

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 15, 2011

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."

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

October 4, 2011 work session

October 18, 2011

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

The following items were commented on:

Girls Soccer and the Volleyball teams made it into the finals. Congratulations.

Passing of Matthew Sayles to establish a Scholarship fund. On behalf of the Board of Education, condolences have been sent to the family.

NJSIAA Policy on home schooled students to participate in after school activities allowing for creation of policy. Board will move as quickly as possible to generate and pass this policy.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

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 the additional hours for Lisa Dougherty as a 1-1 Aide for an elementary school special education student to take part in the after school Environmental Club. She will be paid at the approved rate, as per the Secretarial/Instructional Aide salary guide for forty minutes on both December 1 and December 15, 2011.
2. Accept the resignation of Robert Blanchard as the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, effective December 16, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +3. **Accept the retirement resignation of Joseph Passaro as a part-time Custodian at the high school, effective December 23, 2011 (support material attached).**
- +4. **Approve the appointment of Joann Manicone as the English (LAL) HSPA Tutoring/Enrichment teacher. She will be paid as per the MPEA contract, effective November 16, 2011 through June 30, 2012.**
- +5. **Approve the following additions to the list of Winter Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached):**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Matt Arroyo	Boys Head Basketball Coach	\$5,516
David Herman	Boys Assistant Basketball Coach	\$4,380
Matthew Kingsley	Boys Assistant Basketball Coach	\$4,380

- b. October 2011 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$49,396.59.
- c. November 2011 claims in the amount of \$434,222.72.
- 4. Approve the transfers between accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the month of October 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-1
- 5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period July 1 – 31, 2011, August 1 – 31, 2011, September 1 – 30, 2011 and October 1 – 31, 2011, which are attached as an appendix. F-2
- 6. Approve the Annual Contract for Non Public Nursing Services for the 2011-2012 school year with the Bergen County Health Department, at Eastern Christian Elementary School, which is attached as an appendix. F-3
- 7. Approve the use and rental of the high school gym to Summer Heatt, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for Goats AAU Basketball tournaments on Sundays beginning December 18, January 8, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 4, 11 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +8. **Approve the donation of \$5,490 from the MPHS Booster Club for the purchase of matting for the high school gym walls from Mancino Manufacturing, as per Board Policy Section 7230.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +9. **Approve the October 2011 direct pays in the amount of \$245,119.42.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Audit is complete and that we will be setting up a meeting with the committee.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Sarah Grimaldi	How to Use Proloquo 2 Go with Your iPod/iPad	Rochelle Park, NJ	\$100.00	Nov. 18, 2011
David Marks, Jeffrey Peters	The Midwest Clinic – An	Chicago, IL	\$874.80	Dec. 15 – 17, 2011

	International Band and Orchestra Conference			
+Jack Ferriday	All-Star Track & Field & Cross Country Clinic	Atlantic City, NJ	\$170.12	Dec. 16, 2011

2. Approve the following extended evening programs sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, beginning November 28, 2011 through February 2012 to be held in the high school and the Highland School gyms:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Basketball (Monday)	Bart Merola
Oil Painting (Tuesday)	Susan Marlett
Total Body Toning (Tuesday & Thursday)	Faith Grohman
Yoga, Intermediate (Tuesday)	Gloria Smiley
Pilates Plus (Wednesday)	Denise Swan
So You Think You Can Dance	Joanne Cannata
Zumba Fitness (Thursday)	Silvia Acosta
Bellydancing (Thursday)	Diane Schroller

- +3. **Accept the Board Goals for the 2011-2012 school year, which are attached as an appendix. C-1**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the first reading of the following new/revised policies, which are attached as an appendix:

Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts and Code of Ethics	Bylaws Section 0142	<u>PB-1</u>
Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries	Policy & Regulations Section 2431.4	<u>PB-2</u>
Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying	Policy Section 5512	<u>PB-3</u>

Mr. Sullivan asked if these policies are mandated.
Mr. McCourt replied yes.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

- S1. Approve the emergency partial roof replacement project at the high school. The work is to be done by Clifton & Clarke Roofing in the amount of \$68,500 and any additional services will be at the rate of \$18 per square foot.

Roll Call: All Yes

The following items were repaired/replaced/installed:

District plow trucks were serviced and performed flawlessly during the first snow storm.

Speed bumps removed from high school for the winter, will be replaced in the spring.

Heating motor replaced at the high school boiler room, burned out during storm/ power failure.

Combination heat/ac unit repaired in room 19 B at the high school.

Fire chambers rebuilt in both Highland boilers as per state boiler inspection violation (now corrected)

Check valves installed on all boilers as per state boiler inspection violation (now corrected).

Repaired ceiling hung heating unit in basement office at Highland.

Cut up limbs and branches downed during the storm.

Replaced lights in the Superintendent's office.

Installed thermostats in both roof top units at the Highland gym.

Prepped high school for monitoring.

Finished numbering all high school exits to be used for emergency identification.

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

The committee will be meeting 12/7/2011.

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

No Report.

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

This committee met tonight and notes will follow this week.

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

High School PTA

The PTA will host a guest speaker from Valley National Bank on November 16th. The speaker will discuss savings and debit card management for children and ways to help manage the use prior to leaving for college. The presentation will

start at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

The High School Directory is in.

The Directory Cover Contest was a big success. The front cover of the MPHS PTA Directory was the picture submitted by 9th grader, Jimmy Desbiens. The back cover of the Directory was drawn by 7th grader, Robert Biebrich. Both winners will receive their award and certificate at the MPHS PTA/PAPS/Boosters meeting on November 16th.

Market Day pick-up is Friday, November 18th.

Elementary School PTA

11/30 Holiday Workshop/ Crafts...replaces the annual Holiday Boutique. There won't be any Spring Book Sale.

Booster Club

Girls Soccer and Volleyball - Both teams have advanced to the State finals. Soccer lost a close game to Verona, 1-0. Volleyball came up short against powerful Bogota. They were both difficult losses but two successful seasons. Congratulations girls/Boosters, with support of Carole Treta, sent steady stream of e-blasts promoting all teams during October and November activity, especially these two. Thanks to Haylee Bell for coordinating e-blast to Mrs. Treta.

YMCA of Greater Bergen County – Dinner on November 22 honoring, among others, MPHS Student Athletes Mel Lewis and Kaleb Zuidema. Boosters have taken a Full Page ad in the Journal for that evening's event which is held at Mahwah Sheraton.

Local Fund Raising – Recent Rosario's Fund raiser on 11/8 raised \$380. Snack table sales at recent home events raised an additional \$242, for the Boosters. Thanks to Ms. Sandi Abballe and Ms. Kim LiPuma.

Initiatives & Projects – The Gym padding vendor has been chosen. We are looking for Board of Education approval to place the order. Information has been given to Ms. Garvey. The Boosters will pay \$5,500.of the cost of panels.

Membership - 90 memberships for the new season, and counting.

Banners – Old banner sales by Mr. Thomas and his son Jake are going well. To date he has raised \$800.00 for the Boosters.

Boosters are selling Panther Snuggies - \$30.00 each. This item would make a great Holiday Gift. One size fits all. Quantities will not last.

Booster's Meeting - The next meeting is Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:30 p.m. The Fall Athletic Award Night is Thursday, December 8th, 2011.

Performing Arts Parents

This year the Performing Arts Parents are selling Poinsettias, Christmas cactus, Norfolk Island Pine Tree, and Amaryllis are available. Orders have to be in by Monday, November 21st.

Education Foundation

No Report.

Military Bridge - A MPPEF Event scheduled for this Thursday, November 17th. Boosters will be donating a Gift Basket to help the Education Foundation raise money.

Board of Recreation

The following items were discussed:

The Annual Tree Lighting is 12/2

There is a Winter Coat Drive

7th & 8th Grade Football team is going to the Super Bowl.

Continuing Education Program

No Report.

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

No Report.

K. Old Business

No Report.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session after the Board meeting tonight and before the meeting of December 6, 2011, in order to discuss student issues, personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Maureen & Ray Borzone discussed Home School Students to participate in Athletics. The parents thanked the Board and Mr. Capuano for all their hard work. The parents then asked what about guidelines that will have to move forward. Dr. Cirasella answered that we have been advised by our Attorney that the Board needs to develop policy. The Borzone's questioned when it will be completed. The attorney will give us information and we will have a special meeting to expedite so we will be able to have a second reading at the December 6th meeting. Mrs. Borzone questioned if the guidelines state that ineligible students can practice. Dr. Cirasella stated we will have to review and get back to you.

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary