

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**June 3, 2008**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, 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."

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff: William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools  
Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Patricia Terraciano, High School Principal  
Jennifer Kendall, Godwin School Principal  
James Newman, Director of Special Services

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No Report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Venditti welcomed Dr. Heebink to the District.  
Matt Bizzard performed extremely well at the track State Meet of Champions.  
Dr. Heebink and Mrs. Terraciano attended the Valedictorian Breakfast at which Jessica Saliba was recognized.

We had another Eagle Scout recipient, Daniel Venegewia. This is the fourth recipient this year.  
Dr. Heebink will institute "Team Building Workshop" goals.  
There was a presentation to Joan Vandervliet, Board member.

Mr. Moraski, Mrs. Lein, Mr. Venditti, Mr. Roer and Mr. Schiffer made comments about their relationship with Mrs. Vandervliet over the years and their comments were representative of the

full Board's sentiments.

Mrs. Vandervliet commented that the public entrusted their kids to us and she hopes we did not let them down.

Mr. Venditti presented the Governor Teachers of the Year awards to Cynthia Brown (Mrs. Horn accepting on behalf of Mrs. Brown), Eileen Horn, and Steven Ferro.

Motion Mr. Venditti seconded Mr. Schiffer .....  
to have a brief recess in order to meet the award recipients.

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board entered a brief recess at this time (8:25 p.m.) to meet and congratulate all the recipients.

The Board returned from the recess at this time (8:36 p.m.)

#### ROLL CALL

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	Robert Schiffer	Richard Venditti

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In the first two days on the job, he has already attended a Valedictorian Breakfast and a PTA luncheon.

There was a presentation of the 'Consultative Model', by Mr. Newman and by Mrs. Toni DeLuca from the Hackensack School District. Mrs. Amy Fink, a Facilitator at Hackensack assisted in the presentation.

Mr. Newman referenced that there are several models; the referenced one is "In class consultation".

Mrs. DeLuca Consultation Model is being implemented in Illinois and in California.

The Special Education Teachers are called consultants.

Mrs. Crisenzo inquired if the work directly with the students. Answer; No just with the teachers.

Mr. Moraski – We may have to get some Associations' concessions.

Mr. Sullivan –Is each model is different at different grade levels? No, just the strategies.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years 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 – (W. Heebink)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following instructors for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer 2008 Enrichment Program (support material attached):

Susan Fischer	S.M.A.R.T., Grades K, 1 & 2 (Summer Math & Reading Time)	Godwin School
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Deborah Lelinho	S.M.A.R.T., Grades 3, 4 & 5 (Summer Math & Reading Time)	Godwin School
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Roll Call: All Yes

2. Approve the appointment of Lisa Giovanniello as Coordinator for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp 2008 program from June 23, 2008 through August 22, 2008 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp program, effective June 23, 2008 through August 22, 2008 (support material attached):

Carolyn Asch	Katherine Fiaschi
James Bakelaar	Benjamin Goodheart
Brian Cairns	Colleen Steel
Stephanie Cohen	

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo . . .
4. Approve the additional summer hours for the following secretarial personnel. They will be paid their approved salary hourly rate, as follows (support material attached):

Carol Berninger	60 hours
Michele Callesano	60 hours
Jo Ann Francolino	up to 100 hours
Diane Rebholz	up to 150 hours

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .
5. Approve the increase in the maintenance stipend for Sam Schaper in the amount of 4%, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .
6. Approve the 2008-2009 salary for Jane Lindstrom, Treasurer of School Moneys in the amount of \$3,000 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve a three-week unpaid leave of absence for Barbara Rasmussen, Secretary to the High School Principal, effective July 14, 2008 through August 1, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the appointment of the following one-on-one summer Aides for two elementary school special education students at the Lenape Meadows School, Mahwah, NJ. They will be paid at the rate of \$25 per hour for 4 hours per day (not to exceed 76 hours each), effective July 7, 2008 through July 31, 2008 (support material attached).

Christine Fox  
Cynthia Verbrugge

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

9. Approve the appointment of the following summer custodial helpers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 23, 2008 through August 29, 2008 (support material attached):

Timothy Ferriday	Scott Polhemus
Edward Gordon	Thomas Seltenrich
Adam Kallenberg	Andrew Tucci
Conor McGlade	Patrick Weaver
Mark Peters	

10. Approve the appointment of Ryan Haegler as a summer maintenance helper. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 17, 2008 through August 29, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. Approve the following transfers of elementary school teachers for the 2008-2009 school year:

From Godwin School to Highland School

Linda Carr  
Dianna Grasso

To Godwin School from Highland School

Francesca Mullady  
Lori Thiemann

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion - Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo . . .

12. Approve the following advisors to activities and clubs, at the high school, for the 2008-2009

school year (support material attached):

		<u>Stipend</u>
Sarah Berninger	Drama co-Director	\$499.00
	Drama co-Producer	\$184.00
Michal Edgerton	Drama co-Director	\$499.00
	Drama co-Producer	\$184.00

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

13. Approve the appointment of Ann Heller as a .5 a.m. Aide to work in the Midland Park Continuing Education Pre Kindergarten program, effective September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
14. Approve the additional .5 Instructional Aide position for Patricia Yerger, for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

15. Accept the resignation of Linda Pellegrino as the Building Aide Substitute Caller for the district, effective for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- AS1. Accept the resignation of Lisa McNerney as the Athletic Trainer at the high school, effective June 15, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the June 2008 claims in the amount of \$125,479.87.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following block motion:
  - a. May 2008 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$57,243.92.
  - b. May 2008 direct pays in the amount of \$76,807.39.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the resolution for renewal of membership in the School Alliance Insurance Fund, which is attached as an appendix. A
4. Approve the resolution to approve the School Alliance Insurance Fund Indemnity and Trust Renewal Agreement, which is attached as an appendix. B
5. Approve the renewal of the Risk Management Consultant for the School Alliance Insurance Fund, as per the attached appendix. C
6. Approve the E-Rate Exchange Services Agreement between E-Rate Exchange and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010, which is attached as an appendix. D

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the establishment of Petty Cash funds for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$100 for each of the following locations, as specified in Policy Book Section 6620, as follows:

Superintendent's Office  
Business Administrator's Office  
Midland Park High School  
Highland School

Godwin School  
Continuing Education  
Child Study Team

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the schedule of tax payment requests from the Borough of Midland Park for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Authorize the Business Administrator to pay monthly bills in July and August to be approved at a later meeting by the Board.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Accept the donation of a batting cage for the Highland School field, in the amount of \$1,965 from the Midland Park Softball Association, as per Board Policy 7230 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS2. Approve the resolution recognizing same-sex “domestic partners” as eligible

dependents for pension purposes only under the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003, which is attached as an appendix. I

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the proposed Holiday Schedule for 12-Month Personnel for the 2008-2009 school year, which is attached as an appendix. E

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the recommendation for the reimbursement to the Municipal Alliance, in the sum of \$398.16 towards the Municipal Alliance Summer Program hours for Craig Rush, Student Assistance Counselor, during July and August (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the non-resident placements of Ryan and Tyler Halliwell, sons of Donna Halliwell, high school Choral teacher, in the 9th grade class and 6th grade class, respectively, for the 2008-2009 school year, as per Policy Book Section 5111 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of 19 special education students in the Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education's Summer Program (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placements and/or transportation for special education students, which is attached as an appendix. E

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Gail Traitz	AP Calculus for teachers	Madison, NJ	Aug. 4-8, 2008

Roll Call: All Yes

The approved District 2008-2011 Mentoring Plans are due to the County offices by August 1, 2008. Action is needed in July.

There will be a Committee meeting next week, including minutes

D. Policy Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

No Report.

E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Senate Ed Committee S1861—There might be action taken.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

The following items were discussed:

The Highland School playground chips have been delivered and installed.

We expect field action on the sprinkler system this week.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the Employment Contract between Anne Schaper, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, which is attached as an appendix. G
2. Approve the Employment Contract between Barbara Pierro, Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, which is attached as an appendix. H

Roll Call: All Yes

H. Public Relations Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Service Review Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

No Report.

K. Town Council Special Projects Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

No Report.

L. Special Recreation Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

On Thursday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Hall of the Church of the Nativity, The Knights of Columbus will be honoring Jane Bandstra and Pat McGlade with the “Community Service Award” for their outstanding efforts in coordinating “Disabilities Awareness Week”

On Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, the PTA is planning a farewell to Gene Moore, a high school custodian who is leaving for Iraq. They are looking for parents who would be willing to help either bake cookies or brownies and or help to serve cake at any of the three lunch periods. If you can help please contact Candy Ruitenberg, PTA President at cruitenberg@hotmail.com.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

Last night was their last meeting of the year.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were reported on:

- A. Two Scholarships were granted this year.
- B. Sports award dinner is this Monday.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The high school musical will be performed on June 12, 13 & June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Special Education – ( )

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

There will be a Trustee meeting on next Wednesday.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

He will report if there are any issues there.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

N. Old Business

The following items were commented on:

- a. The status of Board Member classes
- b. Student Representative Issue still needs to be addressed,
- c. There are three (3) Candidates for the Board vacancy (Michael Hahn, Brian McCourt and Mary Alice Thomas.

There will be interviews on June 17 and a table will be set-up for all the candidates; they will be interviewed at the same time

The protocol: Questions –The candidates will introduce themselves and then respond to the same questions.

O. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 17, 2008, for the purpose of discussing on going litigations and personnel items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mrs. Lein is requesting that the Service Review Committee discuss the Pomptonian renewal.

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to address the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary