

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

**WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY
April 3, 2012**

8:00 P.M.

**AUGUST C. DePREKER MEDIA CENTER,
HIGHLAND SCHOOL**

Flag Salute: Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Robert Schiffer, Board President at 8:00 p.m. and the following statement was Read:

Board Statement:

"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 inside the office of the Midland Park Board of Education in a place reserved for such announcements. The Board announces that under its long-standing policy, it will not discuss in public any comments made by members of the public concerning individual staff members."

Roll Call:

James Canellas
Brian McCourt
Maryalice Thomas

Robert Schiffer

Richard Formicola
Raymond Moraski
Timothy Thomas

Excused: Sandra Criscenzo
William Sullivan

Others Present:

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

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS *Mr. Robert Schiffer*

Midland Park Public School District 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.

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

To reschedule the April 17th Midland Park Board of Education public meeting to April 24. The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct regular school business as well as to convene its Annual Reorganization Meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda

No business was brought before the Board.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on April 24, 2012.

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

- 1 Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .
Approve the appointments of Michael Koeller and William Williams as part-time Bus Aides. They will each be paid at the approved rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective April 4, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Finance- Sullivan, Chairperson)

A meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

C. Curriculum

The Curriculum held a meeting tonight and they will be sending minutes of the meeting when prepared.

D. Policy Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

E. Legislative Committee- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

NJ Department of Education announced surprise classroom visitation as part of the new teacher evaluation process.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

G. Negotiations Committee- (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

No Report.

H. Public Relations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

Mr. Canellas asked if we are sending a newsletter out on the Budget.

Ms. Garvey replied that Budget information will be on-line.

Mr. Canellas asked that copies of the Budget highlights be put in public places (such as the Library).

I. Personnel Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

There was a meeting tonight to discuss items on the agenda for April 24th 2012.

J. Liaison Committee- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

High School PTA & Elementary School PTA

Dr. Cirasella and the building principals held a meeting on Monday morning to discuss and review the Budget.

Booster Club

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents

High School production of the Drowsy Chaperone

Special Education

No Report.

Education Foundation

The Blue Jean Ball was quite successful raising \$21,000.

Board of Recreation

Baseball parade date on 4/21-Honoring Chief Casson
Magic Show on the 24th.

Continuing Education Program

No Report.

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

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schiffer stated it was explained at the Public Hearing that the new Borough assessment was not used because we would not be able to accurately compare the 2011-2012 Tax Levy to the projected 2012-2013 Tax Levy with two different assessment figures. Ms. Garvey added that the Budget software that the schools are required to use is preloaded with tax calculation data which was also populated with the last assessment numbers for accurate comparison.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 24th, 2012 to discuss personnel items and confidential student related issues.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public-

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to address the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Garvey
Business Administrator/Board Secretary