

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education

Midland Park, New Jersey

April 29, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Louis Roer 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 2008 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."

Administration of Oath of Office to Mr. Raymond Moraski and Mr. James S. Canellas.
Mrs. Vandervliet was sworn in prior to the meeting due to a medical emergency.

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Paula Lein	Ray Moraski
	Wayne Roberts	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	Richard Venditti

Excused: Joan Vandervliet

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Nicholas Mamola, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Patricia Terraciano, High School Principal
Frederick Triano, Highland School Principal
Jennifer Kendall, Godwin School Principal
James Newman, Director of Special Services
Edward Salvi, Director of Continuing Education
Elizabeth Veneziano, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Staff Development

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MOTIONS

APPENDIX

- A. Presentation of and Motion to accept the Election Results (support material attached).

Mr. Roer presented the results of the Annual Election

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Venditti . . .

To accept the presentation and accept the results of the April 15, 2008 Annual School Election.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Election of Officers:

Mr. Roberts nominated Mr. Venditti for President and Mr. Schiffer for Vice President.

No other nominations were put forth.

Mrs. Lein motioned, seconded by Mr. Moraski to close nominations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mrs. Lein to cast one unanimous vote for the nominated team.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Venditti was elected President and Mr. Schiffer was elected Vice President.
Mr. Venditti, president chaired the meeting.

Motion Mr. Schiffer, seconded Mr. Roberts..... To recess the meeting for the rededication ceremony of the Highland Media Center to the August DePreker Media Center.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was recessed at 8:07 p.m.

The Rededication ceremony of the Highland School Media Center to the August C. DePreker Media Center was conducted at the entrance to the center. The plaque and sign were unveiled. Mr. Venditti referenced Mr. DePreker's 39 years of service to the District, including the achievements of Blue Ribbon Schools and top 75 high schools in the State.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

To return to the Open Public Meeting

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was called to order and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Paula Lein	Ray Moraski
	Wayne Roberts	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	Richard Venditti

Excused: Joan Vandervliet

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- C. Approve Continuation Under "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."
- D. Adoption of present Board policies.
- E. Approve the K-12 Curricula as outlined in the Course of Study Guides, as listed in the attached appendix. A
- F. Reaffirmation of Negotiated Agreements between the Board of Education and the:
 - 1. Midland Park Educational Secretaries' Association
 - 2. Midland Park Custodial and Maintenance Association
 - 3. Midland Park Education Association
 - 4. Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association
 - 5. Individual staff members:
 - a. School Business Administrator (pending completion of negotiations)
 - b. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent (pending completion of negotiations)
 - c. Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator (pending completion of negotiations)
- G. Designate the following as Depositories for School Funds for the 2008-2009 School Year:
 - 1. Approve the designation of Columbia Bank as the official depository for the funds, including cash, checks and book and wire transfers, of the Midland Park Board of Education (General Fund Account and the Midland Park Continuing Education account), and that all withdrawals there from be made by checks signed by the President, Board Secretary, and Treasurer of School Moneys (support material attached).
 - 2. Approve the designation of Columbia Bank as the official depository for the funds, including cash, checks and book and wire transfers, of the Midland Park Board of Education Payroll Account and the Midland Park Board of Education Payroll Deduction Account and that all withdrawals there from be made by checks signed by the Treasurer of School Moneys (support material attached).
 - 3. Approve the designation of Columbia Bank as the official depository for funds of the Midland Park Board of Education High School Internal Fund Account and the Elementary School Internal Fund Account and that all withdrawals there from be made by checks signed by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Principal (support material attached).

4. Approve the designation of Columbia Bank as the official depository for the funds of the Midland Park Board of Education S.U.I. Account and that all withdrawals there from be made by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (support material attached).
 5. Approve the designation of Columbia Bank as the official depository for the funds of the Midland Park Board of Education School Lunch Program Account and that all withdrawals there from be made by checks signed by the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (support material attached).
 6. Approve Bank of America, Glen Rock, NJ; Columbia Bank, Midland Park, NJ; TD North/Commerce Bank, Wyckoff, NJ; The State Cash Management Fund; Chase Bank, Midland Park, NJ, Atlantic Stewardship Bank, Midland Park, NJ, PNC Bank, Ridgewood, NJ, as general depositories.
 7. Approve the Paragon Federal Credit Union, Montvale, NJ as depository for the Summer Savings Account and Share Account Savings.
- H. Designate the School Attorney for the 2008-2009 School Year:
- Winne, Banta, Hetherington & Basralian (support material attached)
- I. Designate the Bond Counsel for the 2008-2009 School Year:
- McManimon & Scotland (support material attached)
- J. Designate the School Auditor for the 2008-2009 School Year:
- Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP (support material attached)
- K. Designate Jane Lindstrom as the Treasurer of School Moneys for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached.)
- L. Designate the newspapers for Notices of Public Meetings:
- North Jersey Media Group (The Record)
- M. Designate the Newspapers for Notices of Legal Advertisements:
- The Record
The Ridgewood News (Advertised Budget)
- N. Approve the Schedule of Meetings for the 2008-2009 school year as listed on the attached appendix.

B

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Secretary's Certification

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on April 8, 2008.

Roll Call: Yes (7) Criscenzo, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan, Schiffer, Venditti
Abstain (1) Canellas

Mr. Roer referenced the Fall Workshop conference.

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti welcomed our newly elected Trustee – Mr. James Canellas.

The following items were reported on:

He asked that Mr. Roer provide a copy of the digital policy manual to Mr. Canellas

He referenced the May calendar dates for the public and board's information

He referenced the Biology Team's first place achievement and suggested that they be invited to the next meeting to be recognized.

Board members who will be walking in the Parade, please notify Mr. Venditti

The new NHS members were inducted

'Committee request' forms were distributed please provide your requests to Mr. Venditti (via E-mail)

The Curriculum Committee will address the calendar

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By all reports, The Leaders Beyond Borders Trip to Mississippi was a huge success.

Congratulations are in order to Mrs. Wecht and Mrs. Halliwell, their students and chaperones for such an ambitious and rewarding journey.

There have been many recent events and student achievements, but two have recently come to my attention: Based on the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT), one of our students, Scott Douglas, is among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of over 1.5 million entrants.

As a result of this accomplishment, Scott will be referred to 2 colleges of his choice by the National Merit Scholarship Service. He will also learn of his National Merit Status specifically a

commended student, a semi-finalist or a finalist in September.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2007-2008 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 - (N. Mamola)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

1. Accept the retirement resignation of Michael Montelbano as a custodian at the high school, effective May 20, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

2. Accept the resignation of Kim Englehart as an Instructional Aide at the high school, effective June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

3. Approve summer technology infusion work hours for Carole Treta, Technology Coordinator for the district. She will work 30 hours and will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$33.18, as per Schedule B of the MPEA contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

4. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the district (support material attached):

* Lisa Kontos
(s) Meghan Rigler
(s) Emily Stobert
(s) Rachel Sweetman

* = NJ Standard Certificate
(s) = County Substitute Certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee - (, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of March 31, 2008, 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. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

2. Approve the April 2008 supplemental claims in the amount of \$219,170.70.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period March 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. C

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

4. Approve the April 2008 payroll in the amount of \$1,014,742.31.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

5. Approve and ratify the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 8, 2008, which is attached as an appendix. D

Roll Call: All Yes

- C. Curriculum Committee - (, Chairperson)

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

1. Approve the adjustment of the school calendar for the 2007-2008 school year, changing the last day of school from June 25, 2008 to June 20, 2008, with a 10:00 a.m. dismissal for students, because of three unused emergency closing days.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

2. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the NJSIAA Track and Field State Championship Trip to Egg Harbor, NJ, May 30 – 31, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

3. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the LMTI Leadership Camp to YMCA Camp Ralph Mason in Hardwick, NJ, August 18 – 22, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Sport coaches should receive a letter from the Administration related to this trip and its impact on the opening of sports camp.

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

4. Approved the proposed date for Music in the Park XI, Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. (support material attached).
Mr. Sullivan questioned the number of schools that have pre-committed to this event. Mr. Mamola will reply.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

5. Approve the proposed overnight trip to the New York State Field Band Championships Trip to Syracuse, NY, October 24 – 26, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school regular education student on home instruction, effective retroactive from April 14, 2008 through June 14, 2008.
7. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one elementary school special education student in the Cornerstone Day School, Springfield, NJ, effective April 30, 2008 through June 30, 2008.
8. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one elementary school special education student in the Blesman School, Paramus, NJ, effective May 8, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

9. Approve the list of staff members requesting workshop attendance, as follows (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Kathy Piscitello	Winners – the Best Children’s Books 2007	Whippany, NJ	April 30, 2008
James Newman	Assistive Technology for LD Students/Reading Comprehension Strategies for LD Students	Teaneck, NJ	May 6, 2008, June 11, 2008
Craig Rush Patricia Terraciano	Beyond the Basics: How to Expand Your Rights and Power Within the School Zone	Totowa, NJ	May 7, 2008

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Roberts added his congratulations to the leaders Beyond Borders group; a life changing experience.

Mr. Venditti asked that the superintendent invite the group to a Board meeting and make

a presentation.

D. Policy Committee - (, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

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

Philosophy of Education/
District Mission Statement

Policy Section 2110

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Policy Section 5512.01

Budget Transfers, Emergency Purchases
And Over-expenditure of Funds

Policy and Regulation Section 6422

Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol
And Other Drug Abuse

Policy and Regulation Section 8461

Reporting Potentially Missing or
Abused Children

Policy and Regulation Section 8462

Missing Children

Policy and Regulation
Section 8464 (abolish)

Mr. Roberts indicated that the basis for the changes came from Esmay.

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee - (,Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee - (, Chairperson)

The following items were reported on:

- a. The Borough had their Bid opening on irrigation system.
- b. The Turface donation will be done tomorrow.
- c. The Ramp in the Highland playground has been painted
- d. The Borough is looking for 'Open Space funding to fill in the revenue shortfall for the College Road tennis renovation
- e. The music room lockers were painted over the break.

G. Negotiations - Teachers/Secretaries - (, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Venditti, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

1. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association for the modification of the existing contract with respect to Article X B., which is attached as an appendix.

E

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Venditti, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

2. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Educational Secretaries Association for the modification of the existing contract with respect to Article XIII B., which is attached as an appendix.

F

Roll Call: All Yes

- H. Negotiations - Administrators/Custodians - (, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Administrators and Supervisors Association for the modification of the existing contract with respect to Article XI B., which is attached as an appendix.

G

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Custodial and Maintenance Association for the modification of the existing contract with respect to Article IX B., which is attached as an appendix.

H

Roll Call: All Yes

- I. Public Relations Committee - (, Chairperson)

All past issues of Chalk Board are posted on the website.

- J. Personnel Committee - (, Chairperson)

No Report.

- K. Service Review Committee – (, Chairperson)

No Report.

- L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA - ()

The following items were reported on:

- a. On May 6th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a combined meeting
- b. 5/4-5/10 staff recognition week– Personal than you to all staff
- c. the monthly food pickup will be on 5/12

Elementary School PTA - ()

There will be a staff Breakfast on Tuesday

Booster Club - ()

General Meeting next week (combined meeting).

Performing Arts Parents - ()

General Meeting next week (combined meeting).

Special Education - ()

No Report.

Board of Recreation – ()

Board will meet Monday night. Mr. Sullivan will provide feedback.

Education Foundation – ()

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – ()

No Report.

M. Town Council Special Projects Committee - (, Chairperson)

Mr. Moraski dialogued with Nancy Peet, and Mayor Joseph Monahan. Michelle Dugan, Louis Roer were also present. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for August. Mr. Venditti will present feedback to the full Board.

N. New Jersey and/or Bergen County School Board Delegates – ()

5/8 Annual Spring Dinner Meeting

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To go into closed session after the meeting of April 29, 2008 and before the meeting of May 13, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti 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 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary