

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

**WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2011**

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. an 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
Richard Formicola
Maryalice Thomas
William Sullivan

Sandra Criscenzo
Raymond Moraski
Timothy Thomas

Robert Schiffer

Excused: Brian McCourt

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.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Dr. Cirasella commented on the following items:
EVVRS and HIB will be added to the next agenda
Our website is being upgraded
The 1st Quarter Honor Roll has been posted
Winter concert at Highland

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the December 20, 2011 Agenda and the following questions were asked:

- B1. Discussed Audit recommendations and the Board has questions for the Auditor on the 3rd recommendation which they will ask when the Auditor comes for his presentation.

- B10. Mr. Thomas stated that there could be a possible overlap in February –Ms. Garvey commented that she will watch the schedules to ensure that there are no conflicts.

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

- 1. Approve the appointment of Joseph Carretta as the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor. He will be paid a salary of \$88,000, as per his employment contract, prorated effective on or about February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 2. Approve the appointment of Jill Klaasen as an elementary school special education teacher in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$49,291 (MA Step 6 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective on or before February 6, 2012 (support material attached).

- 3. Approve Denise Connelly as a 1-1 Aide to accompany a high school special education student to the rehearsal and performance of the Choral Concert on December 12 and 15, 2011. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$20.00 per hour for approximately 3 hours.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 1. Approve the payment for the educational component for a high school student placed in an out of state facility. The fee is \$500 per month, effective retroactive from November 22, 2011 through January 22, 2012.

2. Approve the submission of the NCLB FY2012 Grant Application, as follows:

Title I Part A	\$13,198
Title II Part A	\$34,721

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies, as per the attached appendices:

Athletic Competition	Policy Section 2431	<u>PB-1</u>
Eligibility of Home Schooled Pupils for Participation In Athletic Competition	Policy Section 2431.1	<u>PB-2</u>

Mr. Schiffer thanked those who attended the November 29th Special Meeting in order to fast track these policies so that students could participate in Winter sports.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Finance- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

The tentative Budget Calendar was distributed.

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

No Report.

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

Ms. Garvey updated the Board the status of the roof replacement at the high school.

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

There will be action items on the next agenda.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

High School PTA

Market Day Orders are due on Saturday.

Elementary School PTA

No Report.

Booster Club

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents

No Report.

Special Education

No Report.

Education Foundation

No Report.

Board of Recreation

No Report.

Continuing Education Program

No Report.

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

We will be discussing some student ideas with Mr. Capuano and Dr. Cirasella.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Formicola wanted to know if anyone has looked into reinstating the 7th and 8th grade sports program. Dr. Cirasella responded that this matter should be discussed during the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Formicola asked if anyone is addressing the backstop on the field. Ms. Garvey replied that the damage was caused by the October storm. We have contacted the insurance company and are waiting for pricing to forge ahead with the repair. Mr. Formicola also reminded us that the benches need to be installed. In addition, Mr. Formicola asked that there be recognition of the trainer for extra work that he is doing at events.

Open To The Public

Mr. Raymond Borzone thanked the Board for their efforts and asked if we are the first school board that has developed this policy and would other school districts be able to use this policy. Mr. Schiffer commented that NJSB & Strauss Esmay will be the vehicle to develop policies for the other districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded Dr. Thomas . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Garvey
Business Administrator/Board Secretary