

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
January 5, 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
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

Richard Venditti

Excused: Wayne Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'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.

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

Approve the resolution regarding public school funding, which is attached as an appendix.

SR-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Approve the temporary “Referral for Suspected Substance Abuse” form, which is attached as an appendix.

SR-2

Mr. Schiffer questioned who would sign the form and what is legal procedure.

Dr. Heebink commented that there is a concern that the staff member will not remain anonymous and therefore may not bring students forward. Have not received clarification on the law, but did not want to be without form.

Mr. Sullivan questioned if there would be a definite answer by the next meeting. Dr. Heebink replied that is the goal.

Mr. Schiffer asked when calling DYFS do we have to give name. Dr. Thomas replied, no.

Roll Call: All Yes

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. Lein . . .

1. Approve the employment contract between Robert Blanchard, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, and the Midland Park Board of Education, which is attached as an appendix.

P-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the employment contract between Ristem Sela, Network Administrator, and the Midland Park Board of Education, which is attached as an appendix.

P-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the increase for Denise Connelly, Instructional Aide, from .5 to 1.0, effective January 4, 2010 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).
4. Approve the appointment of Jacqueline Cronin as a .5 Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$12,116.50 (Category V, Step 1 on the MPESA salary guide), prorated effective January 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

5. Approve the appointment of Jeffrey Monsma as a long-term substitute teacher at the high school, to cover a maternity leave effective February 22, 2010 through April 30, 2010 (support material attached).

6. Approve the appointment of the following student teachers in the elementary schools (support material attached):

Krista Hogue
Katherine Keppel

7. Approve the appointment of the following substitute workers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective January 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached):

Connor McGlade	Substitute Custodian
Scott Polhemus	Substitute Custodian

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of November 30, 2009, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, subject to the conditions of P.L. 1701.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. December 2009 direct pays in the amount of \$213,278.63.
- b. December 2009 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$26,772.27.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the December 2009 payroll in the amount of \$1,076,811.16.
4. Approve the January 2010 claims in the amount of \$98,347.32.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period November 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the employment of Professor Melkamu Zeleke to conduct an evaluation of the Midland Park mathematics curriculum (grades 4 - 12) during the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year for a total cost of \$3,000 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas questioned who defined the standards.

Dr. Heebink replied the State defines for us.

Mr. Canellas asked if we could get reports earlier.

Dr. Heebink commented that we move quickly but we will be working under tight timelines.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the professor would be doing the work himself or would there be a team.

Dr. Heebink replied he would be doing the work himself.

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

- SB1 Approve the employment of Patricia Ryan of the Institute of Child Development, Hackensack University Medical Center, to serve as an independent evaluator for physical and occupational therapies at a rate of \$330 per half hour (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan asked how long will evaluation take.

Dr. Heebink replied that he was not sure and control is limited

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

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of two high school students on bedside instruction, for a minimum of five hours per week, effective retroactive from December 17, 2009 for as long as the conditions warrant.

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
Carole Treta	“Technology and the Brain” and “Internet Safety for Educators”	Washington Township, NJ	Jan. 28, 2010
Christina	Technical Assistance Sessions	East Orange, NJ	Jan. 29, 2010

Marinaro Pamela Vermaas	for Preschool Outcome Study Districts		
Sheralyn Gottlieb	Section 504 – It's Impact and Relationship to IDEIA	Long Branch, NJ	March 5, 2010
Jennifer Finnerty Christina Marinaro Patricia Zarpaylic	Developing Meaningful IEP's for Preschoolers with Disabilities in General Education Programs	Morris Plains, NJ	March 5, 2010
Katherine Gordon Jennifer Langenfeld	NJ Middle School Association Conference	Union, NJ	March 19, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Moraski commented that the High School Media Center is not used as much as it should be because of lack of coverage. We will be looking into coverage before/after school and during lunch periods.

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

- SC1 Approve the employment of Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide educational instruction services for a MPHS student who is a client at High Focus Centers of Paramus two hours per day at a rate not to exceed \$39.00 per hour.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

There is a meeting scheduled for later tonight.

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

The NJ Department of Education readopted Accountability Regulations with some changes. The Legislative session ends on the 11th. Any bills not acted will die. Voting sessions are scheduled for the 7th and the 11th.

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

The following items were discussed/commented on:

- 14 Smart Boards were installed at the high school.
- Repairs made to HVAC system in the band room.
- Water fountain repaired in the Godwin school – first floor.
- At Godwin school new large rolls of toilet paper dispensers were installed.
- Locker repairs were done in boys and girls locker rooms at the high school.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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)

The Mayor and the Town Council met and discussed field renovations. They chose to relocate the back stop. They asked if the Midland Park Board would be able to contribute to this effort and the Borough was told that we would have to get back to them after review by the Finance Committee.

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

The following items were discussed:

This committee met December 22, 2009.

The District is beginning the Three Year Technology Plan

The remaining Smart Boards will be installed over the February break.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed:

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

On Wednesday, January 20th at 8:00 p.m. Andrew Donofrio will speak about internet safety at the combined general meeting.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

Upcoming events:

a. Bingo Night – Friday

b. February 26th - Beach Party

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

No Report.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

Trustee meeting on January 18, 2010.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

The following items were discussed:

- a. Grant - \$8900.00 award
- b. February Break activities

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

No Report.

O. Old Business

None

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 19, 2010, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Mrs. Jeanne Fall asked the Board to grant permission to have son stay in Midland Park during the transition of moving from Midland Park to Wyckoff.

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