

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
May 22, 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 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
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Robert Schiffer	
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas

William Sullivan

Excused: Peter Triolo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .
Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on
April 3, 2012

Roll Call:

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Dr. Thomas . . .
Approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 scheduled public meeting:

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.

Mr. Sullivan commented on the following items:

The CSA evaluation needs to be completed.

5/26/12 -Memorial Day Parade

5/30/12- Senior Awards

6/05/12 – Valedictorian Breakfast

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

P1. Approve the appointment of Harrison DeKnight as the Student Representative to the Board of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

Presentation to the Bergen County Teacher Recognition recipients: Barbara Makela, Eileen Brown, Jason Gangi and Leon Varjian

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Congratulations to all the Teachers who will be honored at a countywide luncheon to pay tribute to the Bergen County Teachers of the Year.

Presentation by Therese Seiders and Denise Connelly on the CBI program

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years 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 – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the tenured reappointment and salaries of all clerk/secretaries for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-1

2. Approve the non-tenured reappointment and salaries of all Instructional Aides for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-2

3. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured full-time custodial/maintenance personnel for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-3
4. Approve the non-aligned salary schedule for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-4
5. Approve the reappointment of all non-aligned staff for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-5
6. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

(s) Lisa Blumenfeld – substitute school nurse

* **Lisa McKearnin**

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

* = **NJ certification**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the following appointments as summer custodial/maintenance workers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 2, 2012 through August 31, 2012:

Michael Formicola

Patrick Hagerty

Geoff Hildebrandt

Ryan Kennedy

Scott Menken

Ethan Monroe

Scott Polhemus

Molly Prentzel

Ben Ryan

Andrew Vassallo

Patrick Weaver

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

8. Approve the summer hours for Diane Rebholz, clerk/secretary for the Midland Park Continuing Education program, for up to 80 additional hours (support material attached).
9. Approve the summer hours for Jo Ann Francolino, bookkeeper for the Midland Park Continuing Education program, for up to 120 additional hours (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

10. **Approve the summer hours for the following secretaries, for up to 20 additional days each:**

**Carol Berninger, Godwin Secretary to the Principal
Michele Callesano, Highland Secretary to the Principal
Marie Pantina, High School Guidance Secretary
Barbara Rasmussen, High School Secretary to the Principal
Carol Weaver, High School Secretary to the Assistant Principal**

11. **Approve the summer hours for the following Guidance Counselors, for up to 12 additional hours each:**

**Stacie Millman
Tara Tashjian**

12. **Approve the summer hours for Carole Treta, Technology Coordinator, for up to 160 additional hours.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

13. **Approve the revised paid maternity leave for Stefanie Greenberg, elementary school teacher, effective May 4, 2012 through May 31, 2012; an unpaid child care leave, as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective June 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.**

14. **Approve the appointment of Denise Connelly as an Aide for two high school special education students for the following band events. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MEA contract:**

**May 22, 2012 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
May 24, 2012 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
May 26, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

15. **Accept the retirement resignation of Suzanne Swankie, Instructional Aide in the Highland School, effective June 30, 2012 (support material attached).**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

16. **Approve the Fall Coaching recommendations for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix.** A-6

17. **Approve the appointment of Edward Londono as a Learning Disability Teacher/Consultant for the district. He will be paid a salary of \$49,725 (MA Step 4 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.**

18. **Approve the staff appointments for the Extended School Year Program, effective July 2 - 27, 2012, which is attached as an appendix:** A-7

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of April 30, 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 April 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$264,666.27.

3. Approve the following block motion:

a. April 2012 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$21,910.26 .

b. April 2012 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$33,296.17.

c. May 2012 claims in the amount of \$220,312.85.

4. Approve the following block motion:

a. Second April 2012 payroll in the amount of \$487,002.90 .

b. First May 2012 payroll in the amount of \$532,597.92.

5. Approve the transfers between accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period April 1 – 30, 2012, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period April 1 – 30, 2012, which is attached as an appendix.

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7. Approve the list of Educational Data Services vendors for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix.

F-3

8. Approve Hon State Contract #A69933 for W.B. Mason Co.

9. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School gym to Summer Heatt, for a basketball tournament on Saturday, May 12 (support material attached).

10. Approve the purchase of Natural Gas Supply Service Contract through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) between the Midland Park Board of Education and Hess Corporation, effective June 2012 through May, 2014, which is attached as an appendix. F-4

11. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2012-2013 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

12. Approve the renewal of the Licensing and Maintenance Agreement between Educational Data Services and the Midland Park Board of Education (support material attached).

13. Approve the disposal of the district's Market Forge-Two Burner stove.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

14. **Approve the schedule of tax payment requests from the Borough of Midland Park for the 2012-2013 school year (support material attached).**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

15. **Approve the use and rental of two classrooms at the high school to Kaplan test center for their ACT preparation course, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 26 – September 4, 2012 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. (support material attached).**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

16. **Approve the purchase of the following items:**

2 HP Proliant DL36067 Servers	
State Contract # WSCA11 A70262	\$11,236.30
Workman MDX w/Snowplow Kit	\$15,125.00
Replacement Pick-Up Truck	\$32,000.00
2 Singleman Aerial Lifts	\$15,900.00

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the disposal of the following outdated elementary school reading textbooks:

<u>Grade level</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number of copies</u>
Grade 1	Hello	90
	Share	90
	Surprise	90
	Discover	90
Grade 2	Treasure	85
	Friends	85
Grade 3	Celebrate	100
Grade 3	Enjoy	100
Grade 4	Imagine	100
Grade 4	Children's Atlas'	50
Grade 5	L/A Today	100
Grade 5	Explore	11

2. Approve the Common Core Curriculum for following courses:

Algebra 1
Algebra 2
Geometry

3. Approval of the following Science curricula:

Science K-6
Middle School Science
High School Science

4. Approve the purchase of Math textbooks .

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. **Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school student on Bed Side Instruction, effective retroactive from May 11, 2012 through June 1, 2012.**
6. **Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the special education placements and transportation for the summer of 2012, which is attached as an appendix.**

C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

Residency Requirement for Person Holding School District Office, Employment or Position (new) Policy Section 1631

Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct (revised) Policy & Regulation Section 5600

Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools (revised) Policy & Regulation Section 9270

Mr. McCourt asked if we could have a first policy reading at a work session.

Dr. Cirasella responded yes if we have the committee meeting in a timely manner.

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

Two items were discussed:

State Board of Education – allowing advertising on school buses

Sun Shine Law

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

The following work has been completed:

Godwin School

Installed ceiling mount projectors room 1 and 10

Repaired drinking fountain second floor

Repaired hand rail

Re-secured cabinets to wall

Highland School

Installed bulletin board in the art room

Repaired Media Center a/c unit.

Repaired door on the shed

Repaired toilet second floor

Repaired fence

Community Forum at Highland School on 5/23/12.

MPHS

Installed new a/c unit in room 60

Installed new electric line for room 60

Removed tree by track (safety issue)

Assembled new bench for main entrance

Removed broken concrete and formed new concrete for the bench slab

Installed electric for labs in 19-B

Replaced faucet and shut off valves in art room

Repaired choral risers

Installed new electric outlets in computer lab 19-A

Excavated and poured new concrete slab for new bench in main entrance

Field preparation and grass cutting

Demolition on the bleachers at the high school will begin on May 29, 2012.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

The committee meeting was tonight and the notes will be forthcoming.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

New officers were inducted, as follows:

Mary Keenan-President

Sue Flynn - 1st Vice President (9-12)

Haylee Bell – 2nd Vice President (7-8)

Eric Fogelstrom – Treasurer

Merry Kennedy – Recording Secretary

Marianne Vannelli – Corresponding Secretary

Market Day pick-up is Friday, May 25th, 5:00-6:00 MPHS Cafeteria.

On Thursday, May 31st the High School PTA is hosting a *Prom Red Carpet* starting at 5:00 p.m. MPTV will film the event and will begin running it on channel 77 at 8:00 p.m.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Triolo)

Two items were mentioned, as follows:

The Art Venture Event

PTA Book exchange

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed:

The tennis court rental /car wash fund raiser

The boys and girls baseball/softball teams –both playing so well and competing at the County tournament level.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

A new slate of officers were elected.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Executive Board is the same as last year except for a new Treasurer.
The Foundation is already planning next year's Fund Raiser.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

Advised committee that there would be a new Board representative.

Student Representative to the Board – (Harrison DeKnight)

No Report.

K. Old Business

None

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 5, 2012, for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations of Business Administrator's contract and confidential student and association matters.

Open to the Public

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary