

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Shiffer, seconded- Ms. Lein
Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting:
August 18, 2009

Roll Call: All Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The following items were discussed:

- a. Board Responsibilities
- b. 12 month agenda review;
- c. Remind members to revisit Board Goals;
- d. Mark your calendars for the different Back to School Nights

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

Approve the appointment of Corey Duane as the 2009-2010 student representative to the Board of Education (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board and Dr. Heebink welcomed Corey Duane as the 2009-2010 student representative to the Board.

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

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

Approve the revised Midland Park District Organizational Chart, which is attached as an appendix.
SUP-1

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. Sullivan . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program effective September 16, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Kellie McClain Cathy McCourt Shane’ Caviness, Eli Moskowitz

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

(s) Marissa Cannata

* Jacqueline DiChiara

(s) Martha Lovett

(s) April Pacenza

(s) Meghan Rigler (previously on list)

(s) Bruce Schwartz

(s) Joseph Scillieri

* Christine Turczyn (previously on list)

(s) Ruth Wezenter

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

* = NJ permanent certification

3. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2009-2010 school year, which is attached as an appendix: P-1
4. Amend the appendix to Motion F-3 of the July 21, 2009 Board Agenda, to change the hours of Katherine Marsden, Building Aide, from 2 hours per day to 3 hours per day.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- SP1 Approve the appointment of Thomas Steinfeld as a .5 special education teacher at the high school. He will be paid a prorated salary of \$24,512.50 (MA Step 4 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 17, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- SP2 Approve the appointment of Terri Wecht to the leadership role for language arts for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- SP3 Approve the appointment of Bonnie Platter to the leadership role for world languages for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 July 31, 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.

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

2. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period of July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Venditti asked that transfers be explained.

Mr. Schiffer replied “carry over” –open balance from last year; Acct/Corrections – placing funding in detailed accounts – breaking down District wide to detailed account codes.

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

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. August, 2009 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$6,648.85.
- b. August, 2009 cafeteria direct pays in the amount of \$ 681.00.
- c. September, 2009 supplemental claims in the amount of \$193,699.46.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute a contract with the County of Bergen/Department of Health Services for the 2009-2010 school year to provide Bloodborne Pathogen Training as stipulated in the service contract (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approval of Joan Ann Heimrich to provide oral sensorimotor speech and language therapy services during the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the 2009 Bergen County Utilities Authority Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant in the amount of \$999.69 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the “Check into Literacy” Grant sponsored by Verizon in the amount of \$1,000.00 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the list of staff members/Board of Education members requesting workshop attendance, as follows:

Name	Workshop	Location	Date(s)
Stacy Garvey	School Business Administration-Just Ask	Mt. Olive, NJ	9/22/2009
Pat Terraciano, Karen Biondo, Teresa Mallon, And Deb Marks	Making Middle Grades Work	Union, NJ	9/23/2009
Craig Rush and Nick Capuano	Social Norms Conference	Trenton, New Jersey	9/29/2009
Danielle Bache, Sheralyn Gottlieb, Pat Terraciano, Nancy Stewart, Nancy DeRitter, Terri Isik, Brian Ersalesi, Dianna Grasso, Linda Carr, Lynn Snyder, And Rachel Robboiro	Training for Building-Based Teams of Intervention and Referral Services	Wallington	10/09/2009
Don Elliott and Leon Varjian	Preparing your students For the NJ Algebra I Competency Assessment	Lodi	10/09/2009
Jane Bandstra	Yoga and Pilates Therapy	Livingston, NJ	9/24 & 9/25/09
Craig Rush	Psychopharmacology Of Co-Occurring Disorders	Florham Park, NJ	10/30/2009
Marilyn DeLuccia	Fall Professional Development Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/18/&10/19 2009

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the provision of home instruction services for a MPHS student attending the Daytop Program in Mendham, NJ, at a rate of \$108.00 per day.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the submission of the 2009-2010 IDEA-ARRA grant:

Basic: \$271,668.00

Pre-School: \$ 9,832.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the establishment of a Multiple Disabilities Special Education Program at Midland Park High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a Kindergarten student on home instruction, effective September, 2009-June 2010.

Roll Call: All Yes

At the next meeting – October 6th, the Substance Abuse Curriculum will be discussed.

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

There will be several policies for the next meeting.

- 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)

It was reported that this committee will schedule a meeting at the beginning of October.

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

No Report.

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

The committee was to review an E-mail regarding the newsletter.

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

The Committee has a summary of The Superintendent's evaluation; they would like to present it at the next closed meeting.

K. Service Review Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

L. Town Council Special Projects Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

There is a meeting scheduled for September 22, 2009.

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

No Report.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The combined General meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

The following items were reported on:

- a. The Boosters are thankful to the schools, Mr. Salvi, and the Midland Park Board of Education for bringing in lights for our annual Spirit Week this fall. It has been scheduled for September 29-October 2. The Boosters will plan some activities and light refreshments available for spectators at several of the games.
- b. Membership – We will be looking once again to expand our membership for this year. Last year we had a nice increase in membership that allowed us to fund additional scholarships.
- c. A new Athletic Annual publication will replace the three times per year seasonal Ad Journal that we have published in past years. This new, more comprehensive annual edition will be published at the end of the school year. The objective of the publication will be to compile a memento of the year in sports for the student-athletes and parents.
- d. As we look to improve our communication out through all of the parents of our student-athletes, we are working to establish a network of Team Liaisons for each of our athletic teams.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

Music in the Park is scheduled for October 11, 2009.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The Director is reaching out to parents to create a parent group.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

The last cycle of scholarships – need applications

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

O. Old Business

Mr. Venditti commented on the conflict with the soccer field/ baseball softball field-what's happening? Dr. Heebink commented that the intent is to level the mound and restore after soccer season. Might want to look into a portable mound
Mr. Moraski questioned Governance Section --- Are we scheduling School Boards to come in?
Mr. Venditti answered Yes we will schedule.

P. New Business

Motion – Ms. Lein, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .
To go into closed session before the meeting of October 6, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Artuso, Baseball Association –discussed the mound on the High School Junior Field. He stated that he discussed the information with the Board of Recreation and the cost to fix the field without affecting the junior field. The next step will be to go to the Mayor and the Council. Once this is done we can get Board of Recreation, Board of Education, and the Mayor and Council all on board on how to solve issue.

Mr. Catuogno questioned how would the public know the age of the After Care program- the ad does not say-is there an age requirement?
Dr. Heebink answered in the past it was children from K-8 with rare exceptions.
It is realized that there was a mistake in the ad which will be corrected.

In addition, Mr. Catuogno commented on the Saxton Math Program – his wife teaches in another district the test results increase dramatically—may want to look into this.

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