

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 10, 2007

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Moraski, President, at 8:22 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
Mr. Edward Salvi, Director of Continuing Education
Mrs. Patricia Terraciano, High School Principal
Mr. Michael Healy, Athletic Director

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Secretary's Certification

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

June 5, 2007

June 19, 2007

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board Self-Evaluation will be conducted at the end of the meeting facilitated by Mrs. Cathie Sousa, NJSBA Field Representative.
Mr. Moraski thanked all the Board members for their efforts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DePreker commented that the Administrator's Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and July 12, 2007. Mrs. Cathie Sousa will be in attendance to facilitate the Administrations' components of the 2007-2008 Goals Setting as well as to discuss the QSAC and the Strategic 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. Vandervliet, seconded – Mrs. Polhemus . . .

1. Accept the retirement resignation with extreme regret of August DePreker as Superintendent of Schools, effective December 31, 2007 (support material attached).

Mr. Moraski commented that the Board has the utmost respect for Mr. DePreker and he will be greatly missed.

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

2. Approve the change in salary for Tara Psomiadis as an English teacher at the high school from \$44,900 (MA Step 1, Experience Level 1 of the MPEA salary guide) to \$45,625 (MA Step 2, Experience Level 2 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the appointment of Jill Gisondi as a Guidance Counselor at the high school. She will be paid \$45,625 (MA Step 2, Experience Level 2 of the MPEA salary guide) effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the appointment of Edward McDonough as a social studies teacher at the high school. He will be paid \$40,000 (BA Step 1, Experience Level 1 of the MPEA salary guide) effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).
5. Approve the appointment of Lisa McNerney as a .8 Physical Education/Health teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$32,000 (BA Step 1, Experience Level 1 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the appointment of Nancy DeRitter as the NCLB Coordinator for the district. She will be paid a stipend of \$2,200, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve twenty summer hours for Maureen Kelley, Media Specialist at the high school, for the reorganization of the Media Center. She will be paid at the rate of \$32 per hour, as per Schedule B of the MPEA salary guide.
8. Approve thirty summer hours for Carole Treta, Technology Coordinator, for technology infusion. She will be paid at the rate of \$32 per hour, as per Schedule B of the MPEA salary guide.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the List of Coaches, at the high school, for the 2007-2008 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached).

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

10. Approve the appointment of Penny Galvaney to the list of home instructors for the 2007-2008 school year (support material attached).
11. Motion – A-11 was withdrawn
12. Approve the appointment of Pamela Yerger as a .5 P.M. Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid \$11,684 (Category V Step 1 of the MPESA salary guide), effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of May 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 – Mrs. Lein, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. June 2007 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$20,599.15.
- b. June 2007 supplemental cafeteria claims in the amount of \$2,589.12.
- c. June 2007 supplemental claims in the amount of \$336,355.73.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. June 2007 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$953.01.
- b. June 2007 direct pays in the amount of \$109,999.55.

4. Approve the June 2007 supplemental payroll in the amount of \$119,051.12.

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

6. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures for the period June 8, 2007 through June 30, 2007, which are attached as an appendix. C

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the contract with New Jersey School Boards Association to conduct a Superintendent of Schools search, which is attached as an appendix. D

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one pre-school student with a disability, on home instruction, effective retroactive from May 21, 2007 through June 22, 2007 and an extended school program during the summer.

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one pre-school student with a disability, on home instruction, for the 2007-2008 school year, including an extended school program during the summer.
3. Approve the attendance of Nancy DeRitter, high school teacher, at the NJSELA Bioethics Project to be held on July 11 and 12, 2007 at Hoffmann-LaRoche (support material attached).
4. Approve the attendance of Nancy DeRitter, high school teacher, at a workshop entitled, "Teaching Forensic Science" to be held on July 13, 2007 in Scotch Plains, NJ (support material attached).
5. Approve the attendance of Anne Schaper, Superintendent's Secretary, at a workshop entitled, "District Training Sessions for the Matrix and Other Licensing Issues" to be held on July 17, 2007 in Parsippany, NJ (support material attached).
6. Approve the attendance of Jennifer Frumolt, School Psychologist, at the National Association of School Psychologists to be held on July 17 – 18, 2007 in Atlantic City, NJ (support material attached).
7. Approve the attendance of the following high school staff members at a workshop entitled, "Success in the Chemistry Classroom" to be held on August 29, 2007 in Hazlet, NJ (support material attached):

Nancy DeRitter
Lori Menken
Jo Ann Polhemus

8. Approve the textbook, Perfection Learning. Echoes from Mt. Olympus. 2001, for the English 8 program (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the proposed overnight 2008 Band Trip to Atlanta, GA from May 30 – June 3, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips that are included in the Fall 2007 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Employment of Chief School Administrator	Policy 1220	(revision)	<u>E</u>
Title 1- Parental Involvement	Policy 2415.04	(revision)	<u>F</u>
Anticipated Disability (Withdrawn)	Policy 3435	(revision)	<u>G</u>
Eligibility of Resident/ Non Resident Pupils	Policy & Regulations 5111	(revision)	<u>H</u>
Administration of Medication	Policy & Regulations 5330	(revision)	<u>I</u>
Kidnapping	Regulation 8420.4	(new)	<u>J</u>

Mr. Sullivan commented that there are three steps before notifying local law officials—How much time lost in the process? Not significant it is a fast process.

Mr. Venditti commented that the security system should control the issue.

Asbestos Release	Regulation 8420.5	(new)	<u>K</u>
Accidents to and from School	Regulation 8420.6	(new)	<u>L</u>
Drug Free School Zones	Policy & Regulations 9322	(abolish)	<u>M</u>

Mr. Venditti asked if all of these policies were as a result of State changes and mandates and were recommended by Esmay Associates. Mr. DePreker answered yes.

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

Their 2007-2008 Budget was approved --\$11 million increase for Education.

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

It was reported that this committee would meet early next week.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the reopening of the existing Agreement with the MPEA as per Article XVIII B of the Agreement for a specific purpose, and approve a plan for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as per the attached appendices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the opening of Article XVIII B of the collective bargaining agreement and said Agreement Successor Plan, as contained in the attached appendices. N

2. Approve the reopening of the existing Agreement with the MPESA as per Article II D of the Agreement for a specific purpose, and approve a plan for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as per the attached appendices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the opening of Article II D of the collective bargaining agreement and said Agreement Successor Plan, as contained in the attached appendices. O

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the reopening of the existing Agreement with the MPC&MA as per Article II E of the Agreement for a specific purpose, and approve a plan for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as per the attached appendices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the opening of Article II E of the collective bargaining agreement and said Agreement Successor Plan, as contained in the attached appendices. P

Roll Call: All Yes

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

It was reported that the committee is in the process of finding a Graphic Designer for the ChalkBoard issues.

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

The meeting was cancelled for tonight.

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

Mrs. Lein highlighted the meeting that was held by the High School Administration and Pomptonian to address the serving area changes for next year.

In addition Mr. Roer responded in the affirmative to a question by Mrs. Vandervliet regarding the 100% offering of rehire of our employees by Pomptonian.

- L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

It was reported that the next meeting would be July 28.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No report.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The 2007-2008 Membership drive has begun and Athletic advertisements for the Journal are being solicited.

Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

No report.

Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

No report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No report.

Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

No report.

Continuing Education Program – (J. Vandervliet)

Mr. Salvi held a meeting with review committee. The members were pleasantly surprised with the scope and diversity of the offerings.

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

The following items were discussed:

- a. A meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on this Thursday with the Borough.
- b. Board agenda items will include:
- c. Tennis Courts
- d. Status of the sprinkler system
- e. Lightning detector
- f. Sharing of Utility costs for Recreational activities

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

No report.

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

Moved Mrs. Lein, seconded Mr. Roberts....

To go into closed session after the meeting of July 10, 2007 for the purpose of discussing grievances, personnel and negotiations

To go into closed session before the meeting of August 21, 2007 for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations

Roll Call: All Yes

The responses to the Board self evaluation/ planning will be provided to the Board by Mrs. Sousa.

Open to the Public

Mr. Moraski invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. Venditti, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary