with everyone.

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

Policies will be coming on Board member fingerprinting.

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

Governor Christie signed into law A-444, which requires school board members to undergo criminal background history checks. According to the statute current school board members will have to undergo a background investigation within 30 days. In the next week or two, NJSBA will produce a FAQ fact-sheet for board members on this process. The law also allows local boards of education to reimburse board members with unexpended campaign funds.

In addition, the Tenure Reform Bill was introduced this week.

The Democrats are coming out with new budget numbers which increase school state aid.

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

Mrs. Criscenzo reported the following.

4 district busses were serviced and readied for inspection- all busses passed state inspection.

Water was turned on to stadium field and booster shed.

In process of replacing soffits on booster shed.

High school and Godwin boilers opened and ready for state inspection.

HS sprinkler system is operable, Jacobsen is quoting us on some heads that need repair

Serviced roof top units at Highland gym

Replaced 2 broken awning window arms in room 19 A at the high school

Meeting will be held tomorrow night.

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

A meeting has to be scheduled to discuss the proposals which were submitted from the Confidential Secretaries.

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

This committee met and had a productive session. They will be clarifying line items and scheduling another meeting.

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

None

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

The following items were reviewed:

a. Job descriptions

b. Recommending position for .5 A.D.

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 will be collected on June 15, 2011.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Award ceremony was last night.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The Concert at the end of May was a very impressive show.
Suggestion to have the high school students perform at the Highland to see what the high school is doing.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The following items were discussed:
a. ATA Phase II continues
b. Raffle tickets for bicycles are on-going.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

The students are preparing for finals and getting ready for the summer.

N. Old Business

No Report.

O. New Business

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

To approve the following block motion:

To go into closed session after the meeting of June 7, 2011 for the purpose of the Superintendent evaluation.

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 21, 2011, for the purpose of reviewing the personnel items on the Agenda and reviewing administrative negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Nancy De Ritter commented that weather forecasts are predicting that the next 2 days are going to be over 100 degrees please consider what we can do with the students. Dr. Cirasella replied that we are going to take every precaution available.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary