

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 20, 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
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Raymond Moraski	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on August 23, 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

Dr. Cirasella spoke about the High School Back To School Night

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)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the resignation of Matthew Sayles as a .4 Math teacher at the high school, effective September 16, 2011 (support material attached).
2. Accept the resignation of David DenHollander as a part-time Custodian in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to September 1, 2011.
3. Accept the retirement resignation of Paul Hoffmann as a Custodian in the Highland School, effective April 30, 2012 (support material attached).
4. Approve the appointment of June Chang as the Assistant Principal at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$89,000 prorated, effective on or before November 21, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
5. Approve the appointment of Nicholas Holmes as a Peer Coach for Math Grades 7-12 for the 2011-2012 school year. He will be paid a stipend of \$2,500.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the following additions to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2011-2012 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Andrew Anderson	Drama Director	\$1023
Andrew Anderson	Drama Producer	\$377

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the appointment of Jessica Lee, math teacher at the high school to provide HSPA Prep to specific students. She will be paid \$255, for the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

8. Approve the appointment of Eileen Horn, special education teacher in the high school, for the afterschool ELL program. She will work 5 hours per week at the approved rate of \$39.04 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.
9. Approve the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the elementary schools for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix. P-1
10. Approve the reappointment of Colleen Deyo as a Home Instructor for the 2011-2012 school year (previously on list).
11. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached):

s Alison Bryan (previously on list)
s Marissa Cannata (previously on list)
s Eduardo Fernandez (previously on list)
*Aimee Kass
*Julian Levine (previously on list)
s Robert MacPhee (previously on list)
s Lauren Rozema
s Raquel Tome' (previously on list)

s=County Substitute certificate

*=permanent NJ certificate

12. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached): PB-2
13. Approve the appointment of Suzanne Esposito as an assistant aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Accept the resignation of Jacqueline Cronin as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, effective September 16, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the appointment of Anna Parke as a Health Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$27.40 per hour, effective September 27, 2011 through June 20, 2012 (or the last day of school) (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-3. Approve the change in assignments for the following Custodians, effective October 19, 2011 through June 30, 2012:

Paul Hoffman from full-time day Custodian to full-time night Custodian at the Highland School.

Juan Rodriguez from full-time night Custodian at the Highland School to full-time night Custodian at Godwin School.

Joseph Naples from full-time day Custodian at Godwin School to full-time day Custodian at the Highland School.

Roll Call: All Yes

- B. Finance Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, 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 July 31, 2011, 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 resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of August 31, 2011, 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the September 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$368,568.04.
4. Approve the first September 2011 payroll in the amount of \$697,731.23.
5. Approve the transfers between accounts for the month of August 2011, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the use and rental of the high school gym and the Highland School gym to Summer Heatt, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for Goats AAU Basketball tournaments on November 25, 26 & 27 and December 26 (support material attached).
7. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School gym to English Pro Soccer, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for Winter Indoor Soccer on Sundays from January 8 - March 4, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

8. Approve the retroactive appointment of Franny Renshaw to provide school behavior consultation services for the 2011 Extended School Year, as follows:

Preschool Behavior Consultation: up to 2 hrs./wk. for 4 wks. @ \$100/hr. for a cost of \$800

Self-Contained Class Behavior Consultation: up to 2 hrs./wk. for 4 wks. @ \$100/hr. for a cost of \$800

High School Class Behavior Consultation: up to 2 hrs./wk. for 4 wks. @ \$100/hr. for a cost of \$800

9. Approve the appointment of Franny Renshaw to provide school behavior consultation services and the coordination/training for home programs for the 2011-2012 school year, as follows:

School Behavior Consultation: up to 50 hours/mo. @ \$100/hr. for a cost of \$50,000

Home Program Coordination and training: up to 14 hours/mo. @ \$100/hr. for a cost of \$14,000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Approve the Bloodborne Pathogen Program Professional Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the County of Bergen for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. Approve the tuition rate for out-of-district students to attend the Midland Park Public Schools for the 2011-2012 school year, as follows:

PS-K	\$ 9,348.00
Grades 1-5	\$12,260.00
Grades 6-8	\$11,905.00
Grades 9-12	\$13,446.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

12. Approve the annual contract between Bergen County Special Services School District and the Midland Park Public School District for the provision of educational services for non-public school students through I.D.E.A. funding in the amount of \$60,055.00 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer asked about the status of the Audit. Ms. Garvey replied that the Audit is complete and that the report is being completed. Mr. Sullivan and the Finance committee will meet with the Auditor first and then bring information to the full Board.

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

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Sheila Steinberg	French AP Workshop	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	\$180.00	Oct. 10, 2011
Marie Cirasella Stacy Garvey Sandra Criscenzo Richard Formicola Brian McCourt Raymond Moraski Robert Schiffer Maryalice Thomas William Sullivan	NJSBA Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,284.00 (see attached)	Oct. 24-26, 2011
Lawrence Schupner	Crossfit Movement and Mobility Trainer Course	Montclair, NJ	\$308.30	Nov. 6, 2011
Lisa McNerney	CFLE's 2011 National Sex Ed Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$193.60	Dec.9, 2011

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the appointment of Therese Seiders to the list of Affirmative Action Committee Members for the 2011-2012 school year

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

Approve the first reading of the following new/revised policies and regulations, as per the attached appendix:

Superintendent's Duties	Policy Section 1230 <u>PB-1</u>
School-Level Planning	Policy Section 1522 <u>PB-2</u>
Certification of Tenure Charges	Regulation Section 3144 <u>PB-3</u>
Use of Physical Restraint	Policy & Regulation Section 5561 <u>PB-4</u>
Tuition Income	Policy Section 6150 <u>PB-5</u>
Budget Preparation	Policy Section 6220 <u>PB-6</u>
Financial Reports	Policy Section 6820 <u>PB-7</u>
Employment of Substitute Teachers	Policy Section 3125.2 <u>PB-8</u>
Board Member Orientation and Training	Bylaws Section 0144 <u>PB-9</u>
Pupil Suicide Prevention	Policy Section 5350 <u>PB-10</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Governor's Task Force on Education Transformation- submitting report and looking at cutting back on some regulations. The group believes we should rate schools on Student Performance not on teacher/in-service hours. One recommendation of the Task Force is to opt out of NCLB. Districts that have always high performance are given some autonomy.

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

Mr. Canellas reported that the Buildings & Grounds Department toured the schools and Custodians/Maintenance Personnel did a great job of getting the buildings ready for opening day of school.

The following items were repaired/replaced/installed:

Replaced faucet and drain assembly in basement faculty bathroom at the Highland School.

Set up all soccer goals on all district fields

Removed large limb by ramp at Highland and repaired metal storage shed

Repaired roof top air conditioner at MPHS M-3

Installed thermostats on roof top air conditioner at Highland Library and band room packaged air conditioning units

New carpet installed in Highland ot/pt rooms

Air conditioner installed in room 6 at Highland

Removed deficient concrete benches at rear of high school. These will be replaced with 5 metal picnic benches similar to the ones in rear of h/s kitchen.

Repaired pole light on walkway at h/s

Repaired light in rear of Godwin parking lot

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

Met tonight – there will be a report at a forthcoming meeting.

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

Met tonight– there will be a report at a forthcoming meeting.

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

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

High School PTA

The following items were discussed:

Membership is \$12.00 per person

Fall Plant Sale Orders due 9/21

Market Day pick up is 9/23/11

General meeting scheduled for 9/21

Elementary School PTA

The meeting was well attended;

A full calendar of events are scheduled for Sept/October including:

Harvest Fest

Coffee Connection

Pumpkin Sale

Book Fair

Also, 4 room rep positions need to be filled as well as a few Chair positions

Booster Club

Membership is down. . . membership is discussing ideas such as recommending

all parents of athletes to be members. Fee is \$15.00 individual and \$25.00 for a family membership. The #1 priority is to replace gym padding. This will be a challenging feat to complete before the season because the Beefsteak Fundraiser isn't until January. Gym lights were expected to be in by now and the Booster Club is concerned that they weren't. Also, we are working on criteria for planned Hall of Fame. Old championship banners will be given to alumni and Mr. Thomas will be tracking down old athletes who won the banners..they will be gifted or sold. The Sports Journal has been delivered. The response has been great.

Performing Arts Parents

The membership fee is \$20.00 per family
Also, Music in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, 10/9/2011.

Special Education

This committee meets quarterly.

Education Foundation

The following items were reported/discussed:

Dr. Cirasella & Dr. Schembari addressed the Trustees on curriculum initiatives and programs as well as the use of the recent technology donations Classroom Grants (Fall) proposals due 9/16.

ATA Phase II – 14 Smart boards have been purchased and await Installation by district staff (4 High School, 6 Highland, 4 Godwin). We are hoping to meet the goal of 20 Smart boards,

Lord & Taylor Fundraiser is scheduled for 10/6 - \$5.00 per ticket

Military Bridge scheduled for 11/17

Barnes & Noble Night 12/12 entertainment pending

Carol Carlisle Reading Bench and pavers are to be installed 10/15

Board of Recreation

The following items were reported/discussed:

Summer Rec. Camp came in slightly under budget with more kids attending than last year (336 total)

Football, cheerleading and soccer are in full swing

Basketball will hold a Tuesday night clinic at the barn

Baseball officer elections were postponed due to a conflict created by the Football Pep Rally

Baseball is also trying to determine how to best advertise its Fall league without potentially harming football or soccer.

Community Day was once again a huge success.

Continuing Education Program

Fall registration is up from last year

Reviewing booklet process; may go to a local vendor to save money.

Looking into the combining or working out an agreement with MPBOR summer program with MPBOE summer program.

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

Dr. Cirasella met with the student rep and a couple of items were discussed:

a. condition of field

b. condition of bleachers

K. Old Business

Mr. Formicola questioned the In-school Suspension Policy – Dr. Cirasella replied that there is a plan in place and it will be used.

L. New Business

Mr. Formicola asked if we could look at putting site managers back. Many incidents that have occurred would not have taken place if the events had extra supervision.

Mr. Schiffer replied that we need to discuss during Budget time. In the meantime can we look at other options.

Mr. Formicola questioned can we expand on the electives being offered, it seems that classes are being filled up quickly.

Dr. Cirasella replied that we are looking into this idea again but it means additional staff – budget issue

Mr. Schiffer responded that this item can be discussed at a Curriculum committee meeting.

Mr. Formicola commented that he has another idea for 7th & 8th grade sports, Intramurals.

Mr. Schiffer responded that this again is a topic to discuss during budget season.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 4, 2011, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Sue Opderbeck expressed her concern for the placement of the trailer with regards to safety.

This trailer was purchased by the parents and is now being hidden –looking for it to be moved closer to the Marching Band doors and where it can be seen.

Mr. Schiffer responded that Ms. Garvey will explore and discuss this issue.

Ms. Sandy Peterson commented that she is very happy with the decision to make Mr. Capuano Principal of the high school. Also, the new parking lot and the sidewalk look great.

She further stated that she also had a concern about the safety and ease of use of the trailer.

Ms. Stephanie Coppola voiced a complaint about the outside lighting by the band room.
Ms. Garvey responded that she will discuss this with the maintenance department.

Ms. Ester Vierheilig commented that when we talk about pride –we should have an interest in the High School Band playing at the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Moraski commented that parents should be aware that going to administration to discuss school issues should be the first step. They will get faster results.

Motion - Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary