

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

**WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY
March 6, 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. and 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 commented on the following items:

Thank you to the 5th and 6th grade parents who attended the *Getting- to-Know our High School event*.
One on One Book Initiative at Highland
The Blue Jean Ball is scheduled for March 10, 2012.

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 March 20, 2012.

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

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Edward Salvi as a substitute Athletic Director, effective March 7, 2012 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
2. Approve the transfers in location for the following night part-time Custodians, effective March 7, 2012 through June 30, 2012:

Chris Montanaro from the Highland School to the High School
Earle Barker from the High School to the Highland School

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one elementary school special education student in The Children’s Therapy Center Upper School, Midland Park, NJ, effective retroactive from February 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012.
2. Approve the placement of one high school regular education student on home instruction, effective March 7, 2012 through May 7, 2012.
3. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
John Schembari	EE4NJ	North Brunswick, NJ	\$65.50	March 8, 2012
Danielle Bache, Nick Capuano 2 teachers TBD	EE4NJ	North Brunswick, NJ	\$262.00	March 16, 2012
John Schembari	Teaching and Learning for the 21 st Century	New York, NY	\$375.00	March 16-17, 2012

4. Approve the submission of the Nursing Services Plan to the Department of Education, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

5. This item was tabled.

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- B. Finance- Sullivan, Chairperson)

The Finance Committee had a meeting tonight before the meeting began. They will meet again after to discuss the Budget.

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

The committee would like to meet March 20, 2012.

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

No Report.

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

Field improvement proposals from the Softball Association will be submitted for the next agenda, however, the Softball Association would like to be able to begin work a/s/a/p.

Mr. Moraski asked if there has been any discussion with the Borough on a Master Plan for the Borough fields.

Mr. Schiffer replied that he had not heard anything from the Borough and will look into it.

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

To accept donation from the Baseball and Softball Associations with regard to field improvements, pending approval of the Administration.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The new pictures that are on the website look really great.

Mr. Canellas asked should we respond to inaccurate information out in the Social Media.

Mr. Schiffer replied that our Board Attorney has advised not to respond to blogs or social media sites.

Mr. Canellas injected that maybe we could state accurate information on website.

Mr. Schiffer /Mr. Formicola suggested that if you engage in banter –it may create more of an issue. If there is an item that you feel needs to be addressed –pass it onto the Superintendent.

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

No Report.

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

High School PTA

Market Day Orders are due by March 17th, 2012.

PTA meeting is scheduled to include *Coffee with the Principal* on March 21st.

The PTA is seeking new and interested people to fill multiple openings on the PTA Executive Board and committees for the 2012-2013 school year. Please contact Sandi Abballe (saabelle@aol.com) or Michele Paglei (pagliei6@optonline.net), if interested.

2012 Awareness Week is scheduled from 3/26-3/30/2012.

The high school seniors will spend a day at “Dialog in the Dark”

The high school juniors will spend a day at The Bodies Exhibit in NYC.

Elementary School PTA

No Report.

Booster Club

The following items were discussed:

Hall of Fame Athletic Committee met –launching the first *Hall of Fame* ever in 2013.

Project initiated to reframe Athlete of the Week

Spring Fundraisers are scheduled.

A car wash and a tennis marathon are scheduled.

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. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 25, at 3:00 p.m.

Special Education

No Report.

Education Foundation

No Report.

Board of Recreation

The following items were discussed:

The first Annual Magic Show is scheduled for April 29, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at MPHS.

Rutgers Safety Classes – on 3/6 and 3/8/2012.
The Board of Recreation is still looking for 2 new board members.

Continuing Education Program

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (A. Dravis-Stark)
No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

At this time there aren't any additional matters to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

There isn't any old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion –Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .
To go into closed session before the 3/20/12 meeting and to conduct a Public Hearing on 3/27/2012
at 8:00 p.m. with a closed session at 7:30.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public-

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.
Mr. Peter Triolo asked about the decision on keeping the Board election in April and the
Borough response. Mr. Schiffer responded it was positive.
Mr. Triolo asked what reasons were given for the other towns to keep their election date in April or to
move their election date.
Mr. Schiffer responded that he was not sure. It was up to each individual district.
Mr. Thomas commented that Bill Sullivan explained it the best—wait to see how it works and we will
revisit the decision next year..

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .
To adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Garvey
Business Administrator/Board Secretary