

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
October 16, 2007

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Moraski, 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 2007 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Paula Lein
	Anne Polhemus	Wayne Roberts
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
	Joan Vandervliet	Richard Venditti

Ray Moraski

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: August C. DePreker, Superintendent of Schools
Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

September 18, 2007

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Criscenzo, Lein, Polhemus, Roberts, Sullivan, Vandervliet, Venditti, Moraski)
1 (Abstain) Schiffer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion – Mrs. Lein, seconded – Mrs. Vandervliet . . .

Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Midland Park High School is celebrating its fiftieth year as an institution of learning, and

WHEREAS, the Midland Park High School has had the good fortune of educating countless numbers of students, and

WHEREAS, the Midland Park High School has served as an integral part of the community over these many years, and

WHEREAS, the reputation of the Midland Park High School has been enhanced by numerous honors and kudos received from both State and local educational agencies, and

WHEREAS, numerous lives have been influenced to provide youngsters with the opportunity to become productive citizens of our community, State, nation and international societies, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the present Midland Park Board of Education, we rededicate our efforts to continue to provide and enhance the educational opportunities of the students we serve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Midland Park Board of Education meeting of October 16, 2007 reflect the rededication of the Midland Park High School, which was a completed project on October 17, 1957.

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Criscenzo, Lein, Roberts, Schiffer, Sullivan, Vandervliet, Venditti, Moraski)
1 No (Polhemus)

In addition, the Board of Education should reserve 11/13/07 for a closed session review of the Superintendent of Schools applications. This should last approximately 1½-2 hours; starting at 7:30 p.m.

An update on the Soccer field was referenced and the appropriate committee will address it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were reported on:

Staff Development Day –It was a very productive day in Curriculum mapping

Presentation recommended by the Curriculum Committee on testing results presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Veneziano

Mrs. Elizabeth Veneziano provided the Board and the public with a power-point presentation of the results of the annual testing of the students. In the presentation she provided some comparative analysis of the data and identified patterns from which to build a plan of action.

Mr. Venditti questioned whether the current seventh graders have Math issues.

Mrs. Veneziano -We were sensitive to the potentiality of issues at the end of the sixth grade year and have implemented math exploratory courses and have placed the students in sections that best meet their needs.

Mrs. Veneziano –The analysis of all the data is quite complicated, in that there are many factors to be considered, i.e. the students, the staff, the curriculum and the test itself. We are studying all the variables and I will keep the curriculum committee apprised of our progress.

Ray- Are there any QSAC related expectations? No

Mrs. Criscenzo— How does the testing relate to the Godwin/Highland grade levels and the Wilson Reading program?

Mrs. Vandervliet reminded the Board and the public that all students are now tested with no exceptions.

What about Study Island? It just started a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Chris Hilderbrand- her daughter will be taking the PSAT for the first time in ninth grade and is looking forward to it. It is an eye opening experience. What Parent/Staff follow up afterwards? We receive the scores and review with the students and enhance curriculum accordingly.

Mrs. Lein- How are our scores compared to National Average figures? We are comparable.

Mr. DePreker: We are starting to see/assess better and will be able to plot a course proactive to provide support – We are redesigning the H.S. to develop a stronger foundation

Mr. DePreker complimented Mrs. Veneziano for her comprehensive and concise presentation.

Mrs. Polhemus referenced that this was the first time that the test results came in October in order to us to have an earlier action plan.

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 – (A. DePreker)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following revised job description, which is attached as an appendix:

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded -

2. Approve a paid maternity leave for Jennifer Kendall, Godwin School Principal, effective December 26, 2007 through December 28, 2007; a paid child care leave effective January 2, 2008 through January 29, 2008 and after utilizing one personal day on January 30, 2008 and six vacation days from January 31, 2008 through February 7, 2008, an unpaid child care leave effective February 8, 2008 through February 15, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Parents will be notified of the Administrative coverage assignments during these time periods.

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mrs. Polhemus . . .

3. Approve the adjustment in unpaid child care leave for Laurin Apruzzese, elementary

school teacher, for a return to work on December 3, 2007, rather than the original approved date of December 17, 2007 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mrs. Polhemus . . .

To approve the following block motion:

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

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete: Brian Ersalesi	Mock Trial Advisor	
Add: Michal Edgerton	Drama Director	\$962

5. Approve the following additions to the list of advisors to clubs and activities at the Godwin School, for the 2007-2008 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Cynthia Brown	Primary Activity Club	\$355
Eileen Horn	Primary Activity Club	\$355

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mrs. Polhemus . . .

6. Approve the following additions to the list of coaches at the high school, for the 2007-2008 school year. (support material attached):

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete: Bradley Sakevich	Assistant Wrestling Coach withdrawn	
Add: Edward McDonough	Winter Weight Room Coach	\$1,667
Sean O'Connor	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	\$4,120
Ryan Defeo	7 th & 8 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	\$2,267

7. Approve the following program for the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):

Winter Ski Program (Ski Club)

8. Approve the following advisors and coordinators for the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):

Andrew Peritore	Winter Ski Program Advisor
Lisa Giovanniello	Teacher's Convention Mini Camp Coordinator

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

9. Approve the following addition to the list of homebound instructors for the 2007-

2008 school year (support material attached):

* Nancy James

*= NJ standard certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mrs. Polhemus . . .

10. Approve the appointment of Kathleen Thompson as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$14.50 per hour, effective October 17, 2008 through June 25, 2008 (or the last day of school) (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. September 2007 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$74,881.92.
 - b. October 2007 supplemental claims in the amount of \$247,411.68.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the September 2007 direct pays in the amount \$286,727.90.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Vandervliet . . .

1. Approve the 2006-2007 Quality Annual Assurance Report, including the 2007-2008 Goals and Objectives, the 2007-2008 Assignment Plan for Certified and Non-Certified Nurses and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, including the M-1 form, which are attached as an appendix. B

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Criscenzo, Lein, Polhemus, Schiffer, Sullivan, Vandervliet, Venditti, Moraski)
1 Abstain (Roberts)

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

2. Approve the week of October 15 – 19, 2007 as School Violence Awareness Week.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Vandervliet . . .

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Location
Frank Isola Michael Kilgallen Robert Laura	Training for Challenger Center	October 19, 2007	Paramus, NJ
Casey Vier	Integrating Social Skills Across Curriculum	October 25, 2007	Montvale, NJ
Brian Ersalesi	National Honor Society	October 26, 2007	Monroe Townsh
Tracy Saltwick	NJ HSPA Intervention	October 26, 2007	Edison, NJ
Jill Gisondi	Counselor's Breakfast	October 30, 2007	Paramus, NJ
Patricia Terraciano Elizabeth Veneziano	Public Education Institute Roundtable	November 1, 2007	Newark, NJ
Teresa Isik	Information Session	November 1, 2007	Paramus, NJ
Karen Smith Cynthia Verbrugge	Paraeducator's Training	November 6, 2007	Bergenfield, NJ
Teresa Mallon	Science Teachers Association New York Conference	November 6, 2007	Ellenville, NY
Raina Dawson	Biology Performance Assessment	November 14, 2007	Montvale, NJ
Patricia Sicree	ASHA Convention	November 15-17, 2007	Boston, MA
Jennifer Golden	School Based Functional Behavior Assessment	November 27, 2007	Montvale, NJ
Nancy DeRitter	Science Test Prep	November 28, 2007	Piscataway, NJ
James Newman	Region V Training	November 30, 2007	Oradell, NJ
Jennifer Kendall Patricia Terraciano Elizabeth Veneziano	Curriculum Mapping	December 4, 2007	Wayne, NJ
Susan Cheetham	Autism and Asperger's Syndrome	December 7, 2007	Newark, NJ
Rosemary Ferullo	The Consultative Model	January 29, 2008	Hackensack, NJ
Susan Cheetham	ADHD and Exercise in the Classroom	March 11, 2008	Wayne, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Vandervliet . . .

4. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Eastern Christian Elementary School, for the purpose of making provisions for the expenditures under the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Entitlement and to further authorize the aforementioned nonpublic school to self-administer the funds for their own technology needs with the assistance of the Business Administrator, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .
5. Approve the addition of the novel, *Shiloh* to the grade 5 reading/language arts curriculum (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .
6. Approve the new club, Leaders Beyond Borders, for grades 8-12 (support material attached).

Mr. Venditti inquired whether we were at the contractual limit for new clubs.

Response: we are still o.k.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

Approve the proposed overnight Leaders Beyond Borders trip, April 20 – 25, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

1. This item was withdrawn from the agenda

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

2. Approve the second reading of the following new or revised policies and regulations:

Board Member Travel Expenses	Bylaws Section 0147
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Home Instruction Due to Health Condition	Policy Section 2412
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Pupil Intervention and Referral Services	Policy Section 2417
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Special Education/Receiving Schools	Policy Section 2461(new)
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Home or Out-of-School Instruction for General Education Pupils	Policy Section 2481
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Teaching Staff Members Travel Expenses	Policy & Regulation Section 3440
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Support Staff Members Travel Expenses	Policy & Regulation Section 4440
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Attendance: withdrawn	Policy & Regulation Section 5200
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Cyber-Bullying	Policy Section 5512.02
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Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct	Policy & Regulation Section 5600
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Suspension: **withdrawn**

Policy & Regulation Section 5610

HIV/AIDS

Policy Section 8453

Mr. DePreker –Whatever was requested by the Board during the last reading was changed.

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

The committee will meet this Thursday @ 6:30 at Godwin School

The following items will be discussed:

1. Chairlift, glazier, concrete work
2. Bathroom complaints---most have been addressed.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries – (R. Venditti, Chairperson)

No Report.

H. Negotiations – Administrators/Custodians – (J. Vandervliet, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Public Relations Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

The recent issue of Chalkboard has been mailed. The Board/ Committee thanked Janet Nemec. We already need to start to think about the rest.

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

The committee met this evening.

K. Service Review Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

Mr. Roer reported on his three meetings with students and staff at each building. He referenced the manner in which each age group presented their positions. He thanked the principals, Mrs. Cardinale (Pomptonian), the teachers and the students for their participation. An action plan will be developed by Pomptonian to address any miscommunication that may exist and to also consider implementations of some of the student recommendations. The meetings were mostly positive and the program is being well supported.

L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The food pickup is set for 5:30 p.m. – Friday

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The Book Fair in Media Center;
6-8:30 Wednesday Evening and daily to 4:00

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The journal was completed and distributed
They are proposing Logos in the High School Cafeterias

Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

Ms. Vandervliet was very impressed with the uniforms. They were great.
Ms. Polhemus –The Alumni Breakfast was in the A. M.
Mr. Moraski then made a presentation to Mr. DePreker from the Association to recognize his lifelong commitment to the program.

Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

The Basketball Association would like to donate a ‘slave scoreboard’ to be connected to the Master scoreboard; the request was remanded to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

The Trustee meeting was last night
There will be an event to recognize the Founders; on 11/12/07
They want to dedicate their funding on Technology—Mr. DePreker- They are in favor of making our High School more College oriented.
Plans for the 50th Gala are getting started.
They have proposed \$8,000.00 in Grants to the Curriculum Committee.

Continuing Education Program – (J. Vandervliet)

No Report.

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

The committee will be meeting with their counterparts this Thursday.

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

Mr. Schiffer will be contacting Senators to support S1710

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

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

1. To go into closed session after the meeting of October 16, 2007 for the purpose of discussing the personnel aspects of the Superintendent Search.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Lein . . .

2. To go into closed session before the meeting of November 6, 2007, for the purpose of discussing the personnel aspects of the Superintendent Search, litigation and personnel.
Mr. Moraski referenced that there were 40 interested parties who applied for an application.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Moraski invited the public to address the Board.

No one spoke.

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Venditti. . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary