

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 17, 2012

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by William Sullivan, 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 2012 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	Sandra Criscenzo
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Robert Schiffer	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas

William Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded –Mr. Schiffer . . .

To recess back into closed session to finish discussion on student HIB issue.

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board adjourned and returned back to the Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

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BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

June 5, 2012

Roll Call: All Yes

June 19, 2012

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Formicola, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, T. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)

1 Abstain (McCourt)

June 26, 2012

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, T. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)

3 Abstain (Canellas, Formicola, McCourt)

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 the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

Mr. Sullivan reported that there needs to be a revision of dates for Board of Education meetings in 2012-2013. The two meetings scheduled in February and April need to be moved due to the fact that both of these meetings are during vacation periods. .

Motion- Schiffer, seconded- Criscenzo.....

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the rescheduling of the February 19, 2013 Board meeting to February 26, 2013 and the April 2, 2013 Board meeting to April 9, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Approve the following resolutions:

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

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0518319 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0529321 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

- c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0607322 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Formicola, Canellas, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, T. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
 1 Abstain (McCourt)

- Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .
- d. In the matter of the HIB Appeal in Case No. 0521320, involving two (2) students that the Board hereby affirms the discipline imposed but reverses the determination that the offending conduct constituted Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying under the Board's policy.

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Formicola, Canellas, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, T. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
 1 Abstain (McCourt)

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2012-2013 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)

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 1. Approve the appointment of Eileen Ietto as a speech instructor for one elementary school special education student during the 2012 Extended School Year Program. She will work 45 minutes per week for 4 weeks and will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.

2. Approve the attendance of the following teachers at IEP meetings during the months of July and August 2012. They will work on an as needed basis and will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:

Nancy DeRitter
Jason Doerr

3. Approve the summer hours for the following certified school nurses to review student records to ensure that required immunizations are complete prior to the start of school. They will each work for one day and will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:

Karen Corcoran
Carol Maye

4. Approve the summer hours for Anne Parke, Health Aide in the Godwin School, to review student records to ensure that required immunizations are complete prior to the start of school. She will be paid at her approved hourly rate.

5. Approve the employment contracts for the following individual staff members for the 2012-2013 school year, which are attached as appendices:

a.	Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent	<u>P-1</u>
c.	Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator	<u>P-2</u>
d.	Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	<u>P-3</u>
e.	Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds	<u>P-4</u>
f.	Computer Technician	<u>P-5</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the appointment of Matthew Murphy as the Elementary Principal for the Godwin School. He will be paid a prorated salary of \$95,000, with a start date of August 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, T. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan
1 Abstain (Canellas)

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the appointment of Constantine Eliopoulos as a Social Studies teacher at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$43,250 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
8. Approve the appointment of Jenni Harmon as a Special Education teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$43,250 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
9. Approve the appointment of Mary Simmons as a 6th grade highly qualified social studies teacher

in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$43,600 (BA Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

10. Approve the increase in position for Emily Walker, math teacher at the high school, from a .4 position to full time. She will be paid a salary of \$43,550 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

11. Approve the stipends in the amount of \$500 for each of the following HIB positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

Craig Rush	Anti Bullying Coordinator for the District
Stacie Millman	Anti Bullying Specialist Grades 10-12
Tara Tashjian	Anti Bullying Specialist Grades 7-9
Kelly Scala	Elementary School Anti Bullying Specialist

12. Approve the appointment of the following teachers as ELL (English Language Learners) Instructors for the 2012-2013 school year. They will be paid as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA contract:

Jason Gangi
Patricia Homsany

Roll Call: All Yes

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

13a. Approve the list of additional fall coaches at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year which is attached as an appendix (support material attached).

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Roll Call: All yes

13b. Approve the list of additional winter coaches at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached).

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Roll Call: 7 Yes (Canellas, Formicola, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, T. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo,
2 No (McCourt, Triolo)

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

AS-1. Accept the resignation of Anne Smolen as a substitute teacher maternity leave replacement for Stefanie Greenberg, elementary school teacher for the 2012-2013 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-2. Approve the appointment of Loreto Angulo-Pizarro as a choral music teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid a salary of \$43,550 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

1. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. June 2012 supplemental claims in the amount of \$404,281.75.
 - b. June 2012 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$123,622.96.
 - c. June 2012 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$28,528.25.
 - d. July 2012 claims in the amount of \$187,209.89.
2. Approve the June 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$855,755.30.
3. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. June 2012 second payroll in the amount of \$517,363.28.
 - b. First July 2012 payroll in the amount of \$109,068.63.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

4. To approve the following block motion:
Approve the Ed Data Services Vendors for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix. F-1
5. Approve the renewal of the Student Accident Insurance Policy through Bollinger, Inc. for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$20,950 (-0% increase), effective August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013 (support material attached).
6. Accept the funds from the Department of Education to support implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act in the amount of \$1,345 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the carry over funds for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant for the 2011-2012 school year, as follows:

Title IA	-	\$ 8,847.00
Title IIA	-	\$11,486.00
Title IID	-	\$ 22.00

8. Approve the disposal of outdated computer equipment and for this equipment to be removed by

Sycamore International, Inc., at a revenue rate of \$1,885, as per the attached appendix. F-2

9. Approve the resolution for the Forum School Lunch Program, which is attached as an appendix. F-3

10. Approve an emergent partial roof replacement project at the Midland Park High School. Funding for this project will be withdrawn from the Board's Capital Reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(h)3.

11. Approve the following resolution regarding the Partial Roof Replacement Bid, which is attached as an appendix. F-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Teresa Wecht	Writing Program Institute	New Brunswick, NJ	\$577.02	Aug. 6-7, 2012
Craig Rush, Kelly Scala	NJ Statewide Bullying Prevention Training	Princeton, NJ	\$415.82	Sept. 20, 2012

2. Approve the membership resolution in the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2012-2013 school year (support material attached).

3. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Fall 2012 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

S-3. Approve the date of August 6, 2012 for fall sports to begin, in order to comply with the new State mandated heat acclimatization period for athletes.

Mr. McCourt asked if the athletes would be in jeopardy if they do not attend because previous plans were made for that week because of such short notice.

Dr. Cirasella replied that this date is mandated from the State.

Mr. Galasso commented that Waldwick has already printed a football schedule in order to accommodate for this change of date. However, most sports will stick to the 15th.

Mr. Schiffer asked that if the due date for physicals is August 13th will the athletes now have to have their physicals in earlier.

Dr. Cirasella commented that we just received this State mandate yesterday –we will address all of these issues starting tomorrow.

- S-4. Approve the proposed overnight summer football camp at Timberlake West in Roscoe, NY from August 18 – 22, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

Approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

Right of Privacy – Teaching Staff Members Policy Section 3324

Anticipated Disability Policy Section 3435

Right of Privacy – Support Staff Members Policy Section 4324

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

Use of Facilities Policy Section 7510

Mr. Canellas asked if the committee has discussed consequences of having unauthorized use of the facilities.

Mr. Thomas commented that the committee did discuss this issue but decided to leave as written.

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
1 No (Canellas)

- E. Legislative Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

Committee has been in discussion on building improvements. They asked Dr. Cirasella to review information from the Architect’s report. The Board discussed information that was presented.

Mr. Sullivan asked that the information be reviewed by the Finance Committee for the tax impact and a proposal be brought to full Board for vote at the next meeting. The Board should e-mail its concerns to our Board President.

- G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (P.Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

It was reported that the plaques are in for the baseball team.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (H. DeKnight)

No Report.

K. Old Business

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of August 21, 2012, for the purpose of discussing hiring of new staff members and MPEA association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Ester Vierheilig asked if the Facilities Study was going to be discussed by the Board through email. Mr. Sullivan replied no, he asked that the Board forward questions to the finance committee by email, which will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded- Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary