

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
April 12, 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 Raymond Moraski Maryalice Thomas	Sandra Criscenzo William Sullivan Robert Schiffer
Excused:	Richard Formicola Paula Lein Brian McCourt	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is an updated item to add on this Agenda --- B-9's motion should reflect the dental contract expiring June 30, 2012. Also, Table Policy 2431.4.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on March 15, 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 their expectation that all students achieve the New jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

At the last meeting there was a discussion regarding the distribution of attachments to the public for motions on the Agenda. The Board Attorney advised that attachments are not for public information until after the Board has voted on the item. The attachment is then part of the minutes and available for public review.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms Garvey reported/commented on the following items:

Nick Capuano will be heading down to Robbinsville to defend the proposal submitted to NJSIAA to allow students who are home schooled to participate in district Athletic Programs. The Teacher Recognition Award Committee met and selected one teacher from each building to receive the award. Teachers will be told on Friday and will be recognized by the Board in May. The 3rd Annual Bowling Festival was April 5th.
"Highland Roar" was distributed.

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. Criscenzo . . .

1. Approve the revised start date of Stacie Millman as a Guidance Counselor at the high school from April 4 – 8, 2011 to April 4 – 15, 2011. She will be paid on a per diem basis.
2. Approve the following high school teachers for the NJASK preparation classes for Grades 7 and 8, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):

Brian Ersalesi – English

Ethan Grubman – Math

3. Approve the appointment of Eileen Horn as Coordinator for the Spring Break Mini Camp sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program. The camp will be held at Godwin School from April 18 – April 21, 2011 (support material attached).
4. Approve the following appointments as substitutes for the Spring Break Mini Camp sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):

Brian DeCarlo

Jessica Jamieson

5. Approve the following aides for the Spring Break Mini Camp and Summer Fun Camp, 2011 held at the high school (support material attached):
- Emily Adametz
Eli Moskowitz
6. Approve the appointments of the special education teachers for the ESY program from July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, as per Schedule D of the MPEA salary guide:
- Rosemary Ferullo – MD Class – 3 days per week, 3 hours per day
Eileen Horn – LLD Class – 5 days per week, 4 hours per day
Jason Gangi – PSD Class – 4 days per week, 2.5 hours per day
Nicole Heid – ABA PSD Class - 4 days per week, 2.5 hours per day
Jennifer Harris – Resource Reading/Language Arts – 4 days per week, 1.5 hours per day
Francesca Mullady – Resource Math – 4 days per week, 1.5 hours per day
- Roll Call: All Yes
7. Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
To approve the following block motion:
Approve the appointments of the following classroom Instructional Aides for the ESY program from July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, as per Schedule D of the MPEA salary guide:
- Denise Connolly MD Class – 3 days per week, 3 hours per day
Patricia Yerger – LLD Class – 5 days per week, 4 hours per day
Cynthia Verbrugge – PSD Class – 4 days per week, 2.5 hours per day
8. Approve the following appointments for the ESY program from July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, as per Schedule D of the MPEA salary guide. They will work on an as needed basis:
- Patricia Sicree – Speech/Language Specialist
Jane Bandstra – Physical Therapist
Deborah Kilgore – Occupational Therapist
Stephanie Nerney – Nurse
9. Approve the following substitutes for the ESY program from July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, as per Schedule D of the MPEA salary guide. They will work on an as needed basis:
- Karen Smith – Instructional Aide
Susan Becker – Nurse
10. Approve the following Child Study Team members for the ESY program from July 6, 2011 through July 29, 2011. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, as per Schedule D of the MPEA salary guide. They will work on an as needed basis:

Jennifer Finnerty
Christina Gouraige
Catherine Prinsell
Pamela Vermaas
Tricia Woodhead

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

* Gai Grannon

*=NJ Certification

12. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2010-2011 school year (support material attached):

Thomas Quinn Substitute Bus Driver

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 March 31, 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. March 2011 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$45,734.42.

b. March 2011 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$35,734.95.

c. April 2011 claims in the amount of \$375,821.70.

3. Approve the March 2011 direct pays in the amount of \$512,200.17.

4. Approve the second March 2011 payroll in the amount of \$483,473.62.

5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period March 1, 2011 - March 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix.

F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period March 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the ABA Parent Training workshops provided by Region II on April 7 and 12, 2011 for the parents of a special education student, at the rate of \$125.
8. Approve the appointment of Franny Renshaw, M.S. Ed., BCBA, to provide Behavior Consultation for the 2011 Extended School Year Program for two hours per week, not to exceed a total of eight hours. Her fee is \$100 per hour.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the renewal of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey as the dental benefits provider, effective May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the revised date of June 20, 2011 as the 180th day of school attendance for high school seniors. Their diplomas will be issued in accordance with the following schedule:

Review of Final Exams

Period 1	8:10-8:42
Period 2	8:44-9:14
Period 3	9:16-9:46
Period 4	9:48-10:19
Period 5	10:21-10:52
Period 7	10:54-11:25
Period 8	11:27-11:57
12:00-12:30 Distribution of Diplomas	
Senior Brunch	

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the continuation of the cooperative sports program between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Waldwick Board of Education for the Football and Wrestling program for the

2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the change of placement for a high school special education student to attend the Benway School in Wayne, NJ, effective April 18, 2011 through June 23, 2011.
4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a high school regular education student on home instruction, effective retroactive from March 31, 2011 through April 15, 2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the high school Baseball Team to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA from May 7 – 8, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Amount	Location
Kathryn Piscitello	Winners – Best Children’s Books of 2010	April 27, 2011	\$179.00	Whippany, NJ
Craig Rush	Educator’s Update: Latest Issues and Laws Affecting Students and Schools	April 27, 2011	\$6.51	Garfield, NJ
Christina Gouraige	Effective Interventions for Behavioral and Social Challenges	April 29, 2011	\$148.50	Livingston, NJ
Brian DeCarlo Jason Doerr Edward McDonough	William Paterson University Football Coaches Clinic	April 29, 2011	\$81.00	Wayne, NJ
Patricia Sicree	Specific SLP Strategies to Use Within a RTI Model	May 6, 2011	\$199	Newark, NJ
Craig Rush	Anti-Bullying Specialist Training	May 13, 2011	\$78.72	Mahwah, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

The Curriculum Committee met tonight. The 2011-2012 School Calendar will be on the next Agenda.

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

Mr. Sullivan asked when do Board members have to sign in. Ms. Garvey responded when school is in session.

Mr. Canellas asked is there a pass for visitors? Ms. Garvey said that this is done at the high school. Ms. Garvey will investigate and make sure that this procedure is done at the elementary schools.

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

Approve the first reading of the following new/revised bylaws, policies and regulations, as per the attached appendices:

Board Members and Term – Receiving District	Bylaws Section 0141.2	<u>PB-1</u>
Board Member Authority (support material attached)	Bylaws Section 0146	<u>PB-2</u>
Annual Appointments	Bylaws Section 0153	<u>PB-3</u>
Duties of Board President and Vice President	Bylaws Section 0171	<u>PB-4</u>
Duties of Public School Accountant	Bylaws Section 0173	<u>PB-5</u>
Item tabled for this meeting		<u>PB-6</u>
Certification of Tenure Charges	Policy & Regulations Section 3144	<u>PB-7</u>
Support Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities	Policy Section 4159	<u>PB-8</u>
Public Records	Policy & Regulations Section 8310	<u>PB-9</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The following items were reported on:

Repaired leaking mud legs and T. on the rear of boiler #1 at Highland.

Replaced 2 flushometers at Godwin in the 1st and 2nd floor boys' room.

Repaired roof leaks in special services, main office, and trainers room at the high school.

Installed an oversized shelf in the main office to accommodate a new security DVR deck.

Installed 2 used 4" light fixtures in boiler room and repaired an existing fixture.

The baseball and softball fields were prepped for the spring season.

Repaired band room wall at Highland.

Ms. Criscenzo asked when the sprinklers would be turned on. Ms. Garvey will look into this item and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Canellas asked about speed bumps at the high school. Ms. Garvey will look into and report back at the next meeting.

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

No Report.

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

The committee is looking to schedule a date.

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

Ms. Garvey updated the Board on the status of the Chalk Board Budget addition and thanked Mr. Formicola for all of his hard work.

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 is April 15, 2011. 5:00 – 6:00

The newsletter will be a reminder to get out and vote.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

Cultural Awareness Week

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Baseball game at Yogi Berra Stadium is scheduled for Saturday night.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The Magicals are performing this week – check website.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Blue Jean Ball was quite successful.

We will include on our mailing information the message to Get Out & Vote.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

These items were discussed:

Summer Camp options / Director

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

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

All concerns have been solved through the Principal.

Mr. Sullivan asked how do you think the students feel about the food service?

Ms. Dravis – Stark answered she believes they are happy and offered to poll the students.

N. Old Business

Mr. Canellas stated that at the Board Goals meeting the Board talked about restructuring how business is conducted and restructuring the Public Meeting. He asked if this had been discussed or considered further. Mr. Schiffer answered that it had not been discussed and invited Board members to share their thoughts on committees and meeting structure.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 26, 2011, for the purpose of reviewing personnel items on the Agenda and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

No business was brought to the Board from the Public.

Motion –Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary