

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
May 24, 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. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on April 26, 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.

The following items were discussed:

Memorial Day Parade

Changing make-up of Board meetings—using one of the meetings as a work session. A suggestion was made to start this change in September.

Committees for 2011-2012 – discussed changing and condensing some committees.

Meeting with NJSBA rep to get information on the Superintendent's Evaluation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were reported/discussed:

Update QSAC information on District Website.

The Bergen County Teacher Education Professional Recognition Award for this year has been awarded to: Mary Johnston and Ariel Weissman and Jane Bandstra for Professional Staff member.

Jack Ferriday has been chosen as the Teacher of the Year from the Knights of Columbus.

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. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the resolution rescinding early tenure for the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, which is attached as an appendix. P-1
2. Accept the resignation of Pia Vanderstreet as a .5 choral teacher in the elementary schools, effective June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
3. Accept the resignation of Gene Moore as a maintenance worker for the district, effective June 16, 2011 (support material attached).
4. Approve the appointment of Jay Seiders as a 1-1 Instructional Aide for a disabled student in the Highland School. He will be paid a salary of \$24,233 (Category V, Step 1 of the secretarial salary guide), prorated effective May 25, 2011 (support material attached).
5. Approve the additional summer hours for Carole Treta, Technology Coordinator, not to exceed 100 hours to complete technology projects. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$55 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA Agreement.
6. Approve the appointment of Daniel Anderson as a 1-1 aide in the Extended School Year program. He will be paid at the approved hourly, effective July 6 – July 29, 2011.
7. Approve the relocation of the following tenured certificated staff for the 2011-2012 school year:

Suzanne Esposito from 4th grade in the Highland School to 2nd grade in the Godwin School

Eileen Horn from the LLD class in the Godwin School to the high school as a collaborative teacher

Lori Thiemann from 2nd grade in the Godwin School to 5th grade in the Highland School

Public-

Mr. Lee Barber presented a letter to the Board (which he read) from various parent of students in the LLD Class with concerns on the transfer of the LLD teacher.

8. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached):

Carla Mahnken Substitute Instructional Aide

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the May 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$230,603.32.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the appointment of Angela Abel as an ABA provider for a special education student. She will be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per hour for six hours per month, effective June 20, 2011 through September 19, 2011.
3. Approve the appointment of Maria Gramuglia to provide supplemental after school instruction for a special education student. She will be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for five hours per week, effective September 1, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the extended school year instruction for services to an elementary school special education student by Linda Edwards. She will be paid at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for 5 hours per week, effective July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011.

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

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

5. Approve the payment in the amount of \$3,466.66 to the parents of a special education student as a reimbursement for the fee for Camp Excel Extended School Year program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the use and rental of the high school gym to Summer Heatt for youth basketball tournaments on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday 5, 2011, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached).
7. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School gym to Elite Basketball for youth basketball tournaments on Saturday, June 4, 2011, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2011/2012 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the revised 2011-2012 School Year Calendar, which is attached as an appendix. C-1
2. Approve the Holiday Schedule for 12-Month Personnel for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-2

Roll Call: All Yes

3. This item was tabled from the Agenda.

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a high school special education student on bed side instruction at the High Focus Center, Paramus, NJ, effective retroactive from May 3, 2011 through June 17, 2011.

5. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of an elementary school special education student in Washington South in Paramus, NJ, effective retroactive from May 11, 2011 through June 24, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
No Report.

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

The following items were discussed/reported on:

- a. The legislation, S-2881 was proposed and introduced which incorporates Governor Christie's School Reform Agenda including areas such as Tenure.
- b. Governor Christie conditionally vetoed A-444 which would require school board members and charter school trustees to undergo a criminal history background checks.
- c. NJ Supreme Court decided funding that has been taken away from Abbott Districts have to be returned.
- d. Ramsey Board of Education is introducing a ban on Political Speakers on school property.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for tonight.

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

No Report.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2011.

- 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)

Market Day pick-up will be this Friday, May 27, 2011.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

A final meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Upcoming Events:

Senior Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tides in North Haledon.

Olympic Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th, from 9:00 a.m. This eventful day will be held at the Midland Park High School football field.

Spring Sports Awards Night is scheduled for Monday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Midland Park Memorial Hall.

All Teams have had a very good season including baseball, softball (semi-finals), tennis and track.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Concert is this Thursday at the high school.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The following items were commented on:

- a. Phase II of ATA Campaign is in full swing.
- b. Elected new slate of officers

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

A recommendation was sent to the Council for replacement of the Director . The recommendation included changing to a 25 hour a week position.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

Not present.

N. Old Business

There are no unresolved issues to speak about at this meeting.

O. New Business

Mr. Moraski attended the NJSIAA luncheon. Mr. Moraski said it was a nice event and a number of scholarships were awarded.

Ms. Lein announced that June 21st will be her last meeting as a Board Trustee. She is resigning from the Board.

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

To go into closed session after this meeting and before the meeting of June 7, 2011, for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and contracts.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Lee Barber was disappointed and concerned that parents are here and there is no input from parents on the transfer of teachers. Mr. Schiffer replied that the Board has the right to make moves that is felt is in the best interest of all the students. Further discussion ensued on changes being made in the LLD class and past problems that had occurred. Mr. Schiffer noted that the Board cannot discuss personnel or student issues in public.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary