

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 21, 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:	Richard Formicola	Paula Lein
	Brian McCourt	Raymond Moraski
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

Excused:	James Canellas
	Sandra Criscenzo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion- Mr. Moraski, seconded -

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on August 24, 2010.

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Formicola, Lein, McCourt, Moraski, Sullivan, & Schiffer)
1 Abstain (Dr. Thomas)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Schiffer read the following statement into the minutes:

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 presented Ms. Jane Lindstrom with a token of the Board's appreciation for all the dedication and years of service as the Treasurer of School Moneys.

The following item was discussed:

Use of Facilities by the Recreation Programs- the Board discussed conversations between the past Board President and the Mayor that occurred last March, on how the borough could help the school district with the problems faced due to large budget cuts. It was stated at that time that the district could not support the recreation programs and they would have to cover all expenses of using the buildings. Mr. Formicola stated that the Mayor asked for an idea of the costs and that he would be give the Mayor those figures since there are new people running the basketball program and they are unaware of the financial situation. He would report back to the Board at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were commented on:

- a. David Hershberger has been awarded the 2010 Bergen County Utilities Authority Environmental Challenge Grant.
- b. Attended PTA Meetings and Back To School Night
- c. Graduate Andrew Wolf passed away on 9/16

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. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve fifteen additional days for Catherine Prinsell, School Psychologist for the district. She will be paid her per diem rate, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
2. Approve the increase in position for Jane Bandstra, Physical Therapist for the district, from a .8 position to a .9 position, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of the following teachers for the after school ESL program. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$39.04 as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

Rachel Grotsky	3 hours per week
Patricia Homsany	5 hours per week
Jamie Scura	2 hours per week
4. Approve the list of Winter Coaches for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix. P-1
5. Approve the following changes to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year:

Stipend

Delete:	Karen Biondo	I&RS Chairperson	
Add:	Rosemary Ferullo	I&RS Chairperson	\$997
	Sarah Berninger	Take Action Club Advisor	\$817
	Raquel Trejo	Spanish Club Advisor	\$817

6. Approve the appointment of Edward McDonough as a one-on-one aide for a special education student during zero period Band at the high school. He will be paid an hourly salary of \$20.00 as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
7. Approve the extension for Tarra Matway as an individual aide for a high school special education student during Marching Band season to extend from October 12, 2010 to November 1, 2010. She will be paid an hourly salary of \$20.00 as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.
8. Approve additional hours for Anne Heller, Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will work 2.5 additional hours per week at her approved rate of pay, effective retroactive from September 13, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
9. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 22, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached):

Tim Clark
Kate Ganguzza

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded- Mr. McCourt . . .
To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolution:

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

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. July 2010 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$29,173.57.
- b. July 2010 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$9,891.44.

- c. August 2010 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$20,039.53.
 - d. August 2010 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$450.00.
 - e. September 2010 supplemental claims in the amount of \$241,597.85.
3. Approve the following block motion:
- a. July 2010 direct pays in the amount of \$177,863.85.
 - b. August 2010 direct pays in the amount of \$716,400.22.
4. Approve the first September 2010 payroll in the amount of \$511,1736.65.
5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010, which are attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the appointment of Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions to provide Audiology Services for two special education students, as well as approve approximately five hours of training for staff and a parent for the augmentative communication device issued to one special education student.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS1 TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the Board of Education of the Borough of Midland Park, making application to the local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 24-61.5, as per appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer asked if this is the bonds from 2005. He also asked if this Resolution is to call back the Bonds and refinance them at a lower rate.

Ms. Garvey affirmed that it was to refinance the 2005 bonds and the savings would go directly to offset taxes to be raised.

Bill Sullivan stated that the State has notified us of our share of the \$31million in federal jobs aid which is \$34,000. State officials cautioned that the money should be used to preserve, and not to expand staffing since tough budget years likely lie ahead.

Mr. Schiffer questioned if the audit had been completed. Ms. Garvey stated that the auditors had been in and were done. The report is being reviewed by the partner and should be completed shortly.

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

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

1. Approve the list of Affirmative Action Committee members, as per the attached appendix. C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the submission of the application for the 2010-2011 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant (support material attached):

Basic: \$265,974.00

Pre-School: \$ 21,060.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Jack Ferriday, Terri Wecht	Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival	Newark, NJ	Oct. 8, 2010
Marilyn DeLuccia	NJ School Counseling Association	Long Branch, NJ	Oct. 18, 2010
Christina Marinero	How School Social Workers Can Establish a Continuum of Positive Behaviors.....	Monroe Township, NJ	Oct. 18, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

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

There is a meeting scheduled for 10/5/2010.

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. A355 – School Choice
- b. Pension Reform
- c. NJSB Survey – 68% of district cut Ex-Curricular Activities, 31% are now charged fees
- d. S-2220 – Caps Sick leave pay-out at \$15,000 for all personnel

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

It was reported that the following items have been completed:

- a. Replaced 22' of rotted 5" cast iron drain pipe in the Highland basement.
- b. Patched driveway at Godwin

- c. Continuing to install smart board projectors.
- d. Completed 22 work orders from 8/31/10 through 9/20/10.
- e. Patched the roof at Godwin.

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)

A meeting needs to be scheduled to review information for the ChalkBoard.

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:

- a. Combined general meeting is Wednesday, September 22nd starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. The summer grant recipient will speak about her trip.
- b. Market Day pickup is Friday, September 24th, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the high school.
- c. Fall flower sale pick-up is September 30th – 3:00- 5:00 in front of the high school.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The following was reported on:

- a. Kids Stuff books sale
- b. General meeting for 11/15
- c. Innis Brook gift wrap sale

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following items were commented on:

- a. Working on Spirit Week
- b. Membership is at 100%
- c. Banners for the high school gym
- d. List of possible items to be purchased for the high school

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The following items were commented on:

- a. Combined meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2010
- b. Marching Band Fund Raiser
- c. *Music In The Park* is scheduled for October 10, 2010.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

There will be a meeting scheduled in October.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The following items were brought forward from Mr. Canellas through Mr. Moraski:

- a. Lord & Taylor Sale –tickets can be purchased from any Trustee for \$5.00.
- b. Military Bridge is scheduled for 10/11/10.
- c. With the exception of the audio board, all of the AV equipment from Phase I of the ATA are in house. The Foundation has received several thank you notes regarding the equipment and its usage from the faculty and the staff.
- d. We are currently reviewing all Fall Grant applications.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

The Board of Recreation has reconvened this Fall and they have 2 new appointees; Robert Sansone and Doug Hamilton along with the newly elected President, Dave Lancaster.

They have also been working on a universal code of conduct and grievance procedure for the Youth Sports organizations and are presenting it to the Mayor and Council for approval.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board

N. Old Business

No Report.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 5, 2010, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

In addition, Mr. Schiffer requests that the Board meeting scheduled for October 19th to be re-scheduled because October 19th is during the School Boards Convention. The Board meeting should be re-scheduled for October 26, 2010.

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:15: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary