

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
April 13, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, 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 2009 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	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Robert Schiffer

Richard Venditti

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

March 9, 2010

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

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Dr. Thomas . . .
March 23, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .
March 30, 2010

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti commented on the following items:

The Board chose a new Superintendent and is pleased to bring Dr. Cirasella forward. The Board will be voting on her appointment at the Reorganization meeting.

Mr. Venditti thanked those who attended the Public Hearing. It is very nice to get such support from the Community.

Mr. Venditti also stated that he has had a great 9 years on the Board and that it has been very rewarding. He continued that it has been a pleasure working with great Board members from my past years and present years and thanked them for all of their help and support. Mr. Venditti also thanked his family for putting up with everything over the last 9 years and wished the Board much success.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

APPENDIX

Dr. Heebink discussed the following

- April is celebrating Clerical month.

-Recommended SR-1 motion- agreement between Midland Park and Waldwick.

Mr. Schiffer asked about the specifications for the marching bands. Dr. Heebink replied that the wording has changed a bit. In the past our band was second to Waldwick. Since then, the Waldwick band transitioned and doesn't perform at half time at all. This defines the future if Waldwick gets the band back together.

Mr. Canellas asked what the term is for the agreement. Dr. Heebink replied that there is not a reference of time, but "as long as co-op is in existence" should be added.

Mr. Moraski asked if cheerleading has more participation in the fall rather than in the winter. Dr. Heebink

replied yes, this becomes a Board decision on whether to participate in the winter.

Mr. Roberts commented/questioned the cost sharing- it looks equal—what happens if there are no wrestlers participating in the winter-would we still have to pay? Dr. Heebink replied that wording can be added.

Mr. Schiffer and Mr. Venditti asked if we have more wrestlers, should program be moved here to Midland Park. Dr. Heebink replied when formed filing with the Association was done under Waldwick. They are the lead school.

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

Approve the Agreement for the Cooperative Program for Football, Wrestling and Cheerleading between the Midland Park and Waldwick School Districts, which is attached as an appendix.

SR-1

Roll Call: All Yes

A G E N D A

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2009-2010 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 – (W. Heebink)

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

1. Approve a paid maternity leave for Jennifer Finnerty, School Psychologist, effective May 24, 2010 through June 16, 2010; a paid child care leave effective June 17, 2010 through June 23, 2010 and an unpaid child care leave, under the Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2010 through October 29, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Accept the retirement resignation of Elsa Carbone, with appreciation, Art teacher at the high school, effective June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

3. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached):

(s) Jean Haase
(s) Jared Kahn
(s) Katherine Keppel
(s) Jonathan Klui
* Allan Lappin
(s) Stephen Van Hassel
(s) Robert Wilson

(s) = New Jersey County Substitute Certificate

* = New Jersey Certification

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

- S-1. Accept the resignation of Alison Deeney, elementary school teacher, effective June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following block motion:

- a. March 2010 direct pays in the amount of \$575,053.07.
- b. March 2010 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$33,342.94.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the April 2010 claims in the amount of \$231,465.22.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

3. Approve the appointment of Bergen County Special Services – Educational Enterprises Augmentative Communication Services for a preschool special education student at a cost of \$775.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

4. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Northern Highlands Regional H.S. Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2010/2011 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Northern Highlands Regional H.S. Board of Education and attached to this resolution, which is attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan asked if this is an agreement rather than a contract. Ms. Garvey replied yes, this is an agreement for them to be a fielding agent for us. We review bids and then approve them.

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

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

1. Approve the establishment of a revised preschool disabled program in the Midland Park School District (support material attached).

Mr. Sullivan asked what is here now and what is slated for next year, how many of the students would be in the program and if the program has the ability to grow. Dr. Heebink replied currently there is a half time program; next year both half day and full day. There are currently seven students and we could take in outside tuition. Highland school has the room for the program. Dr. Heebink is also stated that we are purchasing new curriculum for this program through Grant moneys.

Ms. Criscenzo asked what is the maximum number of students? Dr. Heebink replied that he will have to research and get back to the Board with an answer.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the list of staff members requesting workshop attendance, as follows (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Jennifer Finnerty Christina Marinaro	Effective Use of Teacher's Aide Supports in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom	Morris Plains, NJ	April 9, 2010
Sheralyn Gottlieb	Special Education Updates in NJ	Long Branch, NJ	May 17, 2010
Stacy Garvey	Annual NJASBO Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	June 2-4, 2010
Eileen Ietto	Audiology – Hands on Workshop	New York, NY	June 11, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

1. Approve the first reading of the following new/revised policies and regulations, as per the attached appendices.

High School Graduation Policy
PB-1

Policy Section 5460

(revised)

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Dr. Thomas . . .

2. Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies and regulations:

Professional Services	Bylaws Section 0177 (revised)
Comprehensive Equity Plan	Policy Section 1523 (citation revision)
Adoption of Courses	Policy Section 2220 (citation revision)
Use of Technology Policy Section 2360	(citation revision)
Guidance Counseling	Policy Section 2411 (citation revision)
Bilingual and ESL Education	Policy & Regulations Section 2423 (revised)
Student Activity Fund	Policy Section 6660 (revised)
Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse	Policy Section 8461 (revised)

Roll Call: All Yes

- E. Legislative Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

The date of the School Board Election for next year has been changed from a Tuesday to a Wednesday; and also from the usual third week of the month to the last week of the month. The election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

The following items were reported on:

- a. The field work was done on Upper Sunset fields.
- b. Several leaking spots on the High School roof were patched.
- c. All Smart Boards are installed with the exception of one. We are awaiting completion of electric, software installs, and training.
- d. Finished drop ceiling in room 35 at MPHS.
- e. The Varsity baseball field was prepared for the season which included yellow safety capping on fences.
- f. Reinstalled the speed bumps at MPHS.

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

The final review of dollars is being performed.

H. Negotiations – Administrators – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

This is on-going.

I. Public Relations Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

Chalk Board will be mailed for delivery on Saturday
Thank you to Mr. Moraski and Dr. Thomas

J. Personnel Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

K. Service Review Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

M. Technology Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed/reported on:

The High School PTA has sent word to their membership that they should support the budget.

Market Day orders are due by Saturday, April 17th.

Market Day Pick-up is Friday, April 23, at the High School.

Cultural Week Collections:

Used instruments for Uganda

Toiletries to be donated to Covenant House

Monetary collections taken during lunches are to be donated to Oasis haven for women, children, and International Humanitarian Aid Foundation supporting Haiti.

Spring plant sale is on. Orders are due by April 19th. Order forms are on the high school website.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

Mr. Canellas stated that he and Mr. Schiffer attend the Executive Board meeting- Mr. Schiffer did a great job reviewing the Budget with the Board. They are supporting the Budget.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The schedule for *The Madrigal Show 2110* is as follows:

Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.;

Saturday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

We will be scheduling a meeting in May.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

Reported on the following items:

a. Cultural Awareness Week

b. Friday field trips to: Covenant House and Ellis Island

O. Old Business

No Report.

P. New Business

Mr. Venditti commented on the National Honor Society Awards Dinner.

Mr. Venditti also commented that Mr. Roberts's term as a Board Trustee will be finished and went on to thank him for all of his efforts—he travels quite a bit for work and his commitment to the Board has to be commended.

Mr. Roberts commented that he is leaving with mixed emotion. He did not expect to only serve 1 term and that his passion for doing this has not changed. He thanked the Board and stated that if his work situation changes, he will look to become a Board Member again.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 23, 2010, for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.
No one chose to speak.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary