

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
March 20, 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	Sandra Criscenzo
	Brian McCourt	Raymond Moraski
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	Robert Schiffer

Excused: Richard Formicola

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

February 7, 2012  
Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .  
February 28, 2012

Roll Call: All Yes

## 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.**

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella commented on a few items:

Drowsy Chaperone will be performed this weekend.

I would like to wish The Holocaust Study Team a safe, happy and productive trip. The group will leave on Saturday and will blog on a daily basis.

### Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No one wished to discuss any of these items.

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)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a sixth period assignment for Sheila Steinberg, French teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$2,242.50, prorated effective February 13, 2012 through June 30, 2012.
2. Approve the extension of an unpaid child care leave for Jamie Scura for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Approve the appointment of the following teachers for curriculum revision. They will be paid at the rate of \$500 each, as per Schedule D of the MPEA Agreement:

Nancy DeRitter	High School Forensics
Lori Menken	High School Physics
Steven Ferro	Science – Grade 6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- + (s) **Robert Dank**
- + (s) **Edward Coughlin**  
(s) Allison Hughes
- + (s) **Kathleen Kellogg**
- + (s) **Anne Smolen**  
(s) Brittany Vander Wiele  
(s) Tim Vorderstrasse

(s) = County Substitute certificate

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +5. **Accept the resignation of Melissa Milbank as a Bus Aide, effective retroactive to March 16, 2012.**
- +6. **Accept the resignation of Andrew Tucci as a Bus Aide, effective March 30, 2012.**
- +7. **Approve the appointment of Daniel Pouch as a full-time 1-1 Instructional Aide in the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$24,233.00 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated effective March 21, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**
- +8. **Approve the transfer of Juan Rodriguez, full-time night Custodian at Godwin School to full-time night Custodian at Highland School, effective March 21, 2012 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).**
- +9. **Approve the appointment of Frank Gabriele as a full-time night Custodian at Godwin School. He will be paid a salary of \$27,871 (Step 3 of the Custodial/Maintenance salary guide, including Night Custodian stipend), prorated effective April 2, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**
- +10. **Approve the following additions to the list of substitute workers for the 2011-2012 school year:**

<b>Winston Freckleton</b>	<b>Substitute Custodian</b>
<b>Kathleen Kellogg</b>	<b>Substitute Secretary and Substitute Instructional Aide</b>
<b>Robert Martins</b>	<b>Substitute Custodian</b>

- +11. **Approve the appointment of the following alternate Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education Spring 2012 semester of Indoor Soccer (Grades 4-7) (support material attached):**

**Julia Bos**

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 February 29, 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:

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

- a. February 2012 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$24,600.44.
- b. February 2012 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$43,551.34.
- c. March 2012 claims in the amount of \$242,903.71.

3. Approve the February 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$353,788.51.

4. Approve the first March 2012 payroll in the amount of \$538,601.30.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period February 1 – 29, 2012, which are attached as an appendix. F-1
- +6. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period February 1 – 29, 2012, which is attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +7. **Approve a Transition Program for the 2011-2012 school year (March through June 8, 2012), provided by Bergen County Special Services/Educational Enterprises at a cost of \$6,270.00 (support material attached).**

Mr. Canellas asked for additional information on the program. Dr. Cirasella and Ms. Garvey explained the program further to the Board’s satisfaction.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Marching Band to Syracuse, NY from October 26 – 29, 2012 (support material attached).

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

- +2. **Approve the proposed Academic Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix.** C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +3. **Revise Motion C-2 of the March 6, 2012 Agenda to reflect the end date for the placement of one high school regular education student on home instruction as April 6, 2012.**

- +4. **Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips, which are included in the Pre Summer 2011 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).**

A meeting was scheduled earlier tonight. Minutes will follow.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Meeting tonight –There are 3 policies with 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next meeting.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

There is a scheduled meeting with the Principal on March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Elementary School PTA

No Report.

Booster Club

Executive Committee Meeting was held last Wednesday and they will include a Wall of Fame Committee

Performing Arts Parents

*The Drowsy Chaperone* will be performed on Friday, March 23, at 7:30, Saturday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 and the final performance on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Special Education

No Report.

Education Foundation

The Blue Jean Ball was quite successful and a lot of fun.

Board of Recreation

There has been an extension of hours from 1:00-4:00.

Continuing Education Program

No Report.

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

No Report.

K. Old Business

There weren't any old items to discuss at this time.

L. New Business

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 3, 2012, for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Beth Szydlik has a student in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Highland and she commented that there was a lot of energy in the discussion with the High School Principal and the Director of Curriculum.

Ms. Szydlik would like to know if there is commitment from the Board to support the ideas that the Administration has conveyed to the parents.

Mr. Schiffer answered that you should come to the Public Hearing and you will see what had been budgeted for next year and that the Board is supporting Administrative ideas.

Ms. Szydlik asked if 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade World Language will be evaluated to see if there will be a language choice. We were told that French may not be offered.

Dr. Cirasella answered that there has not been any discussion of eliminating French as a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade World Language class.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary