

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**October 2, 2007**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Moraski, President, at 8:09 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. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Venditti . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on September 4, 2007

Roll Call: All Yes

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Moraski reported that 6 Midland Park students have been named AP scholars for receiving grades of 3 or higher on 3 or more of the AP exams. The names of these students are:

Chris Borchert  
Patrick Campolo  
Monica Nieroda  
Greg Pattman  
Nicole Priestner  
Nina Skretkowitz

In addition, Brian Cairns has been named as AP scholar with honor for receiving a grade average of at least 3.25 on all AP exams.

Also, Dan Comito is an AP scholar with distinction for receiving a grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams. Congratulations to all!

Update on Superintendent Search: There are a number of dates available to review the applications 11/5, 11/7, 11/8 options

Candidates: There have been thirty six (36) applications requested to date.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DePreker reported/commented on the following items:

There will be a number of events/ activities related to the 50 Year Celebration

IT starts with 'Music In The Park'

On October 19 – there will be a 50's day at the High School, with a ceremony at 2:00 p.m. including a cake cutting ceremony. Mr. Sonny Santorine will cut the ribbon.

10/17/1957 was the Opening Day of Midland Park High School.

There will be Board resolution at the 10/16/07 meeting

There will be a Sunday Breakfast on the day in the park date; Alumni are invited.

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. Vandervliet, seconded – Mrs. Polhemus . . .

1. Approve the following new and revised job descriptions, which are attached as an appendix:

Superintendent of Schools (revised) A

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary (revised) B

Supervisor of Technology (new) C

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the appointment of Teresa Wecht as the Option II Coordinator at the high school. She will be paid a stipend of \$1,382, effective retroactive from September 6, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Adjust Motion A-8 of the September 18, 2007 Board Agenda, to reflect the revised prorated salary of Richard Heddy, Groundskeeper for the district, from \$19,906.10 to \$22,324.60.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Accept the resignation of Jeehan Deeb as a Building Aide in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to September 28, 2007 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, 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 August 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following block motion:
  - a. September 2007 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$7,923.64.
  - b. October 2007 claims in the amount of \$159,032.35.

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 August 1, 2007 – August 31, 2007, which are attached as an appendix. E

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Authorize the School Business Administrator and the Board President to prepare and execute a Lease/Purchase Agreement for computers with Commerce Bank, Ramsey N.J., the lowest responsible quoter, in the amount of \$111,875 at a rate of 3.81%. (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS-1. Authorize the Business Administrator and Board President to negotiate and finalize the appropriate terms of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Midland Park for an irrigation and sod system at Midland Park High School (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS-2. Authorize the Business Administrator and Board President to negotiate and finalize the appropriate terms of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Midland Park for a lightning detection system at Midland Park High School (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school regular education student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from April 16, 2007 through June 30, 2007.
2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school regular education student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from September 6, 2007 through November 6, 2007.
3. 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 September 24, 2007 through November 24, 2007.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the attendance of Teresa Isik, Guidance Counselor at the high school, at the College Board Fall Workshop to be held on October 3, 2007 in Paterson, NJ (support material attached).
5. Approve the attendance of Carole Steel, elementary school teacher, at a workshop entitled, “Utilizing Technology to Increase Student Achievement” to be held on October 10, 2007 in Montvale, NJ (support material attached).
6. Approve the attendance of Craig Rush, Student Assistance Counselor for the district, at a workshop entitled, “Gang and Drug Conference” to be held on October 11, 2007 in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ (support material attached).
7. Approve the attendance of Jennifer Hunt, LDT/C for the district, at a workshop entitled, “The Dyslexic Learner in the Mainstream Classroom” to be held on October 12, 2007 in Princeton, NJ (support material attached).
8. Approve the attendance of Laura Barber and Barbara Pierro, secretaries for the district, at a workshop entitled, “AASA Training” to be held on October 12, 2007 in Wayne, NJ (support material attached):
9. Approve the attendance of James Newman and Jennifer Frumolt, Child Study Team members for the district, at a workshop entitled, “Community Based Instruction” to be held on October 16, 2007 in East Orange, NJ (support material attached).
10. Approve the attendance of David Hershberger and Michael Kilgallen, elementary school teachers and coaches at the high school, at a workshop entitled, “Basketball Coaching 7 – 12” to be held on October 18, 2007 in Piscataway, NJ (support material attached).
11. Approve the attendance of Jennifer Frumolt, School Psychologist for the district, at a workshop entitled, “Understanding Cutting & Self Injurious Behavior” to be held on October 19, 2007 in Boonton, NJ (support material attached).
12. Approve the attendance of Catherine Prinsell, School Psychologist for the district, at a workshop entitled, “Bullying & Peer Abuse” to be held on October 19, 2007 in Paramus, NJ (support material attached).
13. Approve the attendance of Gail Traititz, high school teacher, at an “AP Workshop” to be held on October 20, 2007 in Flanders, NJ (support material attached).
14. Approve the attendance of the following elementary school administrator and teachers at a workshop entitled, “Guided Reading Management” to be held on October 24, 2007 in Saddle Brook, NJ (support material attached):

Jennifer Kendall

Mary Johnston

Carol Carlisle  
Heidi Cassells  
Eileen Horn

Sherri Lange  
Deborah Lelinho  
Lynn Snyder

15. Approve the attendance of Donna Halliwell and David Marks, high school teachers, at a workshop entitled, "NJ Technology In-Service" to be held on October 25, 2007 in Franklin Lakes, NJ (support material attached).
16. Approve the attendance of Connie Cervati, elementary school teacher, at a workshop entitled, "Sex Ed 101 – The Basics and Beyond" to be held on November 1, 2007 in Somerset, NJ (support material attached).
17. Approve the attendance of Nicholas Capuano, Assistant Principal at the high school, at a workshop entitled, "An Introduction to Teasing and Bullying" to be held on November 2, 2007 in New Brunswick, NJ (support material attached).
18. Approve the attendance of Maureen Kelley, Media Specialist at the high school, at a workshop entitled, "Celebrate Culture, Customs & Traditions: At Your School Library" to be held from November 14 – 16, 2007 in Long Branch, NJ (support material attached).
19. Approve the attendance of Raina Dawson, high school teacher, at a workshop entitled, "Science Test Preparation" to be held on November 28, 2007 in Piscataway, NJ (support material attached).
20. Approve the attendance of William Sullivan and Richard Venditti, Board members, at a workshop entitled, "Mandatory Board Member Training – School District Accountability" to be held on November 29, 2007 in Parsippany, NJ (support material attached).
21. Approve the attendance of Matthew Arroyo, high school teacher, at a workshop entitled, "U.S. II AP Conference" to be held on March 1, 2008 in Sparta, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

22. Approve the attendance of August DePreker and Louis Roer, district administrators, at their respective monthly County meetings (dates to be determined) (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the first reading of the following new or revised Policies and Regulations, as per the attached appendices:

Board Member Travel Expenses	Bylaws Section 0147	<u>F</u>
Home Instruction Due to Health Condition	Policy Section 2412	<u>G</u>
Pupil Intervention and Referral Services	Policy Section 2417	<u>H</u>
Special Education/Receiving Schools	Policy Section 2461(new)	<u>I</u>
Home or Out-of-School Instruction for General Education Pupils	Policy Section 2481	<u>J</u>
Teaching Staff Members Travel Expenses	Policy & Regulation Section 3440	<u>K</u>
Support Staff Members Travel Expenses	Policy & Regulation Section 4440	<u>L</u>
Attendance	Policy & Regulation Section 5200	<u>M</u>
Cyber-Bullying	Policy Section 5512.02	<u>N</u>
Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct	Policy & Regulation Section 5600	<u>O</u>
Suspension	Policy & Regulation Section 5610	<u>P</u>
Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds	Policy Section 7441 (new)	<u>Q</u>
HIV/AIDS	Policy Section 8453	<u>R</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

It was reported that A4055 will address Teacher training in Autism Awareness

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

The committee toured Godwin last Monday—The water fountains, bathrooms fixtures and exhaust fans are functioning well

The walk though results were positive. Mr. Roer is continuing to monitor the single roof issue and keep the committee apprised

Mr. Roer reported on the meeting between the Athletic Director and Mr. Criscenzo.

Topics discussed included:

Relocation of field drainage

Repositioning of goal posts

Consideration of re-grading the field to get 3-4 yards of more playing surface off the infield.

If sod is considered by the Borough in the contract –what provisions for maintenance are there?

Mr. Criscenzo is in the audience and may add to this report.

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

No report

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

All contracts are complete.

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

Chalkboard is complete and being proof read; then off to the printer.

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

Minutes were distributed.

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

Food Service –food portions are being assessed for consistency from last year.

Mr. Venditti asked if the Administration is getting complaints/comments on the portion size. Not really a student or two.

At ‘Back To School Night’, there may have been a minimum of negativity but most neutral or positive.

L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – there will be coffee with ...

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The school needs volunteers to laminate at Godwin.

Teacher Grant will be decided on 11/2

October 15 –Book unwrapping

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

They will provide Stadium flags for Spirit Week

The Snack Bar will be open.

The Panther Logo is being revised for the gymnasium

A dance/ social planner tentatively for January 19 at the local Church  
Fall Booster Journal next week.

Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

Music In The Park on Sunday.

Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

No meetings have been scheduled.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No report.

Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

No report.

Continuing Education Program – (J. Vandervliet)

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

O. Old Business

None.

P. New Business

P1 Motion – Mrs. Lein, seconded – Mr. Venditti . . .

To go into closed session after the meeting of October 2, 2007 for the purpose of discussing  
personnel/superintendent issues.

Roll Call: All Yes

P2 Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Venditti . . .  
To go into closed session before the meeting of October 16, 2007, for the purpose of personnel and superintendent search

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Moraski invited the public to speak to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Stephanie Healy: She would like to see the minutes on the website

Mr. DePreker: this is being considered as part of Strategic Planning

Mrs. Bradley –would like more communication with the building level staff

Mr. Vinnie Criscenzo –presented the Soccer Association position on the Borough initiative on the rear high school fields

Mrs. Plumbley: endorses lunch with the Principal

Mrs. Plumbley reported that October 5, 2007 is ‘School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day’.

Mr. Wostbrock- Can we keep the Bulletin Boards current?

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Vandervliet . . .  
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary