

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 18, 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
	William Sullivan	Joan Vandervliet
	Richard Venditti	
	Ray Moraski	

Excused: Robert Schiffer

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion – Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .
Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on August 21, 2007.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The following items were commented on/discussed:

Mr. Moraski thanked the Administration for their efforts on the development of the Strategic Plan
Mr. Moraski referenced the status of the Superintendent search; including the article in the packet.
Mrs. Sousa is on Track; she is in the process of compiling the report, based on the Community Forum
The date of 10/29 is the beginning date for Review of Applications

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were discussed:

The School opening was extremely successful

The two PTA's were involved/ updated on the Strategic Plan; please refer to the District Website

The Principals are blogging on the website; another means of Communication.

Job targets of Administration will be provided and will talk about Board role.

The law referencing QUSAC is for the time period from August 2007 to August 2008, the Administration have this as their primary job targets.

More information on the State initiative for a Super- County Superintendent of Schools will be forthcoming.

There will be significant changes in the District as a result of A5 and S4

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. Criscenzo . . .

1. Approve the paid maternity leave for Jacqueline Goodell, high school teacher, effective November 26, 2007 through December 7, 2007; a paid child care leave, effective December 10, 2007 through January 15, 2008 and an unpaid child care leave, effective January 16, 2008 through February 22, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following addition to the list of advisors at the high school, for the 2007-2008 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Sarah Berninger	Pep Club Advisor	\$ 788
	Raina Dawson	Biology Team Advisor	\$ 962
	Michal Edgerton	Drama Club Advisor	\$ 788
	Brian Ersalesi/	A-V Club Advisor	\$ 394
	Jay Esposito	A-V Club Advisor	\$ 394
	Brian Ersalesi	Mock Trial Advisor	\$ 355
	Sarah Berninger/	Middle School Musical	\$ 177.50
	Donna Halliwell	Middle School Musical	\$ 177.50
	Andrew Peritore	Outdoor Club Advisor	\$ 788
	Tara Psomiadis	Speculative Book Club Advisor	\$ 355
	Craig Rush	Chess Team Advisor	\$1,226

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following addition to the list of coaches at the high school, for the 2007-2008 school year:

	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Robert Esposito 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach	\$2,267

Roll Call: All Yes

Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Venditti . . .

4. Approve the list of advisors at the elementary school, for the 2007-2008 school year, which is attached as an appendix. A

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

(s) Thomas Capicchioni

* Alison Friars

* Hana Prashker

(s) = Bergen County Substitute Certificate

* = NJ Standard Certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the appointment of Marie Pantina as the Guidance Secretary at the high school. She will be paid a prorated salary of \$31,257.86 (Category III, Step 4 of the MPESA salary guide), effective September 19, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the appointment of Thomas Capicchioni as a .5 Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. He will be paid a prorated salary of \$10,982.96 (Category V, Step 1 of the MPESA salary guide), effective September 19, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the appointment of Richard Heddy as a Groundskeeper for the district. He will be paid a prorated salary of 19,906.10 (Step 4 with Maintenance Stipend, as per the MPM&CA contract), effective September 24, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2007-2008 school year, which is attached as an appendix. B

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

2. Approve the August 2007 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$2,498.90.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. August 2007 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$86,023.13.
- b. September 2007 supplemental claims in the amount of \$132,761.26.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. September 2007 payroll in the amount of \$973,076.62.
- b. September 2007 supplemental payroll in the amount of \$4,530.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period July 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007, which are attached as an appendix. C

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Accept the additional donation of \$1,000 from Summer Heatt Sports LLC to be applied to renovation or repair of the high school field and/or gymnasium, as per Board Policy 7230 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the attached resolution related to the lunch program at the Forum School, Waldwick, NJ as per N.J.A.C. 6A23-4.5(A20), which is attached as an appendix. D

Roll Call: All Yes

BS1. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

Approve the following resolution for an emergent project for the construction of a chair lift at Godwin School for review and approval:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Midland Park, in the County of Bergen hereby approve the submission of this “Emergent Project” for the construction of a chair lift at Godwin School for review and approval. It is further understood that the Board is not seeking funding for this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education in the County of Bergen hereby approves the amendment of the 2005 LRFP to include the new chair lift.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the “Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2007” (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the attendance of Brian Ersalesi and Teresa Isik, high school staff, at an S.R.A. Workshop, to be held on September 20, 2007 in Hackensack, NJ (support material attached).

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

3. Approve the attendance of Rachel Grotsky, elementary school teacher, at a workshop entitled, "Access for ELLS Score Report Training" to be held on September 27, 2007 in Parsippany, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the attendance of Louis Roer and Samuel Schaper, district personnel, at a workshop entitled, "Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools", to be held on September 27, 2007 and October 23, 2007 in Mahwah, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the attendance of Lori Menken and JoAnn Polhemus, high school teachers, at the New Jersey Science Convention to be held on October 9, 2007 in Somerset, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the attendance of Donald Elliott, high school teacher, at a Computer Programming Seminar to be held on October 20, 2007 in Flanders, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the attendance of Marilyn DeLuccia, Guidance Counselor at the elementary schools, at the New Jersey School Counselor Association Fall Conference to be held on October 22, 2007 in Long Branch, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the attendance of the following elementary school teachers, Jeff Peters and Stephanie Naylis, at a workshop entitled, "TI:ME New Jersey Technology In-Service" to be held on October 25, 2007 in Franklin Lakes, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the attendance of Brian Ersalesi, high school teacher, at a Mock Trial Workshop to be held on October 29, 2007 in New Brunswick, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

10. Approve the attendance of Teresa Isik, Guidance Counselor at the high school, at a

Counselor Visit Day to be held on October 29, 2007 at Quinnipiac University (support material attached).

11. Approve the attendance of Lee Tracy, high school teacher, at the Annual Sex Ed Conference, to be held on November 1, 2007 in Somerset, NJ (support material attached).
12. Approve the attendance of Kathryn Piscitello, Media Specialist at the elementary school, at a workshop entitled, "Celebrate Culture Customs and Traditions at your School Library", to be held from November 14-16, 2007, in Long Branch, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

13. Approve the submission of the application for the No Child Left Behind Consolidated formula sub grant for FY 2008 in the sum of \$61,820 (support material attached)

Roll Call: All Yes

In addition Mrs. Veneziano will be reporting on the standardized test results at the Oct, 16,2007 meeting.

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

The committee met tonight to review revised and new policies.

Prom transportation will be explored, as per P.T.A. recommendation.

Mrs. Polhemus will contact the Municipal Alliance –based on past experience.

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

No report.

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

The following items were discussed:

They will schedule a meeting for next week

The committee has been following up on the finding of plumbing leaks at Godwin School

Mr. Sullivan referenced that we continue to tour and monitor the buildings. The Administration brought forward Work Orders for improvements.

Mr. Venditti- the tours should be part of their meetings.

Mr. Polhemus wanted to make sure that there was adequate hot water in the rooms.

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

No report.

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

Mrs. Vandervliet thanked Mr. Triano, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Kendall and her committee members for

bringing this negotiation process to a fair and reasonable ending. Mr. Moraski thanked all those involved in the process.

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

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement and authorize the Board President and the School Business Administrator to prepare and execute a successor contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association, effective retroactive from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

It was reported that the committee is going to get the final draft to the printer and they are meeting tonight.

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

They are meeting this evening to review job descriptions.

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

No report.

L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Underclass pictures will be taken on 9/20/07.
Market Day on the 21st—pick up at 5:30

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

All is well
Oct.3, 2007 for the gift baskets

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

They met last week and are developing a Mission Statement

Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

They met last week.
Music In The Park is on 10/07/07; need Volunteers.

Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

No report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No report.

Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

He attended the Executive Board meeting last night; there was a potential scheduling conflict of the 50th Anniversary celebration with the High School Musical (3/14)—The musical was rescheduled to Thus, Sat-Sun to accommodate it and the issue was resolved.

What is the Board role in this event?-i.e. Should they sell tables?—The Board should think about it.

Mr. Venditti –What can they do for the District, perhaps technology?

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

Mrs. Polhemus commented that the hot lunch was very good –looked and smelled good---

Mr. Moraski attended Staff luncheon ---Good feed back

Mr. Venditti –guidelines for the Superintendent’s contract salary—we should start considering now—

Mr. Venditti—did we have any soil issues? Mr. Roer: No, There was no new soil brought in as a result of our building projects.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 2, 2007, for the purpose of

Open to the Public

Mr. Moraski invited the public to address the Board.

Mary Bradley, 135 Millington Drive, She reference her perspective on the Godwin maintenance program. She felt that it was not maintained and that there was no apology to the teachers. She claimed that the bathrooms smelled of urine. The teacher room was poorly spackled.

There seems to be no personal accountability.

Mr. Roer or Mr. Sullivan should reach out.

We should spend money for a Basic Man, have it in the five year plan.

She claimed that there were years of neglect.

She claimed that 'the Buck stops with the Business Administrator'.

Mr. DePreker referenced that the five year plan will be addressing facility issues, such as the roof.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary