

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

**WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY
February 7, 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. 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
Raymond Moraski
Timothy Thomas

Sandra Criscenzo
Brian McCourt
Maryalice Thomas
William Sullivan

Robert Schiffer

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 stated that the NHS began collecting jeans for *Jeans for Teens Campaign*- bring your donations to the high school for support.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Ms. Stacy Garvey*

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

No one had any comments.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on February 28, 2012.

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Approve the placement of Holly Botcho as a student teacher in Therese Mallon’s Science classes, effective retroactive from January 20, 2012 through June 1, 2012.
2. Approve the placement of the following Nursing students to shadow Karen Corcoran, Certified School Nurse at the high school, on the following days:

David Schnabel, Shannon Vitale	Feb. 14, 2012
Ashley Dembeck, Clare Benninghodd	Feb. 21; March 6, 27; April 3, 2012
Shauna Genatt, Christine Klein	April 10, 17, 24, 2012
3. Rescind Motion A-7 of the January 17, 2012 Board Agenda appointing Marilyn Utz as a Bus Aide, effective February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.
4. Approve the appointment of Laura Vierheilg as a Bus Aide. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$13 per hour, effective February 8, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

Approve the resolution for the refunding of school bonds of the Board of Education of the Borough of Midland Park in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey and providing for the sale and the delivery of such bonds, which is attached as an appendix.

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Discussion ensued on refinancing of the school bonds and this will save approximately \$175, 000 on the repayment of the bond for taxpayers over the next 12 years.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school special education student in the Sage Day School, Rochelle Park, NJ, effective retroactive from January 25, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one high school special education student in The Regional Day School, Jackson, NJ, effective retroactive from January 25, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

The Curriculum committee met tonight. The Board will be receiving the 2012-2013 calendar in the next packet.

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report.

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

NJ Council of Local Mandates – HIB Law unconstitutional because it is unfunded. Changes will be coming forward.

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

No Report.

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

Scheduled for the next Agenda there will be an Administrator's contract put forth for Board approval.

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

No Report.

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

None

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

High School PTA

Market Day orders are due.

Elementary School PTA

Testing Presentation

Booster Club

The following items were discussed/commented on:

Beef Steak dinner held on January 28th was a big success. Initial estimates are that \$6,500 to \$7,000 was raised.

Pack the House Nights – January 20

Wrestling, January 24

Boys Basketball, January 26

Girls Basketball – all successful. We will propose to host another Pack the House for a State Playoff Game for Girls Basketball.

Hall of Fame Committee held their second meeting February 6th.

Banner Sale – Timothy and Jake Thomas are still selling the old banners. This effort so far has approximately raised \$1,000.00 for the Boosters.

Performing Arts Parents

No Report.

Special Education

No Report.

Education Foundation

The following events are scheduled/have occurred:

The Blue Jean Ball is 3/10

The New Jersey Education Foundation Partnerships monthly meeting in January. The forum brings together Education Foundation leaders from various districts.

Board of Recreation

The following items were discussed:

Two positions opening

Reviewing & updating Bylaws of all sports with the intent to make them more unified/consistent.

Continuing Education Program

Fall semester was a big success.

Spring registration is going smoothly.

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

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed moving the School Board election to November. A vote was cast on the subject.
Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To move the School Board Election from April to November

Roll Call: 2 Yes (Mr. Canellas, Mr. Thomas)

7 No (Ms. Criscenzo, Mr. Formicola, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Moraski, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Schiffer)

Mr. Moraski will be submitting his letter of resignation to the Board. He announced that it has been his honor to serve on the Board and believes that the district is headed in the right direction. Mr. Moraski added that it was time to give someone else the opportunity to sit on the Board.

Mr. Schiffer thanked Mr. Moraski for the time that he served as a member and stated that it was his honor to have been a fellow Board Member during Mr. Moraski's tenure on the Board.

Mr. McCourt discussed a paperless Board packet. Mr. Schiffer responded that topic should be discussed by the Policy Committee.

Open to the Public-

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Nancy Moore asked about the Basketball Association's use of the facilities. Mr. Schiffer stated that she would have to address her questions with the Association. The district only opens the facilities for use. We do not have any involvement on the scheduling of the teams or how the times given are utilized.

Ms. Moore also asked about the reinstatement of middle school sports. Mr. Schiffer responded that the topic is being discussed as part of the budget process.

Ms. Beth Szydluk asked about the budgeting process. Mr. Schiffer said that the process began already and that there will be a Public Hearing at the end of March.

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

To adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Garvey
Business Administrator/Board Secretary