

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
June 17, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, at 8:16 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 2008 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Paula Lein	Raymond Moraski
	Wayne Roberts	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	
	Richard Venditti	

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools
Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on May 27, 2008.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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 with the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

Presentation on the Expandable Virtual Computer Resource Center for the High School Media Center, by the Midland Park Education Foundation. Mr. Roer highlighted the plan and the timeline for installation by September 2008.

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

Accept the donation of an Expandable Virtual Computer Resource Center for the High School Media Center in the amount of \$35,000.00, from the Midland Park Education Foundation, as per Board Policy 7230 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Venditti thanked the Education Foundation for their generosity.

Interview of prospective candidates for the Board vacancy

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

To nominate all the applicants for the vacancy, which included Mr. Hahn, Mr. McCourt, Mrs. Thomas.

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board interviewed all three candidates at the same time.

Each candidate presented a statement about themselves and why they wished to serve on the Board.

A series of prepared questions were asked of each candidate in order. The same question was responded to by each candidate, in turn. As each new question was raised, the candidates rotated their order of response.

The interview process was completed.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo

To enter closed session to discuss the personal issues of the candidates

Roll Call All Yes

The Board entered closed session at 9:02 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Paula Lein	Raymond Moraski
	Wayne Roberts	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	
	Richard Venditti	

Mr. Roer polled the Board as to their individual preference, by public vote.

The vote was: Hahn (3); McCourt (3); Thomas (2)

With the result at 4,4,2 there was no majority vote getter. Mr. Roer indicated that he would conduct a second vote, with the lowest vote recipient eliminated (Mrs. Thomas).

As a result of the second vote, there were five votes for Mr. Hahn. Mr. Roer declared that Mr. Hahn was elected to the Board.

Mr. Roer administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hahn.

Mr. Hahn was seated on the Board.

Mr. Venditti thanked all the candidates for their willingness to serve on the Board and encouraged them to run for the Board during the next electoral window.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- B-1 Approve a retirement gift in the sum of \$300 for Ethel DeMyer, Building Aide in the elementary schools, as per Board Policy 0135 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mrs. DeMyer was present at the meeting and received the grateful appreciation from the Board for her years of service to the District.

A G E N D A

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years 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 – (W. Heebink)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following retroactive change to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the elementary school for the 2007-2008 school year (support material attached):

Delete: Cynthia Brown	PAC Club Advisor	<u>Stipend</u> (\$213.00)
Add: Helen Snyder	PAC Club Advisor	\$213.00

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following summer maintenance helpers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2008 through August 29, 2008 (support material attached):

Michael Convente
Tyler Peckio

4. Approve the appointment of the following summer custodial helpers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 23, 2008 through August 29, 2008 (support material attached):

William Minion
Scott Walker

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

3. Approve the appointment of Frank Isola and Laurie Troisi to ‘locate and organize materials for summer math packets, and review appropriate websites for the packets’, effective June 18, 2008 to June 20, 2008, at the approved rate of \$32.00 per hour, not to exceed eight hours each.

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

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

5. Approve the appointment of Dylan Gonzalez as an Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp program, effective June 23, 2008 through August 22, 2008 (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

6. Accept the resignation of Andrew Peritore as a social studies teacher at the high school, effective June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the following new job description for Network Administrator, which is attached as an appendix: A
8. Approve the salary for Ristem Sela, Network Administrator. He will be paid \$69,500, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan, Schiffer, Venditti,)
1 No (Canellas)
1 Abstain Hahn

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

9. Approve the following changes in personnel for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer 08 program (support material attached):

Delete:	Deborah Lelinho	S.M.A.R.T., Grades 3, 4 & 5 (Summer Math & Reading Time)
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Add:	Laurie Belthoff	S.M.A.R.T., Grades 3, 4 & 5 (Summer Math & Reading Time)
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Roll Call: Yes (8) Canellas, Criscenzo, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan, Schiffer, Venditti
Abstain (1) Hahn

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

10. Approve the following appointments as summer part-time custodians. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate for the month of July, 2008 (support material attached):

Jason Goyco
Walter Santana

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

11. Approve the following appointments to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

		<u>Stipend</u>
David Marks	Marching Band Director	\$2,729
Jeffrey Peters	Marching Band – Assistant	\$ 885
John Mulé	Marching Band – Assistant	\$ 885
Brian Prokop	Color Guard Director	\$ 412
Gordon Fisher	Volunteer Paraprofessional	
James Garde	Volunteer Paraprofessional	
Stephanie Peters	Volunteer Paraprofessional	

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

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

12. Approve the transfers for the following Custodians, effective August 1, 2008, as follows:

Joseph Raleigh from the Godwin School days to the High School days
Joseph Naples from the Highland School nights to the High School days
Paul Hoffmann from the High School days to the Godwin School days

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

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

13. Approve the appointment of Lawrence Schupner as the Athletic Trainer at the high school. His salary will be \$48,876 (BA Step 7 of the MPEA salary guide), effective August 15, 2008 through June 15, 2009 (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

14. Accept the retirement resignation of James Newman, Director of Special Services, effective

August 31, 2008 (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

15. Accept the retirement resignation of Laura Barber as Secretary to the Director of Special Services, effective August 31, 2008 (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To approve the following block motion:

16. Approve the appointment of Jennifer Langenfeld as an English teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$41,480 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

17. Approve the appointment of Michael Winters as an elementary school teacher in the Godwin School. He will be paid a salary of \$41,480 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

18. Approve the list of Fall 2008 Coaches at the high school, which is attached as an appendix.

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

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To approve the following block motion:

19. Approve the reappointment of Lisa Giovaniello, Coordinator for the Midland Park Continuing Education Before and After School Child Care programs from September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

20. Approve the reappointment of Susan Hook, teacher/coordinator for the Midland Park Continuing Education a.m. and p.m. Pre Kindergarten program from September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

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

21. Accept with regrets the retirement resignation of Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective September 30, 2008 (support material attached).

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

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

22. Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

(s) Karen Fracassini

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

23. Rescind Motion A-13 of the June 3, 2008 Board Agenda, appointing Ann Heller as a .5 a.m. Aide to work in the Midland Park Continuing Education Pre Kindergarten program, effective September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009, due to a prior approval at the May 13, 2008 Board meeting.

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

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

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. May 2008 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$78,404.76.

b. June 2008 supplemental claims in the amount of \$376,006.55.

3. Approve the June 2008 payroll in the amount of \$993,324.29.

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

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

4. Authorize the Business Administrator to cancel outstanding checks in the various school accounts in accordance with the Auditor's recommendations, as per the attached appendix. C

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the non-aligned salaries for the 2008-2009 school year, which is attached as an appendix. D

6. Approve Ameriflex as the administrator for Chapter 125 flexible spending accounts services, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). E

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

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

7. Approve the Bergen County Special Services School District contract for services required under Chapters 192 and 193 of the Laws of 1977 for the 2008-2009 school year, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-9.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-7 (support material attached).

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

8. Rescind Board Motion S-2 approving the resolution recognizing same-sex “domestic partners” as eligible dependents for pension purposes only under the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003.
9. Approve the resolution recognizing same-sex “domestic partners” to authorize coverage for all active and retired employees and their domestic partners under the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003, which is attached as an appendix. F

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

C. Curriculum Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

1. Approve the following Midland Park Continuing Education extended programs during July and August (support material attached):

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Zumba Fitness	Silvia Acosta
Lo Impact Interval/Pilates	Liz Becton
Oil Painting	Susan Marlett
Basketball, Co Ed	Bart Merola
Bellydancing	Diane Schroller
Pilates Plus	Denise Swan

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

2. Approve the proposed 2008 high school Summer Reading List (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the proposed textbook for Grade 2, *Nystrom Program* (support material attached).
4. Approve the proposed textbook for Grade 12, English 12 AP: *As I Lay Dying* (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

5. Approve the English Language Services Three-Year Plan for School Years 2008-2011 (support material attached).

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

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

6. Approve the membership resolution in the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached).

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve and accept the non-resident placement and contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Scott and Barbara Farrara, parents of Jacqueline Farrara, grade 12. This placement will be effective September 4, 2008 through June 25, 2009 (or the last day of school) for the 2008-2009 school year, in accordance with District Tuition Policy No. 6150 (support material attached).
8. Approve and accept the non-resident placement and contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Robert and Cynthia Lane, parents of Megan Lane, grade 12. This placement will be effective September 4, 2008 through June 25, 2009 (or the last day of school) for the 2008-2009 school year, in accordance with District Tuition Policy No. 6150 (support material attached).
9. Approve and accept the non-resident placement and contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and David and Hana Noriega, parents of Sonia Noriega, grade 12. This placement will be effective September 4, 2008 through June 25, 2009 (or the last day of school) for the 2008-2009 school year, in accordance with District Tuition Policy No. 6150 (support material attached).

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

D. Policy Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

A meeting needs to be scheduled.

E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

The following items were reported on:

- a. A15 & A10 – It appears that bills A15 (called for the shift of school elections to November and abolish the vote on school budgets with the statutory cap) and A10 (the bill proposed a 10% cut in local school administrative costs over 3 years) have stalled in the Senate.
- b. Bill S1911 – S1911 was released by the Senate Education Committee on June 5.
- c. Bill S1544 – was passed by the Senate on June 12.
- d. Bills S 510 and S110 -were released on June 5th.

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

The contractor has started work on the irrigation system, there have been trenches for the larger pipes and ‘pull throughs’ for the smaller diameter piping. The master pump has been ordered with a four week delivery schedule.

The contractor will be notified of our Graduation schedule in order to avoid any conflicts
The committee will meet before the summer.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

No Report

H. Public Relations Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

The committee met on June 9th.

The Back to School issue of ChalkBoard will be mailed by August 30th. Mr. Venditti complimented the committee for the plans for the whole school year, and expects to publish four issues this year.

I. Personnel Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report

J. Service Review Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

The committee will meet before the next public meeting to address the Food Service contract renewal.

K. Town Council Special Projects Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

No Report

L. Special Recreation Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Thanked everyone for participating in the ‘Gene Moore ’farewell sendoff.
Last food order is due 6/21 with pickup on 6/27

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No Report

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Special Education – ()

No Report

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

There will be a fund raiser at Baskin Robbins from 6-9 p.m.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

He could not attend the last meeting but will forward their minutes when available.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

N. Old Business

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

Approve the following resolution regarding the settlement reached in the pending litigation of Reinhold v. Midland Park School District, et al.

‘The Board does hereby approve the terms of the settlement reached in connection with the pending litigation captioned Reinhold v. Midland Park School District, et al. and does hereby authorize and direct the Board President and Board Secretary to execute any documents that may be required in connection with the settlement.’

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

O. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of July 15, 2008, for the purpose of personnel,

negotiations and on going litigation.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

No one chose to speak

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary