

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 6, 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

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.

Thank-you note from Ms. Bonnie Platter
The Board of Education will begin in October conducting Work Session/Action Meeting
Board Retreat with the Board Attorney

On September 10 there will be a tour for the Graduating Class of 1961 of the high school and Highland School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella commented on the following points:

Welcome Back to School

Successful Staff Development Days

HIB Consultant will be presenting to parents at Back to School nights

Painting of playgrounds by the Kindness Committee at Highland and Godwin --- thank you to all involved.

Hurricane Irene did not produce any major problems for the schools.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the resignation of Rachel Reboiro as the Reading Specialist in the elementary schools, effective October 26, 2011 or as soon as a suitable replacement is found (support material attached).
2. Accept the resignation of Amarillis Villanueva as the Health Aide in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to August 29, 2011 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of Kathleen Brunacki-Burnette as a Kindergarten teacher maternity leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$42,500 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
4. Approve the appointment of Teresa Wecht as the Option II Coordinator at the high school. She will be paid a stipend of \$1,416.55, effective retroactive from September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
5. Approve the following addition to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2011-2012 school year:

Add:	Kathryn Gordon	Take Action Co-Advisor	<u>Stipend</u> \$418.50
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6. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year (support material attached).

Marissa Cannata (previously on list)

(s) Jennifer DiPasquale

Tahany Elashmany (previously on list)

*Juliet McKinley

(s) Daniel Pouch

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

* = NJ certification

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the appointment of Brenda Jorgensen as a 1-1 Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$24,233.00 (Category V, Step 1 of the Secretarial/Instructional Aide salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).
8. Approve the appointment of Beth Kasbarian as a Building Aide at the Godwin School. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 6, 2011 through June 20, 2011.
9. Approve the appointment of Ariane Nagshinen as a volunteer aide in the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 21, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. August 2011 supplemental claims in the amount of \$340,990.95.
 - b. August 2011 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$10,332.08.
 - c. September 2011 claims in the amount of \$22,291.92.
2. Approve the August 2011 direct pays in the amount of \$781,714.48.
3. Approve the second August 2011 payroll in the amount of \$84,480.71.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the 2011-2012 cafeteria prices, which are attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and Sage Educational Enterprises to provide school based counseling and related counseling services to students in the high school for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix.

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6. Approve the appointment of Bergen County Special Services/Educational Enterprises – Sound Solutions for the 2011-2012 school year to provide:

Audiology Services for six special education students

Teacher of Deaf Consultation for three special education students

Occupational Therapy services for one special education student

Physical Therapy services for one special education student

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the appointment of the following therapists for the 2011-2012 school year:

Deborah Connors	ABA Therapy
Marilynn Cyran	ABA Therapy
Aimee Edwards	ABA Therapy
Kimberly Gottlieb	ABA Therapy
Jacquelyn Pletsch	ABA Therapy
Andrea Boyle	Parent Training
Joy Hollander Fink	Oral Motor/Speech/Feeding
Franny Renshaw	Behavior Consultants
Rickard Rehabilitation	Occupational Therapy
Bergen County Special Services	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Audiological

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the use and rental of the Football Field at the high school to Summer Heatt sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for La Crosse clinics on Sundays, effective September 11, 2011 through November 13, 2011 (support material attached).

Mr. Schiffer asked how payment is received. Ms. Garvey replied that Summer Heatt contracts with and payment is made to the Adult Education Program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS1 To approve the agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. to provide substitute nursing services for 2011-2012 school year on an as needed basis, which is attached as an appendix.

BS1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the out-of-district placements and/or transportation of special education students for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-1

Mr. Schiffer asked if this is a decrease in the number of students? Dr. Cirasella replied yes the number is down by 2. Mr. Schiffer asked is everything budgeted? Ms. Garvey replied yes.

2. Approve the out-of district placements and /or transportation for the students attending the Bergen County Technical School in Paramus, Teterboro and the Bergen Academy campus in Hackensack for the 2011-2012 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-2

3. Approve the following addition to the list of QSAC committee members for the 2011-2012 school year:

Robert Schiffer

4. Approve the following addition to the list of Affirmative Action Committee members for the 2011-2012 school year:

Jack Ferriday

Margaret Soto

Roll Call - C1, 2, 4 All Yes

C3 – 8 Yes

1 Abstain (Schiffer)

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

Eleven policies were reviewed and only one will not be brought forward.

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

No Report.

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

There is a scheduled tour of the buildings tonight.

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

There is a scheduled committee meeting on 9/20/11.

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

Committee meeting scheduled for 9/20/11.

I. Personnel Committee

It was reported that the District is in the process of filling open positions.

Liaison Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

All Committees will be meeting next week.

High School PTA

Elementary School PTA

Booster Club

Performing Arts Parents

Special Education

Education Foundation

Board of Recreation

Continuing Education Program

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

Ms. Dravis-Stark stated that she is excited to continue working with the Board and the students to help ensure that the school is the best that it can be for the 2011-2012 school year.

K. Old Business

Mr. Formicola passed around pictures of painting done at Highland and Godwin.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 20, 2011 for the purpose of reviewing the personnel agenda and discussing administrative negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary