

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
May 18, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Schiffer, 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 2010 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
	Richard Formicola	Paula Lein
	Brian McCourt	Raymond Moraski
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Robert Schiffer	

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. Canellas . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on April 27, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recognition of Richard Venditti and Wayne Roberts for service to the Midland Park Board of Education.

The following items were reported/commented on:

- a. Reminder – Association Retirement Dinner on 5/20/10.
- b. Senior Sports Awards Dinner on 5/26/10.
- c. Dr. Cirasella will be joining us on July 1, 2010
- d. Student Representative for the 2010-2011 school year

Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 18, 2010

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

Recognition of Adolph "Sonny" Santorine as the newest inductee to the Midland Park Education Hall of Fame.

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the list of the Affirmative Action Committee for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix
2. Approve the following resolution:

SR-1

WHEREAS, one Midland Park student remained active in the Cheerleading program this past fall and winter;

WHEREAS, that student wishes to remain in the Cheerleading program in 2010-2011;

WHEREAS, Waldwick has agreed to accept this student in its Cheerleading program with any charges to the Midland Park School District for her participation; and,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Midland Park Board of Education approves the participation of this single student in the Waldwick Cheerleading program for 2010-2011.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

- SM-1. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a Midland Park High School student has engaged in a series of thefts and/or acts of vandalism at the high school between January 1, 2010 and May 10, 2010;

WHEREAS, these acts violate the discipline code contained within the Midland Park High School Student Handbook; Board Policy No. 5500 Expectations for Pupil Conduct; Board Policy 5600, Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct; and Board Policy No. 5610, Suspension, and;

WHEREAS, the father of the student involved has waived all rights to a hearing on the charges; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education is confirming in public session its action taken in closed executive session on May 18, 2010, to suspend the student for the duration of the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years 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 – Ms. Lein, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

To approve the following block motion:

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

(s) Donald Kanarr

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

2. Approve the summer hours for Craig Rush, Student Assistance Counselor. He will be paid at the approved rate of \$55 per hour for nine hours.
3. Accept the retirement/resignation of Jane Lindstrom as the Treasurer of School Moneys, effective July 31, 2010 (support material attached).
4. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2010-2011 school year:

Samuel Schaper Bus Driver
5. Approve the placement of the following student teachers from September 7, 2010 through December, 2010:

Jigisha Vyas in a dual program with Mrs. Johnston's 3rd grade inclusion class and Mrs. Kirsch's 5th grade resource room

Rebecca Frenkel in a dual program with Mrs. Troisi's 4th grade class and Mrs. Marks' and Mrs. Mallon's 7th & 8th grade science class
6. Approve the placement of Gary Shur as a student teacher in Mr. Marks' classes, effective October 2010 through December 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, 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 April 30, 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.

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. April 2010 Midland Park continuing Education claims in the amount of \$43,987.98.

b. May 2010 supplemental claims in the amount of \$214,518.77.

3. Approve the first May 2010 payroll in the amount of \$575,909.70.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010, which are attached as an appendix. F-1

5. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

6. Approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$750 for the Educational Alliance Grant from Exxon Mobile/Ridgewood On the Run.

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Lein thanked Dr. Heebink for pursuing this Grant from Exxon/Mobile.

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

7. Approve the increase in the financial pay-out for the following consultant:

Board Attorney/Bond Counsel from \$55,000 to \$65,000 for the 2009-2010 school year

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

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

1. Approved the proposed date for Music in the Park XIII, Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. (support material attached).

Mr. Schiffer questioned if this event takes any funding from the school budget. Mr. Moraski replied no, and that the event actually generates funds for the program.

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

2. Approve the submission of the amended ARRA IDEA Grant for Non-Public and Preschool Funds FY 2009-2011 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the MPPEF Access to All Grant (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
Rachel Grotsky, Patricia Sicree	Lindawood Phoneme Sequencing Program (LIPS)	Midland Park, NJ	June 9-11, 2010
Ariel Weissman	AP Statistics Summer Institute	Edison, NJ	Aug. 9-12, 2010

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

Approve the first reading of the following revised policy:

Programs for Pregnant Pupils

Policy Section 2416

PB-1

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

The following items were reported on:

- a. RTTT Grant Comp - \$400 million in federal funding , NJ application is modeled after Delaware
- b. S-187 School Voucher Bill – School Choice
- c. BC Board Member elected to President of NJSBA – Mr. Ray Weiss
- d. Governor’s Financial Tool Kit – includes 2.5% cap in Budgets and moves elections to November.

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

No Report.

We will meet after open session to schedule a meeting.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries/Custodians - (P. Lein, Chairperson)

No Report.

H. Negotiations – Administrators – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

The following items were reviewed:

- a. 8 new or revised Job Descriptions
- b. 3 Staff Evaluations - will be bringing to the Board for the next meeting.

K. Service Review Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. The Policy Manual can or will be found online.
- b. The news articles on the district's Curriculum Mapping

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

- a. Brian Ersalesi was the winner of the County PTA Fellowship Award and will be honored at their dinner this month.
- b. The PTA will be giving all the 7th & 8th grade students free planners at the start of the new school year. High School Students can purchase a planner if

they would like to for \$5.00

- c. Market Day pick-up is Friday, May 21, between 5:00-6:00 at the MPHS Cafeteria.
- d. The New PTA Executive Board was sworn in. They will be:
 - Michele Paglei --- President
 - Dee Bulik --- 7th & 8th Grade Vice President
 - Jane Bandstra – 9-12 Grade Vice President
 - Debbie Wostbrock – Treasurer
 - Hayley Bell --- Recording Secretary
 - Maryanne Vanelli --- Corresponding Secretary

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

General meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on 5/19/2010 at Highland School.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed/commented on:

The Midland Park Varsity baseball game at the Yogi Berra Stadium;

Four Scholarships are being awarded at the Sports Awards Dinner;

Sports journal distributed at the end of the year.

The Board talked about lighting on field for Spirit Week and for Soccer Night games.

The Board asked Mr. Formicola as the Booster liaison to discuss with the different sporting groups funding for the rental of lights.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The following events have been scheduled:

a. Car wash – Saturday 9:00 – 12:00

b. H. S. Concert is scheduled for next Thursday Night.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The meeting has been moved to June 2nd.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The following items have been commented on/reported on:

a. The annual meeting was last night.

b. Elected New Executive Board

c. Reviewed list of Grants

d. Approved fund raisers for next year.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (B. McCourt)

Mr. McCourt called the office and introduced himself to people in the office.

Mr. McCourt will be attending their next meeting.

The position of the Director is still open after the retirement of Mr. Salvi—will discuss options.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

No Report

N. Old Business

Four to five Board Members will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade.

O. New Business

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

To schedule a public meeting on Friday, May 21, at 8:00 a.m. and into closed session before the meeting of June 1, 2010, for the purpose of discussing personnel/ negotiations and contracts.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Schiffer invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Ester Vierheilig questioned why are you meeting on Friday morning. Mr. Schiffer replied to review and approve Association Contracts.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 925: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary