

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 15, 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	Paula Lein
	Brian McCourt	Raymond Moraski
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Excused: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:

February 15, 2011

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:

March 1, 2011

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Formicola, McCourt, Moraski, Thomas, Sullivan, Schiffer)
1 Abstain (Lein)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 15, 2011

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

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 – (S. Garvey)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Jason Doerr to provide home instruction for a high school special education student. He will work 5 hours per week (after school) at the approved hourly rate of \$33.18, effective retroactive from March 7, 2011 until a new placement is found, not to exceed 45 days.
2. Approve the appointment of Jason Doerr to tutor a high school special education student. He will be paid a salary of \$1,632.03 prorated as per Article XIII of the MPEA Contract, one period a day, five days per week, retroactive from March 7, not to exceed 45 days.
3. Approve the appointment of Tarra Matway as an individual aide for a high school special education student during Spring Concert Band rehearsals. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$20.00 as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for five rehearsals totaling 15.5 hours.
4. 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:	Ilya Maslov	Musical – Assistant Director – Choral	
Add:	Donna Halliwell	Musical – Assistant Director – Choral	\$505
	Ilya Maslov	Musical – Rehearsal Accompanist	\$750

5. Approve the following additions to the list of Substitute Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

(s) Tracy Dziubinsky (previously on list)

(s) Samantha Rosado

(s) Denise Tansey

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

6. Approve the appointment of Richard Bennett as a substitute Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective March 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, 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 February 28, 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.

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

2. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. February 2011 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$24,513.18.
 - b. February 2011 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$33,014.74.
 - c. March 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$165,102.47.
3. Approve the February 2011 direct pays in the amount of \$325,540.98.
4. Approve the first March 2011 payroll in the amount of \$513,086.95.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period February 1– 28, 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-1
6. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period February 1 – 28, 2011, according to prescribed accounting procedures, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the use and rental of the Upper Sunset Field at the high school to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for La Crosse for the following weeks: Monday –Friday, July 11-15 and August 15-19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan would like to meet prior to the Public Hearing on March 29, 2011. The Board will set a date.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a high school special education student on home instruction, effective retroactive from March 7, 2011 for no more than 45 days.
2. Approve the waiver of the 183 day school requirement for students to 180 days for the 2010-2011 academic school year, due to the use of additional emergency closing days.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the revised 2010-2011 academic school calendar, which is attached as an appendix.

C-1

The Board discussed the revised 2010-2011 Calendar. The Board thanked the Administrators for the development of the new calendar.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Danielle Bache Nicholas Capuano Craig Rush	Legal One Advanced: New Jersey's New Bullying Law	April 14, 2011	\$75.00 per person	Montvale, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

The Curriculum Committee met and reviewed a draft of next year's calendar. Next year's calendar will be brought forward shortly.

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

- CS1 To approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one preschool special education student to attend Reed Academy, Garfield, retroactive to March 14, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

The Committee met and will bring forward a number of policies for the 1st reading.

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

No Report.

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

The following items have been completed:

- a. Capped leaking 2” steam line in room 8 at Highland.
- b. Varsity baseball field was prepped with infield conditioner, located bases, and detached infield.
- c. Lights in the library at the high school have been repaired.
- d. Also, the generator was repaired and certified.

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

No Report.

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

The committee met and had their first dialogue.
The next meeting will be rescheduled for April.

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

There will be a meeting scheduled for the Budget addition of Chalk Board.

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

No Report.

- K. Service Review Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

- L. Technology Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

New server for the security system had to be purchased and installed.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

A combination General meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011.
At 8:00 there will be coffee and questions with the Administrators.
Market Day orders are due by Saturday, March 19, 2011.
Cultural Awareness is scheduled for the week of March 28th, 2011.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Winter Sports Honorees were announced.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

A combined meeting is scheduled for March 16th.
Urinetown, the high school musical is being performed this weekend – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
In addition, there is a pasta dinner sponsored by the Performing Arts Parents scheduled for Saturday night before the musical.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Blue Jean Ball was quite a success.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

There are town residents who are not happy about the director leaving. Now, we will begin reviewing different ideas on how to move on.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

No Report.

N. Old Business

Mr. Schiffer commented that we are going to begin process for new student representative to the Board. Applications should be submitted by April 15, 2011.

Mr. Schiffer commented on the Hall of Fame Nominees.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 29, 2011, for the purpose of personnel and legal items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Becky Green commented on the Midland Park's Website. She said that it is always up to date and getting better and better. Ms. Greene commented that whoever works on this site does a great job. The Board asked that this compliment be shared with Carole Treta.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary