

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education

Midland Park, New Jersey

September 7, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Schiffer, at 8:15 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

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:

- a. Opening Day for the Staff
- b. The Board decided through the recommendation of the Athletic Director to drop J. V.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were discussed:

- a. Opening Days at the schools;
- b. Peer to peer presentation at the Elementary Schools;
- c. Harassment & Bullying presentation held on September 2.

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. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Therese Hept as a .2 Speech/Language Specialist for the district. She will be paid a salary of \$10,053.60 (MA Step 5 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 9, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).
2. Approve the increase in salary for the following elementary school teachers, effective retroactive from September 1, 2010:

Carole Steel - BA Step 4 (\$43,750) to MA Step 4 (\$49,025)
Patricia Zarpaylic - MA Step 14 (74,602) to MA+ Step 14 (\$83,209)
3. Approve the appointment of Terri Wecht as Option II Coordinator at the high school. She will be paid a stipend of \$1,382, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
4. Accept the retirement resignation of Lee Tracy as a Health and Physical Education teacher at the high school, effective December 31, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

*Marcia Bradsell (previously on list)

*Jay Flakowitz

(s) Michael Lauricella (previously on list)

(s) Margaret Mullen (previously on list)

*Kevin O'Keefe (previously on list)

*Matthew Sayles (previously on list and former MPHS teacher)

(s) Elizabeth Sullivan

(s) Aaron Syvertsen

* = NJ certification

(s) = County Substitute certificate

6. Approve 26 additional summer hours for Marie Pantina, Guidance Secretary, for the preparation of the district calendar. She will be paid at her approved hourly rate.
7. Approve the appointment of Faith Grohmann as a fitness instructor for the Midland Park Continuing Education Fall 2010 semester (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the September 2010 claims in the amount of \$107,245.84.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the 2nd August 2010 payroll in the amount of \$83,618.28.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the appointment of Bergen County Special Services/Educational Enterprises – Sound Solutions to provide:
Audiology Services for six special education students
Teacher of Deaf Consultation for three special education students
(Fee schedule will be handed out prior to the public meeting on Tuesday)

Mr. Schiffer asked if this is the same as last year.

Ms. Garvey replied that she would check and let the Board know.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the resolution and the Settlement Agreement and Release, which is attached as an appendix:

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Mr. McCourt asked if this situation happens all the time.

Mr. Schiffer said no this is a special situation.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Nicholas Capuano	NJSIAA Eligibility Issues, Policies & Procedures	Robbinsville, NJ	Sept. 23, 2010

Patricia Terraciano, Barbara Rasmussen	How to Work Less, Produce More & Still Get the Job Done	Bloomfield, NJ	Oct. 12 & 13, 2010
Pamela Vermaas	Response to Intervention & Transition from School to Adult Life for Students with Disabilities and the IEP	Bridgewater, NJ	Oct. 28 & 29, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

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

The Policy Committee met tonight and will have something for the Board in October. Mr. Schiffer wanted to know if Student Board Rep Policy would be included. Dr. Thomas responded that the policy was part of what is being reviewed.

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

The following items were discussed/reported on:

- a. Commissioner of Education was fired;
- b. NJSBA saying reforms in RTTT application initiatives should move forward even though funding did not come through;
- c. NJSBA looking into who gets tax abatements—effects school districts' budgets;
- d. Bill S2220- Caps sick leave pay to \$15,000 and limits use before retirement.
- e. There is another bill to reinstate tenure for Superintendents and other key individuals.

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

The Summer Buildings Tour was completed on Friday, September 3, 2010.

Godwin School:

- a. Smart Boards installed;
- b. Floors cleaned and waxed;
- c. Halls painted;
- d. Boiler inspected

Highland School

- a. Floors cleaned and waxed;
- b. Missing floor tiles in Room 16 replaced and loose tiles secured;
- c. Smart Boards and electrical circuits put in;
- d. Dead trees in front of the school cut down;
- e. Board offices moved to the high school;
- f. Boiler inspected;
- g. Front office painted;
- h. Gym floor will be done over Teacher's Convention (November)
- i. Hand dryer installed in the boy's bathroom.

High School

- a. Moved Special Services offices, Guidance office, Continuing Education office and the Board office;
- b. Painted and changed the carpet in the Special Services office;
- c. Trees cut down or cut back where needed;

- d. Boiler inspected;
- e. Floors cleaned and waxed;
- f. Smart Boards and Circuits installed;
- g. Halls painted;
- h. Health Room ceiling replaced with a drop ceiling;
- i. Fixed drywall in front of the school;
- j. Put in a spotlight to light the walkway.

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)

The Committee met tonight—There is a feeling that Chalk Board is very expensive and should be sent out electronically. We will still do the paper issue for the Budget. Also, we will still have some paper copies available.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

The financing is in place for the Wireless Network.
Dates will be set up for installation.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

- a. 7th grade bagel breakfast was August 26th. All 7th graders received a planner.
- b. Back to school faculty breakfast will be Friday, September 9th, 2010.
- c. Fall flower sale is going on now. Order forms are on the website;
- d. PTA them for 2010-2011 is Leadership.
- e. Market Day orders are due on September 19th.
- f. There will be a combined general meeting on September 22 starting at 7:00 in the Media Center. The summer grant recipient will speak about her trip.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

1st Fundraiser ---“Kids Stuff” Books

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed and commented on:

- a. Reps like to meet with Administrators to discuss ideas for improvements.
- b. Lights for night games.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Two items were discussed:

A schedule of performances is on the web-site.

Car wash fund raiser

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The following items were discussed/commented on:

Meeting with staff on opening day

- reviewed Grant details;
- asked for assistance with the silent auction items for the BJB in March
- ideas for Phase II of ATA.
- established direct deposit for contributions among the staff to the Foundation;
- “A Cow Came to My Class Today” stickers – to be handed out by teachers on days that they use the COWS.
- established a Corporate Sponsorship Committee – new this year;
- Fall fundraiser will be on November 11 from 6-10p.m. –Military Bridge and Shopathon—They are booking vendors –now.
- Selling MPPEF Logo Car Magnets--\$2.00

Fund Raiser ideas – The Fall Fundraiser is November 11th

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

The following items were discussed/reported on:

- a. Settled in their new office
- b. Fliers out;
- c. After-school care started today;
- d. Final Balance – Long term ideas will pass along to Administrator.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

Goal Setting was scheduled for 9/20 at 7:00 p.m. and has been cancelled and re-scheduled for October 7th at 7:00 p.m.

N. Old Business

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 21, 2010 the purpose of personnel items and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Acito - asked if the winter coaches were approved.

Mr. Schiffer answered that the Athletic Director will be presenting this list at the next meeting.

Mr. Acito has a concern with one of the coaches. Mr. Schiffer asked that he please contact the Athletic Director with his concerns.

Mr. Edward Bell expressed his concern with middle school sports programs being cut.

Mr. Schiffer stated that the Board decided during budget development to put forward cuts on programs that had recreation support. Also, other towns had cut middle school programs so there were no schools to play.

Mr. Edward Bell asked if anyone looked at a “pay per play” program and if other schools are doing that in our area.

Mr. Schiffer replied that the Board would be happy to review any proposals.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary