

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**February 5, 2008**

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: Nicholas Mamola, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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.

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No Report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Moraski commented that we are still on track for the Superintendent Search

**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

Mr. Mamola reported on the following items:

The high school musical will go on as planned. Performances are scheduled for March 13, 15, and 16. This year's musical will be *Grease* since the new director is very familiar with it. It allows for many leads and fits in with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the high school. The cast list was posted yesterday and everything seems to be going according to schedule. However, one position is still open; the Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental.

Paula Lein asked that I share a 3-minute scene from the recent talent show at Godwin, showing the participation of the school staff. Enjoy!

The Commissioner of Education is conducting a School Formula Funding Meeting on Thursday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bergen County Freeholders Public Meeting Room at One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack. All Chief School Administrators have been requested to attend.

As of Friday only students at Godwin were affected with head lice. However, by Monday, cases at Highland were also being reported. Today, additional screening was carried out at Highland and Godwin. The nurses and staff are doing their best to contain the situation. The following information was received from the schools this afternoon:

Godwin – 11 cases of head lice, 1 new one today

Highland – Friday: 0 diagnosed/sent home; 1 class checked

Monday: 22 diagnosed/sent home; 5 classes checked

Tuesday: 6 diagnosed/sent home; 6 full classes checked, 2 partial checked

22 returned to school checked from Monday

High School – 0 sent home to date

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)

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

1. Approve the revision in paid maternity leave for Jennifer Kendall, Godwin School Principal, effective December 18, 2007 through December 21, 2007; a paid child care leave effective December 26, 2007 through January 24, 2008; and after utilizing one personal day on January 25, 2008 and seven vacation days from January 28, 2008 through February 5, 2008, an unpaid child care leave effective February 6, 2008 through February 15, 2008.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Brian Ersalesi Musical Producer	\$355.00

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, Lein, Polhemus, Schiffer, Sullivan, Vandervliet, Moraski)  
2 No (Roberts, Venditti)

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

3. Approve the following high school teachers for the GEPA & HSPA review classes to be held at the high school and sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):

HSPA: Tracy Saltwick Math  
Sarah Berninger English

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year (support material attached):

\*Andrew Cole  
\*Connie Stagno  
(s)Patricia Yerger

\*=NJ certification  
(s)=Bergen County Substitute Certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following block motion:
  - a. January 2008 direct pays in the amount of \$395,939.80 .
  - b. January 2008 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$36,659.58.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the February 2008 claims in the amount of \$160,822.00 .

Roll Call: All Yes

The Committee is meeting next week.

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

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo . . .

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one high school special education student in the Holmstead School, effective February 6, 2008.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the Rutgers Summer Enrichment program which will be held at the high school on Wednesdays during the month of July 2008, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the textbook for Honors Environmental Science course – *Environmental Science* by G. Tyler Miller, 12<sup>th</sup> edition. Belmont, CA. 2008 (support material attached).
4. Approve the textbook for Environmental Science CP course – *Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships* by Eldon D. Enger and Bradley F. Smith, New York, NY. 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Polhemus, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo . . .

5. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance, as follows (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Lori Menken	AP Chemistry	Riverdale, NJ	March 17, 2008

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

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

Administration of Medicine	Policy and Regulation Section 5330 (rev.)	<u>A</u>
Suspected Gang Activity	Policy Section 5615 (new)	<u>B</u>
Reporting Violence, Vandalism and Alcohol And Other Drug Abuse	Policy Section 8461(rev.) Regulation Section 8461 (new)	<u>C</u>
Pupil Supervision After School	Policy Section 8601 (rev.)	<u>D</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Governor Corzine signed the following bills:

S-507 Requires audits of election results, including school elections, in randomly selected elections.

A-357 Allows communities, municipalities and school districts to join with the state to provide alternative electrical systems.

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

There were some parent complaints regarding work orders.

Mr. Sullivan – requested that the Buildings and Grounds Committee get copies of work orders.

The committee suggested that a procedure be in place for follow up and for ensuring that closeout takes place. In addition they suggested that the Administration use some type of numbering system.

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)

*ChalkBoard* is out to print! They should arrive in mailboxes next week.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Next Market Day Order is due by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The Family Fun night for Friday, February 8 will be rescheduled.  
BINGO – will be scheduled for Holy Thursday

On 4/11/08 there will be an Art Auction in Kennedy Hall  
There was some concern that the ‘lice’ letter did not go home to the Highland Parents.  
There was a comment that it is unclear whether the letters are sent by class, by school, or by District.  
In addition, is there a better treatment? Seems like treatment is antiquated.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The two (2) ‘PACK the HOUSE’ promotions were well attended. (both the Boys Varsity Basketball and the Wrestling match). The Girls’ Varsity Basketball game is tonight.  
The Journal is in the two week timeline.

Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

No Report.

Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

There is a change in the Administrative Code that is broadening the options that Districts have in developing programs, such as ‘In-Class Collaborative’—There is a pilot program in Hackensack. —We are looking into it.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

1. There are seven New Trustees. Ms. Sclafani is the new president.
2. The 3/14/08 50<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner is on schedule.
3. He will be attending the 2/11 Trustee meeting.

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

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 26, 2008, for the purpose of discussing personnel superintendent search litigation.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Moraski invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Venditti . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary