

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
October 5, 2010

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Schiffer read the following 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.

Mr. Schiffer commented of the untimely passing of Tim Van Gore, a graduate of the Class of 2005 and asked that there be a Moment of Silence.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella commented /reported on the following items:

- a. Fire Prevention Week
- b. School Violence Awareness
- c. Senior Jessica Abraham is a Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program

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. Accept the resignation of Cynthia Brown as the School Psychologist for the district, effective January 3, 2011 (support material attached).
2. Approve the appointment of Lynn Johnston as a tutor for an elementary school special education student, (as per the student's IEP). She will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$39.04 for two hours per week after school, retroactive from September 7, 2010 through June 22, 2011./*
3. 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:	Sarah Berninger	Take Action Club Advisor	
Add:	Sarah Berninger	Take Action Club Co-Advisor	\$408.50
	Donna Halliwell	Musical Director	\$998.00
	Ilya Maslov	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$505.00
	Ilya Maslov	Musical Assistant Director – Choral	\$505.00
	Joanne Cannata	Musical Assistant Director – Choreography	\$505.00
	Donna Halliwell	Musical Producer	\$368.00

4. Approve the appointment of Carolyn Walsh as a maternity leave replacement for Stacy Boufford's third grade class. She will be paid at the approved substitute teacher rate of pay, effective October 6, 2010 through January 25, 2011 (support material attached).
5. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

(s) Carmela DeHaas

- * Teresa Isik as a Test Moderator only
- * Sheila Steinberg
- * Catherine Wilcoxon

(s) = County Substitute certificate

* = NJ Standard certificate

6. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). P-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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 August 31, 2010, 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. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt. . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. September 2010 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$22,468.49.

b. October 2010 claims in the amount of \$148,260.33.

3. Approve the September 2010 direct pays in the amount of \$235,807.55.

4. Approve the second September 2010 payroll in the amount of \$485,538.01.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period August 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010, which are attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve Bergen County Special Services/Educational Enterprises to provide Augmentative Communication Evaluation for an elementary school special education student.

7. Approve the donation of old athletic uniforms to the Booster Club, who will sell them to generate money for future events.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the first reading of the motion to introduce the Refunding Bond Ordinance providing for the refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding school bonds of the Midland Park Public Schools, which is attached as an appendix. F-2

Mr. Sullivan asked Ms. Garvey to explain the refinancing of the Bonds and the Ordinance. Ms. Garvey explained that the auditors reviewed the districts outstanding debt and discovered that if the 2005 bond referendum was refinanced, there would be an estimated saving of greater than 3%. In as much, according to state regulations, the district must refinance. The savings gets directly passed on to the taxpayer due to the decreased amount necessary for the debt service payment. The total savings is spread over the remaining payback years or until 2023-24.

No further questions were asked by the Board or by the public.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the appointment of Linda Edwards as an Orton-Gillingham Reading teacher for an elementary school special education student. She will work three days per week at the rate of \$75 per hour, retroactive from September 7, 2010 through June 22, 2011 (support material attached).

Ms. Criscenzo asked if this had been offered to anyone in the District that had the training. Mrs. Cirasella answered that she expected that if there was someone from within the district able to do this that would have been the first choice.

Ms. Sue Vander Pyl stated that she asked if her son could have that option and was told he could not. Mr. Schiffer suggested that she speak with the Director of Special Services and if not satisfied, contact the Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Schiffer asked if the Auditor has asked to meet with the finance committee yet. Ms. Garvey replied the auditor has not requested a meeting date as of yet and noted that the audits do not have to be submitted to the State until December.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
David Hersberger	Podcasting	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	Oct. 18, 2010
Laurin Apruzzese	Working with Angry Students & Students who don't care	Tarrytown, NY	Oct. 19, 2010
Brian Ersalesi	Get to Know the Common	Paramus, NJ	Oct. 20, 2010

	Core State Standards		
Karen Biondo, Craig Rush	Bergen County Flight Team	Glen Rock, NJ	Oct. 22, 2010
Danielle Bache	Early Childhood Leadership Series	Morris Plains, NJ	Oct. 28, 2010
Sheralyn Gottlieb	Autism – The Legal & the Practical	Long Branch, NJ	Nov. 15, 2010
Laurin Apruzzese	Practical Behavior Interventions in Elementary School Settings	Paramus, NJ	Nov. 17, 2010
Michael Kilgallen	Six Traits to Strengthen Student Writing Skills	Cherry Hill, NJ	Nov. 18, 2010
Lisa McNerney	CFLE's 30 th Annual Sex Ed Conference	Somerset, NJ	Nov. 19, 2010
Maureen O'Hara	Improving NJ ASK Scores	Newark, NJ	Nov. 19, 2010
Kathryn Piscitello	School Libraries for Student Success	Long Branch, NJ	Dec. 3, 2010
Laurin Apruzzese	Curriculum Modifications and Adaptations	Paramus, NJ	Jan. 19, 2011

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

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Moraski

Approve the first reading of the following revised policies, which are attached as an appendix:

Student Representative to the Board of Education Bylaws Section 0143.2
PB-1

Evaluation of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members Policy Section 3221
PB-2

Evaluation of Tenured Teaching Staff Members Policy Section 3222
PB-3

Evaluation of Administrators Policy Section 3223
PB-4

The Board discussed the policies and changes made.

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

Mr. McCourt reported that Governor Christie has created a task force to review and develop procedures regarding the *Tenure* and *Evaluation* of teachers.

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

The following items were reported on as being accomplished:

- a. Installed 14 Smart Board projectors
- b. Repaired roof top air conditioner in room 55
- c. Removed large tree limb that fell in the rear lot of Highland School.
- d. Repaired ceiling in room 21 at MPHS
- e. Patched roof at MPHS – over the library, trainer’s room and the band room.
- f. Patched driveway at the Godwin School
- g. Made temporary repairs to the press box roof and replaced floor.

Mr. Canellas asked if we have any information from the building audit. Ms. Garvey replied that she should be meeting with the architect within the next couple of weeks.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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 Orders are due October 16th, 2010.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The following items were reported on:

- a. Harvest Festival scheduled for October 15
- b. Innis Brooke wrap fund raiser
- c. Beautification Committee

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following events were reported on:

- a. Pack The House/Spirit Week is scheduled for October 14- October 22
- b. Grant for Soccer Team to pay for its shirts.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Music in the Park – Fund Raiser

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

October 25th is a scheduled Parent Advisory meeting.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Lord & Taylor shopping fund raiser is scheduled for October 7, 2010.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Use of district facilities- The Council asked the Recreation Board for recommendation on how to pay for use. It was stated that the fees should be raised. Mr. Formicola stated that basketball should have enough to cover costs through December.

Mr. Schiffer asked if Ms. Garvey would speak to the borough administrator to get definite answer on the idea of payment for building usage.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board –

N. Old Business

The October 19th Board meeting needs to be re-scheduled to October 26th, due to the conflicting dates with the NJSBA Annual Conference.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 26, 2010, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: all Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Kerry Schaffer –questioned the ranking of the MPHS in the NJ monthly – Why has the high school ranking gone down?

Dr. Cirasella replied the drop in ranking is a concern, but she did not agree with the way they ranked. Also, the data they used is two years old. We have met all indicators and will be looking at test scores and scholastic achievement.

Motion - Ms. Lein, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .
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