

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 23, 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

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| 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

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on February 23, 2010.

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti spoke and commented that he was pleased to see a large turn-out at the meeting. Last Wednesday, the District found out about State Aid cuts. Mr. Venditti thanked the Administrators for all of their work.

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

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

Approve the acceptance of the settlement agreement for a residency dispute, which is attached as an appendix.

SR-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Public hearing on the following Board policies relating to acceptable use of computers, computer network and resources by staff and students (support material attached):

Use of Technology Policy Section 2360

Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources Policy Section 2361

Acceptable Use of Computers/Networks - Teaching Staff Members Policy Section 3321

Acceptable Use of Computers/Networks - Support Staff Policy Section 4321

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. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

1. Accept the retirement resignation of Christine Nunziata as an elementary school teacher, effective June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following change to the list of Spring Athletic Coaches at the high school for

the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached):

Delete: Kara DeBlasio Assistant Softball Coach

3. Approve the following high school teachers for the NJASK-8 review class, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, to be held at the high school (support material attached):

NJASK-8 Brian Ersalesi, English
Ariel Weissman, Math

4. Approve the appointment of Rachel Maietta as a temporary School Psychologist to assist the Child Study Team with Annual Review IEP's. She will be paid \$150 per completed IEP, not to exceed 37 IEP's, effective March 24, 2010 through June 30, 2010.
5. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached):

(*) Ashley Marra
(s) Michael Mayer
(s) Raquel Tomé
(s) Ruth Wezenter

(*) = NJ certification (s) = County substitute certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of February 28, 2010, 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. February 2010 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$44,665.43.

b. March 2010 supplemental claims in the amount of \$192,447.33.

3. Approve the first March 2010 payroll in the amount of \$563,875.58.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period February 1 – February 28, 2010, which are attached as an appendix. F-1

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period February 1 – February 28, 2010, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Accept the funds for the Allstate Foundation Agency “Hands in the Community” grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the support of the Take Action Club (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the increase in the financial pay-out limit for the following consultant for the 2009-2010 school year:

Board Attorney/Bond Counsel from \$40,000 to \$55,000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the establishment of financial pay-out limits for the following consultants for the 2010-2011 school year:

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| a. | Board Architect | \$ 30,000 |
| b. | Board Attorney/Bond Counsel | \$ 40,000 |
| c. | Board Auditor | \$ 25,000 |
| d. | Occupational/Physical Therapy | \$ 68,000 |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the agreement with MSG Varsity Network-New Jersey for participation in the program, effective March 31, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Approve the Award of Bid – File #503 – 2011 Type A School Bus -15 seater, plus one wheel chair passenger School Bus

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| Advertised: | The Record |
| Bids Distributed: | 4 |
| Bids Returned: | 1 |

Awarded to:

Wolfington Body Co, Inc. \$60,900.00
1315 Route 38
P.O. Box 160
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a tentative school district budget for the 2010-2011 school year for submission to the voters of Midland Park, as follows:

| | Budget | Local Tax Levy |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Total General Fund | \$18,640,518 | \$16,818,459 |
| Total Special Revenue Fund | \$ 413,009 | |
| Total Debt Service Fund | \$ 450,990 | \$ 450,990 |
| TOTALS | | |

Mr. Schiffer commented that it was stated 1 month ago the loss of State Aid would possibly be 15% . However, last Wednesday we were notified that we lost \$1.2 million dollars. We have already been cut \$183,000.00 this year. Based on this substantial loss making cuts will spread across all areas. The Tentative Public Hearing is next Tuesday night when we can discuss cuts. The Board has decided to keep the Tax Levy at 4%, although we have the ability can go above. Mr. Venditti commented that this is a huge task for the Administrators which ultimately affects staff and the children. We are not able to comment on Personnel at this time, but will be able to comment at the Public Hearing.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of a middle school special education student in the Sage Day School, Mahwah, NJ, effective April 12, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed overnight trip for Take Action Drug and Alcohol Prevention Club Leadership and Prevention Workshop to Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA Outdoor Center in Dingmans Ferry, PA from June 5 – 6, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the proposed overnight choir trip to Orlando, FL from March 24 – 28, 2011 (support material attached).

Mr. Sullivan commented that Fundraising and fees paid for the trip. The District pays for the Staff only.

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Lein, Moraski, Roberts, Sullivan, Schiffer)

2 No (Dr. Thomas, Mr. Venditti)

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

4. Approve the following proposed new course (support material attached):

AP Statistics

Mr. Roberts questioned if this would be a replacement.

Dr. Heebink replied it is an upgrade of Curriculum not expansion.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the 2010 Extended School Year Programs for Special Education students, effective July 6, 2010 through July 30, 2010, which is attached as an appendix. C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Pre Summer 2010 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

| Name | Workshop | Location | Date |
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| Nicholas Capuano | Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System | Mountain Lakes, NJ | April 20, 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, which are attached as appendices.

Professional Services

Bylaws Section 0177 PB-1
(revised)

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| Comprehensive Equity Plan | Policy Section 1523 (citation revision) | <u>PB-2</u> |
| Adoption of Courses | Policy Section 2220 (citation revision) | <u>PB-3</u> |
| Use of Technology Policy Section 2360 | <u>PB-4</u> (citation revision) | |
| Guidance Counseling | Policy Section 2411 (citation revision) | <u>PB-5</u> |
| Bilingual and ESL Education | Policy & Regulations Section 2423 (revised) | <u>PB-6</u> |
| Student Activity Fund <i>(Appendix available on Tuesday night)</i> | Policy Section 6660 <u>PB-7</u> (revised) | |
| Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse | Policy Section 8461 (revised) | <u>PB-8</u> |
| 2. Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Dr. Thomas . . . Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies and regulations: | | |
| Nepotism | Bylaws Section 0142.1 (revised) | |
| Legal Services | Bylaws Section 0174 (revised) | |
| Internal Controls | Policy & Regulation Section 1570 (revised) | |
| Administrative Employment Contracts | Policy Section 1620 (revised) | |
| Pupil Smoking | Policy Section 5533 (revised) | |
| Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program | Policy & Regulation Section 6111 (revised) | |
| Political Contributions | Policy Section 6360 (revised) | |
| Purchases Budgeted | Policy Section 6421 (revised) | |

School District Travel Procedures

Regulation
Section 6471(revised)

Smoking on School Grounds

Policy Section 7434
(new)

Special Interest Groups

Policy Section 9700
(revised)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Policy Section 5430
(revised)

Mr. Canellas commented that the effective date shifted to 11-12 school year.

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Mr. Canellas, Ms. Lein, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Schiffer,
Mr. Venditti)

1 No (Criscenzo)

1 Abstain (Moraski)

E. Legislative Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)
No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
No Report.

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

The process is ongoing.

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

The process is ongoing.

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

There is a scheduled meeting tonight.

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 following items were reported on:
The work on the backstop is complete;
The work on the field is ongoing.

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

The 3 year Technology Plan will go before the Board next week.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

- a. Market Day pick up is Friday March 26, 2010;
- b. Cultural Awareness week is April 12-16;
this year's theme is "Make a Difference"
- c. On Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. Lori Schneider will speak. She is the first person with MS to climb Mt. Everest and conquer the "seven Summits"

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The High School musical was successful. Students did a great job.
Flyer---Release the Beat – 4/10/10

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The Advisory Board is meeting in May.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

The Blue Jean Ball --- raised \$13,000.
"Access To All" –still ongoing – accepting pledges.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

The following items were reported on:

- a. brochures on line;
- b. beginning on line registration;
- c. Adult Ed Program still financially stable.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

On behalf of the Band and Broadcasting, I have a CD of pictures from the trip for the Board Members.

O. Old Business

No Report.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 30th and April 13, 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.

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