

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 1, 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

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on February 8, 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.

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.

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

SP-1. Approve the appointment of Stacy Garvey as Acting Superintendent of Schools, effective upon approval of the Commissioner of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-14.1, and authorize the Board President to submit a letter to the Commissioner of Education requesting approval of said appointment.

Roll Call: All Yes

Marcia Stoltz, reporter from the Suburban News asked if Dr. Cirasella has left Midland Park.

Mr. Schiffer responded that Dr. Cirasella is out due to illness.

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

1. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year:

| | | | <u>Stipend</u> |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Delete: | Shari Fried | Interact Club Advisor | |
| Add: | Nancy DeRitter | Interact Club Advisor | prorated |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the placement of Samantha Rosado as a student teacher with Lisa McNerney's Physical Education/Health classes at the high school, effective March 2, 2011 through May 2, 2011 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for "Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8)" sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, effective retroactive from February 28, 2011 through April 25, 2011 (support material attached):

Karli Damiano

Megan Reilly

4. Approve the appointment of Melissa Terpstra as an alternate Aide for "Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8)" (support material attached).

5. Approve the appointment of Conor Gleba as an Aide for Indoor Soccer (Grades 4-7) sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, effective March 9 – May 11, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the second February 2011 payroll in the amount of \$475,603.20.
2. Approve the March 2011 claims in the amount of \$254,435.03.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the payment of \$900 for the use of Yogi Berra Stadium at Montclair State University for the Boys' Baseball Team to play Hawthorne Christian Academy on April 16, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Summer Heatt, for their Summer Camp 2011 program sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on Mondays through Fridays, effective June 27 – July 29, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (support material attached).
5. Approve the use and rental of the High School Football Field to Summer Heatt for their LaCrosse program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on Sundays, effective March 27 – June 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the appointment of Jeffrey Wilson, M.D. to perform psychiatric evaluations as needed at a rate of \$630 per evaluation (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a tentative school district budget for the 2011-2012 school year for submission to the voters of Midland Park, as follows:

| | Budget | Local Tax Levy |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Total General Fund | \$19,208,529 | \$17,154,828 |
| Total Special Revenue Fund | \$ 353,543 | |
| Total Debt Service Fund | \$ 450,059 | \$ 450,059 |
| TOTALS | | |

Mr. Sullivan commented that there is a 2% cap on the tax levy. Also, with the additional state aid, some items that had been cut from the current budget have been restored in the proposed budget for next year. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 29th at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Schiffer thanked the Finance Committee for all their hard work.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve Music in the Park XIV for October 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed overnight Band trip to Syracuse, NY from October 28 – 31, 2011 (support material attached).

Mr. McCourt asked if the extra day is necessary on the NY trip and do we have any other programs that cost this much.

Mr. Moraski answered that the program normally performs on Monday at Highland and will miss school anyway. In this case the band is coming home early Monday morning and will still perform at Highland School.

Mr. McCourt said that he feels this is a lot of money and did not agree with allowing two trips for the same group while other groups have been turned down.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the proposed overnight Band trip to Boston, MA from April 12 – 15, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Formicola, Moraski, Dr. Thomas, Sullivan, Schiffer)
1 No (MccCourt)

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

4. Approve the new textbook for Grade 7 Life Science:
Life Science; Glencoe; 2012, Columbus, Ohio

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

| Name | Workshop | Date | Amount | Location |
|------------------|---|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Nicholas Capuano | LTI Athletic Administration Synthetic Field Design & Construction | March 14, 2011 | \$125.00 | Atlantic City, NJ |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Governor Christie vetoed a bill (S-1730) that would require all future public employees to live in the state.

NJSBA has secured critical amendments to A-444/S-295, legislation requiring school board members to undergo criminal history background checks.

The Appellate Court ruled that closed session has to be before the open public session – can't go from a brief open session, followed by a closed session and then resume open session.

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

The following items have been completed:

The roof was patched over room 9 at Godwin School.

Handrails in Highland School stairwell were painted.

The defective light fixture at the Highland gym teachers' office was replaced.

The kitchen and kitchen storerooms at Godwin School were painted.

Circuits were run and IWB projectors were mounted on the ceiling in the science wing in the high school.

Several hallways at the high school were painted.

Potholes have been patched at the high school front parking lot.

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

No Report.

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

There was a meeting tonight and a meeting is scheduled with the Administrators tomorrow night.

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

Mr. Schiffer asked Mr. Formicola to help Ms. Garvey with the Chalk Board Budget newsletter.

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:

There is a combined general meeting scheduled to be held on March 16 at 8:00 – coffee and questions with the Administrators.

There are \$2,500.00 in funds which have been set aside for the teachers to use for field trips that have not been utilized, as of this date.

Market Day orders are due by Saturday March 19th.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

Two items were mentioned:

Beach party scheduled for March 4.

Read Across America.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Kudos to the girls and boys basketball teams for winning their state game

The following students deserve mention for indoor track--- Melanie Lewis, Steven Felice and Lisa Carl. Melanie Lewis has broken the school record.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The high school musical, *Urinetown*, will be performed March 18 & 19.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Blue Jean Ball scheduled for 3/5 is sold out.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

The Recreation Director has resigned and there is a meeting scheduled for next week.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

No Report.

N. Old Business

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 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.

No one chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

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