

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
January 19, 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

ROLL CALL

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:
December 15, 2009

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

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
January 5, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

An update on the Superintendent Search was provided.

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

The Superintendent commented on the following items:

- a. List of achievements;
- b. School Board Recognition Month;
- c. Testing Results – Reported in the Bergen Record
 - AYP met by District
 - The State changed bench marks for Grades 3 & 4;
 - March, 2009 testing was completed but not reported until January, 2010.
 - Biology Test – Test scored, but no benchmark set.
 - Data in newspaper not “Worthwhile Data”, we need to look at the data that is apples to apples- not what is presented in the newspaper.
 - Will review further at next meeting

Ms. Criscenzo asked what grade levels for Biology? Dr. Heebink answered Grades 9 & 10

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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion

1. Approve the increase in salary for the following elementary school teacher, effective February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Allison Ruta - MA 7 Experience Level 9 (\$54,401) to MA+7 Experience Level 9 (\$60,542)

2. Approve the following additions to the list of advisors to activities and clubs, at the high school, for the 2009-2010 school year:

Stipend

Add:	Pam Klinger	Middle School Musical Director	\$685
	Kit Gonzalez	Middle School Musical Producer	\$368
	Ilya Maslov	Middle School Musical Assistant Director	\$368

3. Approve the following appointments at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Brian Ersalesi	AHSA Supervisor – 40 hours	\$1327.20
Teresa Isik	Assistant AHSA Supervisor – 10 hours	\$ 331.80

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

* Concetta Cervati

(s) Marisa Marco

(s) Erin Oakes

* = NJ permanent certification

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

5. Approve the appointment of Rosemary Neville as a student teacher at the high school, effective January 20, 2010 through May 6, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

SB1 Approve the appointment of Ryan Haegler as a part-time custodian. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective November 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All yes

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following block motion:

a. December 2009 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$45,020.60.

b. January 2010 supplemental claims in the amount of \$281,553.36.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the first January 2010 payroll in the amount of \$578,472.20.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period December 1 – December 31, 2009 which are attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the appointment of Speech and Hearing Associates as consultants to perform audiological evaluations (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve an overnight trip for the Take Action Drug and Alcohol Prevention Club Leadership and Prevention Workshop from February 6 – 7, 2010 at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp in Newton, NJ (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Ristem Sela	Cisco Certified Network Associate Training Program	Fairfield, NJ	Jan. 30 – March 27, 2010
Rachel Grotsky Rachel Reboiro	WRS Introductory Workshop/Applied Methods	New York, NY	Feb. 3, 4, 5, 2010
Paula Didyk Danielle Kirsch	Facilitating Inclusion through Differentiated Instruction in General Education Classrooms	East Orange, NJ	Feb. 4, 2010
Brian DeCarlo	2009 Core Curriculum Content Standards	Edison, NJ	Feb. 5, 2010
Scott Grasso	Meet Our Challenges and Make a Difference	Rye Brook, NJ	Feb.25-27, 2010
Jason Gangi Jennifer Harris	Preparing for NJASK	Montvale, NJ	March 2, 2010
Cynthia Brown Christina Marinaro Pamela Vermaas	IEP Goals and Student Progress (K-12)	East Orange, NJ	March 10, 2010
Danielle Bache	Role of the Leader in Designing and Implementing a Congruent Data System	Montclair, NJ	March 11, 2010

Edward Salvi	Much is Expected of Those Who Have Much to Give	Atlantic City, NJ	March 15-18, 2010
Stacy Boufford Francesca Mullady	Visual Supports on the Go	Hackensack, NJ	March 25, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Roberts asked about the Cisco course – is it on line? Ms. Garvey replied no – actual course with mandatory attendance and a test at the end.

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

SC1 Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school special education student on home instruction, effective January 19, 2010 until no longer warranted at the MPEA contractual rate.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the first reading of the following new/revised policies and regulations, which are attached as appendices:

Live Animals in School	Policy & Regulations Section 2560 (revised)	<u>PB-1</u>
Professional Development	Policy & Regulations Section 3240 (revised)	<u>PB-2</u>
New Jersey's Family Leave Insurance Program - Teaching Staff Members	Policy Section 3431.3 (new)	<u>PB-3</u>
New Jersey's Family Leave Insurance Program - Support Staff Members	Policy Section 4431.3 (new)	<u>PB-4</u>
Withdrawal from School	Policy & Regulations Section 5130 (revised)	<u>PB-5</u>
Lockdown Procedures	Regulations Section 8420.7 (revised)	<u>PB-6</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan questioned the withdrawal from school – does it apply if the student is 18 or over?

Dr. Heebink replied he will check.

Mr. Venditti commented that he does not want the Student Code of Conduct to be forgotten.

Dr. Heebink replied that there are so many modifications that are necessary – not forgotten.

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

The following bills were passed by the Senate and the Assembly and signed by the Governor on 1/11/2010:

A 1072/S480 – Requires prompt parental and staff notification of contaminated soil found on school property;

A 3002/S2518 – Requires school security drills to improve emergency preparedness.

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

The following items have been replaced/or are in the process of being replaced:

a. The basketball hoop in Godwin;

b. Ceiling tiles at the high school;

We are in the process of receiving quotes on the electrical sub panels for MPHS and Godwin.

We are waiting for a quote from Automated Logic on the equipment needed to gain better control at Highland, Godwin, and MPHS.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for January 20, 2010.

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

We need to assemble an Administrative team to move forward with negotiations.

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

Website needs to be updated reflecting the second round of interviews for the Superintendent Search.

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)

It was reported that a meeting will try to be scheduled for the beginning of February.

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

No Report.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

The Market Day orders are due Saturday, January 23rd, 2010.

On Wednesday, January 20th is the combined general meeting starting at 7:00 in the Media Center. At 8:00 Andrew Donofrio will speak about Internet Safety.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

A meeting is scheduled for January 20 at the high school.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were reported:

A Beef Steak Dinner is scheduled for January 30, 2010.

Pack the House Nights

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Scheduled events are as follows:

Concert is scheduled at the high school on January 20, 2010.

The Band is performing in Ridgewood on January 21, 2010.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

Dave Lancaster was appointed to serve on Board

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

No Report.

O. Old Business

Mr. Moraski commented that the Board needs to review Goals

Mr. Venditti commented that the Board needs information from the Attorney regarding the Substance Abuse Form.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session after the meeting of January 19, 2010 to discuss the Superintendent Search and before the meeting of February 2, 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.

Mr. Hildebrandt said thank you for the e-mail that was sent out so quickly about a bomb threat.

He also stated that he is the coach for the 7th and 8th Grade football team that won “Super Bowl”.

He is very proud of the kids. A banner had been made in honor of their winning and he asked the Board to consider hanging the banner in the HS gym.

Mr. Venditti asked Dr. Heebink to speak to the Principal about place to hang.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary