

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 28, 2012

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 2011 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. 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

Present:	James Canellas Richard Formicola William Sullivan Timothy Thomas	Sandra Criscenzo Brian McCourt Maryalice Thomas Robert Schiffer
Excused:	Raymond Moraski	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

January 3, 2012

January 17, 2012

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Schiffer commented that a letter was received from Ms. De Luca, Gold Award advisor, announcing that Christina Thomson will be awarded the Girls Scout Gold Award.

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'S REPORT

- *Read Across America* week

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2011-2012 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)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a paid child care leave for Jacqueline Goodell, Social Studies teacher at the high school, effective April 16, 2012 through May 11, 2012; an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective May 14, 2012 through May 31, 2012 (support material attached).
2. Approve the following additions to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2011-2012 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Ilya Maslov	Musical – Assistant Director - Instrumental	\$517
	Ilya Maslov	Rehearsal Accompanist	\$769

3. Approve the list of Spring Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix: P-1
4. Approve the appointment of the following high school teachers for the HSPA Review Class, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, to be held at the high school (support material attached):

HSPA – Maureen Kelly	English
Ethan Grubman	Math

5. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

* Patricia Grover

+ (s) **Ian Zacharias**

*= NJ permanent certification

(s) = **County Substitute certification**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute workers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Richard Bennett Substitute Bus Driver

Karen Donohue Substitute Instructional Aide

Thomas Quinn Substitute Bus Driver

+ **Kazimierz Majewski Substitute Custodian**

+7. **Approve the termination of the Employment Agreement between Ron Standridge and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective March 8, 2012.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Approve the following block motion:

+ 8. **Approve Taryn Tabano, substitute teacher, as a maternity leave replacement for Caline Treger, .3 French teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid at the approved rate, effective retroactive from December 12, 2011 through March 16, 2012.**

+9. **Approve Andrew Cole, substitute teacher, as a maternity leave replacement for Jacqueline Goodell, Social Studies teacher at the high school. He will be paid at the approved rate, effective April 16, 2012 through May 31, 2012.**

+10. **Approve the appointment of Kazimierz Majewski as a part-time Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective February 29, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**

+11. **Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Spring 2012 semester of Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8) sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):**

Karli Damiano

Melissa Terpstra

+12. **Approve the appointment of the following alternate Aide for the Spring 2012 semester of Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8) sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program:**

Megan Reilly

- +13. **Approve the appointment of the following Aide for the Spring 2012 semester of Indoor Soccer (Grades 4-7) sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):**

Michael Formicola

- +14. **Approve the appointment of the following alternate Aide for the Spring 2012 semester of Indoor Soccer (Grades 4-7) sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program:**

Mark Kruis

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 January 31, 2012, 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 – Mr. McCourt . . .

2. Approve the **following block motion:**

a. Second January 2012 payroll in the amount of \$504,614.91.

+ **b. First February 2012 payroll in the amount of \$539,960.12.**

+ **c. Second February 2012 payroll in the amount of \$484,788.98.**

+ **d. Supplemental February 2012 payroll in the amount of \$2,108.36.**

3. Approve the January 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$262,400.75.

4. Approve the following block motion:

a. January 2012 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$110,257.75.

b. January 2012 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$35,460.80.

c. February 2012 claims in the amount of \$532,289.58.

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period January 1 – 31, 2012, which is attached as an appendix. F-1
6. Approve the increase in the 2011-2012 budget for the Midland Park Continuing Education program by \$70,000 to go into the following expense account:

Revenue Account #13-1990-003
Expenditure Account #13-602-100-511-03-70 - Transportation
7. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education *Medicaid Initiative*) Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2012-2013 school year, due to the fact that there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible classified students in the Midland Park School District (support material attached).
8. Approve the purchase of a COW for the high school – Contract #WSCAII A70262, FID #76-0011617 in the amount of \$21,964.79.
9. Approve the use and rental of the High School Football Field to Summer Heatt, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for La Crosse practices on Sundays, effective April 1, 5, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 and June 3, 10, 2012 (support material attached).
10. Approve the use and rental of the High School Football Field to Summer Heatt, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for La Crosse Summer Camp, effective Monday – Friday, July 9 – 13, August 6-10 and August 13-17, 2012 (support material attached).
11. Approve the use and rental of the High School Rear Practice Field to New York Giants Camps sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for a youth football camp Monday – Friday, July 16 – 20, 2012 (support material attached).
12. Approve the use and rental of the High School Lower Sunset Field to English Pro Soccer, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for a Soccer Camp Monday – Friday, July 23-27 and July 30 – August 3, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +13. **Approve the transfers between accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period January 1 – 31, 2012, which are attached as an appendix.** F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Approve the following block motion . . .

- +14. **Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Summer Heatt, for their Summer Camp 2012, held Monday through Friday, effective June 25 – August 10, 2012, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached).**

- +15. **Approve the Rutgers Summer Enrichment program at the high school, held on Mondays, effective July 23 – August 20, 2012, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached).**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +16. **Approve the establishment of financial pay-out limits for the following consultants for the 2011-2012 school year:**

a. Board Architect	\$30,000
b. Board Attorney/Bond Counsel	\$50,000
c. Board Auditor	\$25,000
d. Occupational/Physical Therapy	\$75,000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +17. **Authorize the Board Secretary to draw for candidate’s positions on the ballot at the Board of Education office at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012.**

The candidates are: Robert Schiffer, William Sullivan, Timothy Thomas, and Peter Triolo.

- +18. **Authorize the Board Secretary to request that the polls be opened from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 for the Annual School Election, and to request that the appropriate number of voting machines be provided by the County Superintendent of Elections.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas questioned what is the cost of the election. Ms. Garvey replied approximately \$10,000.00.

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

- +19. **BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a tentative school district budget for the 2012-2013 school year for submission to the voters of Midland Park, as follows:**

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$19,880,417	\$17,497,925
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 462,253	-0-
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 448,715</u>	<u>\$ 448,715</u>
TOTALS	\$20,791,385	\$17,946,640

Mr. Sullivan stated the following items:

State Aide figures were received on Thursday.

The Tentative budget is within the 2% cap. The overall tax implication is 1.94%.

The Public Hearing Date will be scheduled for March 27, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +20. **Approve the appointment of Matthew Barbieri as an ABA Home Therapist for an elementary school special education student. He will be paid at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for two hours per week, effective retroactive from February 8, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

Approve the following block motion:

- 1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
+Marie Cirasella	Teacher Evaluation System Seminar	Paramus, NJ	\$50.00	Feb. 28, 2012
Laura Rosini	Word and Excel Shortcuts	Midland Park, NJ	\$35.00	March 29, 2012
+Hayley Barton	AP Workshop - Studio Art	Robbinsville, NJ	\$242.94	March 3, 2012
Christine Carr	A Closer Look at the Year's 100 Best Books for Children, Pre K-6	Parsippany, NJ	\$195.12	April 27, 2012

Mr. Canellas questioned whether Studio Art is a new course. Dr. Thomas replied yes – it will Bring Art 4 to AP Status.

- 2. Approve the proposed overnight trip, for Brian DeCarlo, at the NJ State Wrestling Tournament from March 2 – 4, 2012 held in Atlantic City, NJ (support material attached).

Mr. Sullivan stated that we have 2 students going to Atlantic City.

- 3. Approve Music in the Park XV to be held on October 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded -

- +4. **Approve the proposed academic calendar for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix.**

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Roll Call: 4 (No) Canellas, McCourt, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Thomas)

4 (Yes) Criscenzo, Formicola, Sullivan, Schiffer)

The Board discussed the calendar – did not pass and it must go back to the committee for discussion.

Mr. Formicola asked that admin look into shared services with Waldwick for classes (electives)

Mr. Canellas suggested that we should look at all neighboring schools.

Mr. Sullivan commented that *virtual viewing* is also an option.

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

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

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies and regulations:

Recording Board Meetings (revised)	Bylaws Section 0168
Dating Violence at School (new)	Policy & Regulation Section 5519
Emergency Contracts (revised)	Policy Section 6424
Tuition Assistance (new)	Policy Section 6472
School Nutrition (revised)	Policy Section 8505
School Volunteers (revised)	Policy Section 9180
Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants (revised)	Policy Section 9181

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Unfunded HIB Mandated – Needs to be funded by the end of March and still not clear what is going to actually happen.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

The following items have been addressed:

High School

Show cases in the main hallways were re-built and shelving installed with new lighting where it was needed.

Cafeteria room 50 was painted.

Corridor walls were painted.

Pump repaired in the boiler room.

New expansion tank installed in the boiler(do to a leak).

Roof leak was repaired over room 22.

Shelving installed in Cart room.

Ceiling tiles replaced where needed.

Drop ceiling installed in conference room.

Locks repaired in the girls locker room.
Repaired leak on the 2nd cold water line and installed new valve.
Rooms were washed over the break and the halls were washed, waxed, and buffed over the break.

Highland School

Prep work performed for smart board/installed electric
Repaired roof leak over corridor 100 square feet.
Repaired stone wall in front of gym.
Re-wired key pad for back door.
Replaced pressure-trol on boiler.
Replaced burner motor
Faucet replaced in boys room.
Stripped and waxed cafeteria and music room over the break
Washed rooms and waxed halls.

Godwin School

New hot water heater installed (due to a leak in the old one)
Prep work performed for smart boards /lcd platforms and electrical outlets
Faucets replaced in bathrooms where needed.
Circuit breaker replaced for cafeteria lighting.
Halls were washed & waxed over the break and the rooms were washed.

Outside contractors completed the following:

Fire alarm inspections were performed in all three buildings
Kitchen hoods and duct work were cleaned in all three buildings
Kitchen suppression systems were inspected in all three buildings.

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

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

- + **Approve the Employment Contract Between the Midland Park Administrators and Supervisors Association and the Board of Education, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, which is attached as an appendix.**

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Roll Call: All Yes

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 was collected February 17, 2012.
Awareness Week is scheduled for March 26-March 30, 2012.
The theme is “Vision & Perspective”.

Elementary School PTA

No Report.

Booster Club

Boys’ basketball won the first state game. They will play on Wednesday at Cedar Grove.
Girls’ basketball won the first game played against Wood Ridge.

Wrestling

Paul Lowry and Danny Tyson made it to Atlantic City to compete. They will wrestle on Thursday.
Brian Bandstra did well in the District’s competition.

Track Steven Felice won state sectional for pole vault—came in 2nd in Group One Championships—came in 11th in Meet of Champions.
13 feet poll vaulted tied the school record.

Boys sprint medley(new indoor school record) Steve Felice, Kyle Cairns, Harrison DeNight, Tyler McInnon. Kyle Cairns came in 6th in the 3200 meter race(State Sectional) Lisa Carl came in 2nd in 55 meter hurdles (State Sectional) Lisa Carl set a new indoor record for 400 meter race

Performing Arts Parents

Performances for the High School Musical “The Drowsy Chaperone:” are:
Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, at 3:00 pm.
Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning March 1 and are \$15.00 each.

Special Education

No Report.

Education Foundation

The Blue Jean Ball is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Board of Recreation

There are two open seats available.

Continuing Education Program

Spring session is starting and registration is great – numbers are up. The department is short-handed but they are doing a fine job –keeping up with the work.

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

Thank you to Dr. Cirasella and Mr. Capuano for the excitement and the feedback on Superintendent's Honor Roll.

K. Old Business

At this time, nothing was discussed.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 6, 2012, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

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. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary