

MIDLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Midland Park, New Jersey

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR JANUARY 22, 2008 PUBLIC MEETING

District policy states that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item prior to its vote by the full Board will have an opportunity to do so without prior notice.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

“Adequate notice of the meeting was provided as specified in the Open Meeting Act. Notices of the Meeting were sent to the HERALD-NEWS, BERGEN RECORD, RIDGEWOOD NEWS, and to the Midland Park Borough Clerk for the 2007 elective year. A notice was also posted outside the office of the Midland Park Board of Education in a place reserved for such announcements.”

ROLL CALL

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Board Secretary’s Certification

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

December 18, 2007

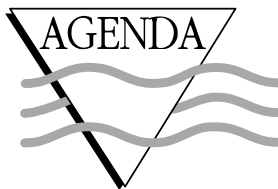
January 8, 2008

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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT



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)

1. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective February 1, 2008:

Elementary School

Suzanne Esposito L-MA 16 Exp. Lvl. 20 (\$80,511) to MA+ 16 Exp. Lvl. 20 (\$89,666)
Laurie Troisi -MA 14 Exp. Lvl.16 (\$71,940) to MA+ 14 Exp. Lvl. 16 (\$80,240)

High School

Matthew Arroyo -BA 6 Exp. Lvl. 6 (\$45,221) to MA+ 6 Exp. Lvl. 6 (\$55,989)
Raina Dawson -MA 3 Exp. Lvl. 3 (\$46,367) to MA+ 3 Exp. Lvl. 3 (\$51,504) and
\$1,000 for Doctoral Degree
Jacqueline Goodell -BA 7 Exp. Lvl.8 (\$47,132) to MA 7 Exp. Lvl. 8 (\$52,460)
Nancy LoPrestiL -MA 15 Exp. Lvl. 17 (\$77,119) to MA+15 Exp. Lvl. 17 (\$85,850)
David Marks -MA 10 Exp. Lvl. 11 (\$59,412) to MA+10 Exp. Lvl.11 (\$66,236)
Deborah Marks -MA 12 Exp. Lvl.13 (\$64,757) to MA+12 Exp. Lvl. 13 (\$72,272)
Teresa WechtL -MA 17 Exp. Lvl. 21(\$84,531) to MA+ 17 Exp. Lvl. 21(\$94,160)
(L denotes Longevity added to base)

2. Approve a paid maternity leave for Lisa Guarini, elementary school teacher, effective March 17, 2008 through March 28, 2008; a paid child care leave, effective March 31, 2008 through May 2, 2008 and an unpaid child care leave, effective May 5, 2008 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).
3. Approve a paid maternity leave for Victoria Schoeler, elementary school teacher, effective March 24, 2008 through April 14, 2008; a paid child care leave, effective April 15, 2008 through May 19, 2008 and an unpaid child care leave effective May 20, 2008 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).
4. Approve the following addition to the list of coaches at the high school, for the 2007-2008 school year (support material attached):

Add: Scott Grasso	7 th & 8 th Grade Wrestling Coach	<u>Stipend</u> \$2,267
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5. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2007-2008 school year (support material attached):

Beth Kasbarian Substitute Building Aide

6. Approve the following addition to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school, for the 2007-2008 school year (support material attached):

Add:	Pam Klinger	Musical Director	<u>Stipend</u> \$ 962
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B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 2007, 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 block motion:

- a. December 2007 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$17,963.78.

- b. January 2008 supplemental claims in the amount of \$145,811.86.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period December 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007, which are attached as an appendix.

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4. Approve the January 2008 payroll in the amount of \$1,010,193.79.

5. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw for candidate's positions on the ballot at the Board of Education office at 9:12 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

6. Authorize the Board Secretary to request that the polls be opened from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 for the Annual School Election, and to request that the appropriate number of voting machines be provided by the County Superintendent of Elections.

7. Approve the following resolution:

RESTORE the Principle of Majority Rule in the State of New Jersey as it pertains to Special Budget Questions in School Board Annual Elections.

WHEREAS, New Jersey Public School Districts face increasing budgetary challenges to maintain effective and high quality educational programs, and

WHEREAS, greater budgetary constraints (caps) imposed by recent legislation (Assembly Bill A1 and formally known as P.L. 2007, c62) force many school districts to present high quality educational programs to district voters by means of special questions, and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007, c62 imposes an unprecedented 60% majority vote requirement for a special question to be successful and further declares that school districts have **no** right of appeal to the local municipality or the Commissioner of Education should such questions fail, and

WHEREAS, low voter turnout (often less than 15%) for school budgetary questions often means that success or failure is often based on very low margins, and

WHEREAS, this requirement violates all principles of majority rule and gives those persons who vote in the negative greater voice and control in their respective communities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education requests its legislative representatives and Governor Jon Corzine to amend Chapter 62 to eliminate the provision of a super-majority (60%) vote for school district special questions and restore the principle of “one person, one vote” in the State of New Jersey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to our local legislative representatives in the General Assembly and Senate, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and to the New Jersey School Boards’ Association.

C. Curriculum Committee – (A. Polhemus, Chairperson)

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the continuation of one high school special education student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from January 11, 2008 through March 11, 2008.

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Nancy DeRitter	How to Score EOC Biology Test	Montvale, NJ	Feb. 1, 7, 2008
Heidi Cassells Sherri Lange	First Grade Forum: Literacy Instruction in 1 st Grade	Union, NJ	Feb. 6, 2008
Marilyn DeLuccia	Training for Test Administration NJASK 2008	Clifton, NJ	Feb. 7, 2008
Jill Gisondi	AP Exam Administration	Atlantic City, NJ	Feb. 13, 2008
Raina Dawson	AP Biology Exam	Sparta, NJ	March 1, 2008
Karen Corcoran	NJSSNA Statewide Conference	Eatontown, NJ	March 14-15, 2008
Michael Healy	DAANJ Workshop (previously approved, revised request)	Atlantic City, NJ	March 17-20, 2008
David Marks Jeffrey Peters	NYSFBC Director's Conference	TBD	March 19, 2008

- C. Policy Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)
- D. Legislative Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
- E. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)
- F. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries – (R. Venditti, Chairperson)
- G. Negotiations – Administrators/Custodians – (J. Vandervliet, Chairperson)
- H. Public Relations Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

- I. Personnel Committee – (J. Vandervliet, Chairperson)

- J. Service Review Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

- K. Liaison Committee:
 - High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

 - Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

 - Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

 - Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

 - Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

 - Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

 - Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

 - Continuing Education Program – (J. Vandervliet)

- L. Town Council Special Projects Committee – (A. Polhemus, Chairperson)

- M. New Jersey and/or Bergen County School Board Delegates – (R. Schiffer/A. Polhemus)

- N. Old Business

O. New Business

1. Motion to go into closed session after the open meeting on January 22, 2008 for the purpose of a Superintendent search.
2. Motion to go into closed session on January 23, 2008, January 29, 2008 and January 30, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the August C. DePreker Media Center, Highland School, for the purpose of a Superintendent search.
3. Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of February 5, 2008, for the purpose of

Open to the Public

Motion to Adjourn