

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 15, 2009

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	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Robert Schiffer

Richard Venditti

Excused:	Raymond Moraski
	Wayne Roberts

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. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

November 17, 2009 (5 Yes – Canellas, Criscenzo, Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Venditti)
(2 Abstain – Lein, Schiffer)

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

December 1, 2009 - All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti commented on the following:

Status of Superintendent Search – in process of setting up interviews

Goal Setting – 12 month calendar agenda. Dr. Heebink updated, the Board is on track.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Achievement listing noted

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. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a paid maternity leave for Jacqueline Goodell, high school teacher, effective on or about February 22, 2010, for a twenty –day period of paid child care leave ending on or about March 19, 2010, followed immediately by an unpaid leave of absence under the terms of the Family Medical Leave Act, ending April 30, 2010 (support material attached).
2. Approve the appointment of Barbara Makela as Primary Math Club Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year. She will be paid a fee of \$368.00(support material attached).
4. Approve the following addition(s) to the list of substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached).

(s) Ian R. Miller

(s) Grace E. Sur

(s) County Substitute Certificate

5. To rescind the following club advisor for the following position for the 2009-2010 school Year:

Stage Crew	Kit Gonzalez	\$1276.00
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6. To approve the following co-club advisors for the 2009-2010 school year: (support material attached).

Stage Crew	Kit Gonzalez	\$ 638.00
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Stage Crew	Michal Edgerton	\$ 638.00
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Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the first tenured appointment for Jennifer Finnerty, Child Study Team member, effective January 3, 2010.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. November, 2009 direct pays in the amount of \$739,828.84.
 - b. November, 2009 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$47,473.65.
 - c. November, 2009 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$95,737.37.
 - d. December, 2009 supplemental claims in the amount of \$282,118.08

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period of November 1-30, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F-1
3. Approve the appropriation of \$80,252.00, Allowable Extraordinary Aid adjustment from the 2008-2009 school year to account #11-000-219-320-04-40, Professional, Educational Services – Child Study Team.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Guide for Standard Operating Procedures and Internal Controls.
5. Approve the appointment of Amy Torchia as a consultant to complete the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 Professional Development Plans for the District, at a cost of \$1,250.00 per completed plan (support material attached).
6. Approve Sheli J. Dansky & Associates to be appointed as an independent evaluator for physical and occupational therapies. The fee per evaluation will be \$450.00 (support material attached).
7. Approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report. The drills were completed on October 23rd for ECLC, November 20, 2009 for Hubbard School and Colonial Road School on November 23, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan questioned if the existing maintenance request form was being used. Ms. Garvey responded yes – the teachers are still using this form to submit to the Administrators. Ms. Criscenzo questioned if our district performs the bus drills. Ms. Garvey answered yes, we do these bus runs and the drivers run the drills.

Curriculum Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one 8th grade student on bedside instruction effective retroactive from December 8th, 2009-December 18, 2009. It will be a minimum of ten hours per week at a rate of \$55.00 per hour. Instruction will be provided through the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.
3. Approval to provide educational services for a MPHS senior from November 2 – November 30, 2009, at the DayTop program in Mendham NJ, at a rate of \$108.00 per day.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

2. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Spring 2010 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Name	Workshop	Date	Location
Cynthia Brown, Catherine Princell, & Pamela Vermaas	Wechsler Individual Achievement Test	January 14, 2010	Ridgewood, NJ.
Ethan Grubman & Katherine Gordon	Visualizing the Big Ideas in Algebra	January 20, 2010	Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ
Cynthia Brown, Jennifer Finnerty, Christina Marinaro, Pamela Vermaas	Transitioning Students with Disabilities to General Education	February 2, 2010	East Orange, NJ
Christina Marinaro, Pamela Vermaas	IEP: Components & Considerations	February 10, 2010	East Orange, NJ
Jennifer Finnerty & Patty Zarpaylic	Transitioning Pre- Schoolers with Disabilities	February 11, 2010	Morris Plains, NJ

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Ms. Criscenzo asked why is UNDMJ is providing education. Dr. Heebink responded they provide us with educational consultants for bedside instruction.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Bill passed requiring schools to notify parents within 10 days if contaminated soil is found.

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. Smart board install will happen over the “holiday” break.
- b. Bulbs were installed in the HS marquee. Only 2 of the 8 bulbs were operating.
- c. Our 3 busses passed the semi-annual required NJ inspection today.
- d. A new air compressor was ordered to replace the defunct 30 year old unit at Godwin. This controls the heat building wide (will be installed in-house).
- e. Meetings are taking place to map out a plan to build our infrastructure to support current and future technology needs.
- f. Our new district maintenance truck is working out well. It has two small snow storms under its belt and performed without a hitch. The second truck allows us to perform additional snow removal that was formally contracted out.
- g. Speed bumps were removed for the winter so we don’t destroy them with the plows.

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

There will be a committee meeting on December 21, 2009.

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

No Report.

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

Superintendent search timeline – 1st round interview completed by the end of January.

Mr. Canellas asked when the next Chalk Board edition would be coming out.

Ms. Lein answered the next one will be the Budget issue.

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)

Dr. Heebink reported that the Mayor and the Council are still discussing the field work.

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

No Report.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day pick – up is Friday, December 18, 2009 between 5:00- 6:00 at the High school cafeteria.

On Wednesday, January 20th, Andrew Donofrio will speak about Internet Safety at the combined general meeting.

In addition, we would like to thank the Board of Education for the change in the scholar athlete award.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

No Report.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

The following items were reported on:

- a. There will be on line registration for Fall.
- b. Spring Calendar
- c. Positive notes on the budget.
- d. Reviewed trips

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

Absent

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 5, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiation and the Superintendent Search.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary