

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 4, 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
	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
	Patricia Terraciano, High School Principal
	Frederick Triano, Highland School Principal
	Jennifer Kendall, Godwin School Principal
	James Newman, Director of Special Services
	Edward Salvi, Director of Continuing Education
	Michael Healy, Director of Athletics
	Elizabeth Veneziano, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development
	Nicholas Capuano, Assistant Principal Midland Park High School

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Moraski greeted the staff this morning. The Food Service offerings were well received by the staff. Ms. Sousa needs Board direction for the Superintendent advertisement. She met with staff today and will meet on September 10, 2007 with the Community and the ad will be in the Ledger.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation on the Strategic Plan by Mr. Nicholas Capuano

Ms. Sousa met with the Administration and the teaching staff regarding the criteria for this plan. The staff is energetic and ready to go.

The Administration is involved with 'Mapping year Two' and the development of the Strategic Plan. The Administration spent entire Summer assessing the Plan.

Ms. Veneziano and Mr. Capuano presented the Administration findings from the Summer work.

They had to figure out the Priorities, and identify what has been done

Mr. Capuano addressed the four Goal Areas –He highlighted the achieved goals from last year and plans for this year.

Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Polhemus wanted to ensure that years 2-5 be reflective of all the public input.

Mr. Moraski wanted to dispel miscommunication issues.

Mr. DePreker thanked Mr. Salvi, Mr. Esposito and Mr. Erselisi for their help with the Bar-be-cue.

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 increase in salary for the following teacher, effective retroactive to September 1, 2007:

High School

Jennifer Golden - MA 6 Exp. Lvl. 6 (\$50,356) to MA+ 6 Exp. Lvl. 6 (\$55,989)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the appointment of Matthew Arroyo, social studies teacher at the high school, as an A.M. security guard at the high school. He will work from 6:45 a.m. – 7:33 a.m. at the approved rate of \$32, as per Schedule B of the MPEA contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the list of Substitute Teachers, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached)

A

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the appointment of Karen Campbell as a .5 Instructional Aide at the high school.

She will be paid a salary of \$11,684 (Category V, Step 1 of the MPESA salary guide), effective retroactive from 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 . . .

5. Approve the appointment of Irene Keller as a substitute secretary for the 2007-2008 school
6. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After Care Program. They will work on an as needed basis, effective September 6, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached):

James Bakelaar
Stephanie Cohen
Katherine Fiaschi
Benjamin Goodheart

Edward Gordon
Colleen Steel
Ashley Stover

7. Approve the appointment of Andrew Tucci as a substitute custodial worker. He will work on an as needed basis and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 15, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the August 2007 direct pays in the amount of \$344,322.70.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. August 2007 supplemental claims in the amount of \$118,204.33
 - b. September 2007 claims in the amount of \$58,744.73.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the annual request for June 2007 monthly transfers for accounts that exceed 10%, in the amount of \$1,708 from various other support services to central services and \$40,489 from OT, PT to operation and maintenance account (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the renewal of participation in the following programs:

School Nutrition Program

Food Distribution Program

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the 2007-2008 elementary cafeteria prices, which are attached as an appendix. B
6. Approve the 2007-2008 high school cafeteria prices, which are attached as an appendix. C

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve a daily cost for the previously approved attendance of Board Members and Administrators at the New Jersey School Boards Association Convention in Atlantic City, NJ for the following amounts:

\$235.00 – Room rate/Meals

And a \$55.00 Travel Allowance

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS-1 Approve the award of Bid File #499 –Computers (support material attached)

Bids Distributed: 5

Bids Returned: 4

Award to: Computer Service Center, Inc.

174 Rt. 17 N

Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Base Bid: Alternate A

Brand: HP Compaq 150 units @Unit Price \$895.00 = \$134,250

Model: De 5700

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS-2 Approve the application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004-Part B FY2008 Funding Allocation as follows:

Basic: \$254,265
Preschool: \$ 21,118 (support material attached)

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 written curriculum for Sports Medicine (support material attached).
2. Approve the implementation of Math Prep Lab in Grade 9 (support material attached).
3. Approve the implementation of 7th and 8th grade intramurals (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following resolution for the approval of the Joint Transportation Agreement with the Waldwick Board of Education:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education approves a Joint Transportation Agreement designating Midland Park Board of Education as the transporting agent to provide service to the Board of Education of Waldwick School District, for the purpose of transporting students to various academic and athletic events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education authorizes Waldwick Board of Education to transport Midland Park students to various academic enrichment programs and athletic events.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve and accept the non-resident placement and contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Edward and Janice Bosland, parents of Edward Bosland, Kindergarten level. This placement is effective September 6, 2007 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised Policies and Regulations:

Nonrenewal of Nontenured

Teaching Staff Member

Evaluation of Administrators

Regulation 3142

Policy 3223

(revision)

(revision)

Political Contributions	Policy 6360	(new)
Pupil Enrollments	Policy 8140	(revision)
Enrollment Accounting	Regulation 8140	(revision)
Pupil Records	Policy & Regulation 8330	(revision)
Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act	Policy 8335	(new)
Roll Call: All Yes		

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

It was reported that S993 –Anti-bully laws was introduced in August 07 with 90 days to amend.

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

The committee toured Highland and Godwin – the committee had concerns about the plumbing in Godwin they will check back on the status in a month.

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

No report.

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

No report--- Contract to be in Agenda at next meeting

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

The next issue will be out by October

It will highlight the new teacher (All info by 9/17).

The superintendent search will be referenced.

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

No report.

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

If the Board has any issue for the committee to address, please Email the Chairperson

L. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Next meeting September 17 – 8:00 p.m.
September 15- Order due date –Market Day

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

The theme this year is ‘Think Green for Midland Park and Earth’
Next meeting is September 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

There will be a joint meeting on September 12, 2007

Performing Arts Parents – (A. Polhemus)

There will be a joint meeting on September 12, 2007

Special Education – (J. Vandervliet)

Summer programs were successful.
We will have a Collaborate PSH class with Adult school regular program

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No report.

Education Foundation – (R. Venditti)

Next meeting will be September 17, 2007 –Trustee meeting.

Continuing Education Program – (J. Vandervliet)

Brochures and Calendars are out.
Registrations are vibrant.

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. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Schiffer

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of September 18, 2007, for the purpose of negotiations and litigation.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

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

Sue Jenkins – thanked all for the new items/events

She raised questions about textbooks on line and does each student get a CD / Book.

Motion - Mrs. Vandervliet, seconded – Mr. Schiffer

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:16: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary