

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 3, 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
	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

PRESIDENT'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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heebink discussed the tardiness issue at the high school.

Mr. Venditti commented that the Code of Conduct may be a conflict.

Dr. Heebink replied that what is in the handbook is not the same as in the policy either.

Dr. Heebink reviewed the policy and does see conflict. Dr. Heebink commented that the policy needs to go to the committee for revision. The policy does not recognize discipline measures.

Mr. Venditti commented that he is afraid that the Code of Conduct goes against policy.

Mr. Schiffer questioned whether or not the Code of Conduct acts as a regulation.

Dr. Heebink replied that there is a Regulation already and it still doesn't speak to tardiness. The policy cannot be without disciplinary procedures, so we need to move forward and inform parents.

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

Approve the Code of Conduct change for the Midland Park High School

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 Katherine Gordon and Ethan Grubman to provide after-school mathematics tutoring during the transition of mathematics teachers at the high school. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$39.04 per hour, which will be split, effective October 5 – 16, 2009.
2. Approve the appointment of Matthew Arroyo and Edward McDonough as co-advisors to the Rotary Interact/React Student Organizations at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year. They will each be paid a donated stipend of \$1,000.

John Adams from the Rotary Interact/Reaction Student Organization –wanted to let the Board know he was available for any questions/clarifications. The organization gives seed money for two years, but hopes that the Board will continue.

3. Approve a decrease in position for Denise Connelly as an Instructional Aide at the high school from a 1.0 position to a .5 position. She will be paid a salary of \$12,601 (Category V, Step 2 on the MPESA salary guide), prorated effective October 13, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (support material attached).
4. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year (support material attached):

(s) Amy Brenna
(s) Haley Outslay
(s) Nicole Priestner
* Katherine Suel
(s) Phyllis Wickham

(s) = County Substitute certificate
* = NJ standard certificate

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

Katherine Suel Substitute Secretary

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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 September 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 . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the October 2009 payroll in the amount of \$1,092,570.74.

3. Approve the November 2009 claims in the amount of \$182,476.53.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period September 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009, 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 September 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009, which are attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the Tentative Budget Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached as an appendix. F-3

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Venditti questioned whether or not we would want to add to the calendar for input by the committees and for input on cost cutting savings.

Mr. Schiffer commented that the January/February dates should include committee information to the Board.

Ms. Garvey – Gave update on Audit

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

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

1. Approve the revised “Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2008, which is attached as an appendix. C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan questioned was this generated by the Department of Education.

Dr. Heebink answered the Attorney General contacted the Chief who indicated they were on board.

Mr. Sullivan asked how we can use the information.

Dr. Heebink answered that info cannot be used to single out student but to make the counselors aware. Use for drivers education class to spotlight problems –curriculum relationship.

Mr. Schiffer asked if it would be a violation of student’s rights.

Dr. Heebink answered the directive came from the Attorney General so he would hope not.

Dr. Thomas questioned if there are any other violations reported.

Dr. Heebink answered only when on school property.

Mr. Canellas asked if for counseling /curriculum benefits then why need names.

Dr. Thomas stated there is a difference if DWI. Item is quite important for counseling aspect.

Dr. Heebink suggested that we could delineate the two. If other than DWI then ask that no names be reported.

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

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the Bergen County Special Services - Educational Enterprises Training in the basic use and maintenance of the DynaVox M3 programming for an elementary school special education student for 6 hours @ \$135 per hour, for a total of \$810.

Roll Call: All Yes

3. This item was removed from the Agenda.

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
Karen Corcoran	“Grieving Students in School: Many Trips to the Health Office”	Woodridge, NJ	Oct. 19, 2009
Marilyn DeLuccia	Dealing with Different Disabilities in Various Classroom Settings	Long Branch, NJ	Oct. 19, 2009
Patricia Sicree	4 th Annual Autism Symposium	Pearl River, NY	Nov. 9, 2009
Teresa Isik	Monthly Bergen County Counselors Association meeting	Hawthorne, NJ	Nov. 11, 2009
Karen Corcoran	Food Allergies and the School Nurse, a Different Perspective	Wood Ridge, NJ	Nov. 16, 2009
Sheralyn Gottlieb, Catherine Prinsell, Therese Seiders	Introduction to Community-based Instruction	East Orange, NJ	Nov.17, 2009
Michael Healy	Regional Early Childhood Supervisor Meetings	North Bergen, NJ	Nov. 19, 2009, Feb. 11, 2010
Stefanie Greenberg	Workshop dealing with high-functioning Autism/Asperger’s Syndrome	Parsippany, NJ	Dec. 9, 2009
Sheralyn Gottlieb, Catherine Prinsell, Therese Seiders	Community-based Instruction Mini Conference	East Orange, NJ	Dec. 10, 2009

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

The committee will be scheduling a meeting.

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

None

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

The following items were reported on:

- a. District snow blowers are being serviced.
- b. Snow shovels and calcium chloride (ice melt) was ordered in anticipation of the seasons first snow.

- c. Highland received new paper towel dispensers to standardize the district.
- d. Order placed for new toilet paper dispensers which hold 2 – 9 inch rolls.
- e. Getting pricing on no parking signs for the high school courtyard and new clock system for highland school.

These following items have been completed in house.

- a. Removed defunct sump pumps from Godwin boiler room, so two new units are getting installed and re-piped. Previously, the custodian had to manually lower a sump pump into the pit to drain the water. If this didn't happen the boiler room would flood. Now everything drains automatically.
- b. In the process of replacing defective exterior lights at Godwin and Highland schools.
- c. Repairs are being made to a CresCor food warmer at the high school.
- d. We are in the process of purchasing a used plow truck which will enable us to forgo contracting out the snow removal at the Godwin/Highland parking lot.
- d. Replaced defective circulating pump on boiler #2 at the high school.

Sanitizers – Ms. Lein asked when will the dispensers come in? Mr. Canellas commented that maybe we should look to see about purchasing solution from another company.

Mr. Sullivan questioned the speed bumps at the high school.

Ms. Garvey answered they are working well

Mr. Canellas asked if the graffiti on the plastic divider could be cleaned.

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

There is a meeting tonight and another meeting with the association on November 9, 2009.

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

No Report.

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

The committee met and discussed the best way to advise the public on the status of the Superintendent Search. The Web site has an updated time line e-blast to let you know about tab and when updating site.

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

The committee will be scheduling a meeting before the next Board meeting.

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

No Report.

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

All who are involved with this organization met last night on proposal to solidify the junior field pitcher's mound. The Mayor and the Council presented an adjustable proposal of removable rubbers which they will be discussing at a meeting on November 7, 2009.

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

No Report.

N. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed:

- a. The Market Day Orders are due by Friday, November 13, 2009.
- b. The combined general meeting is Wednesday, November 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Media center.

Elementary School PTA – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

Highlighted fall teams standings proved to have a very successful season.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Moraski)

The Marching Band had a successful season and having a celebration dinner tonight. The Band needs to be commended.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Parent Advisory Committee formed and they will be meeting with the Director next week.

Education Foundation – (P. Lein)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

There will be a meeting tomorrow night.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (C. Duane)

Concern was shown with the sanitizer dispenser and if there is anything else being done. Mr. Venditti asked for large dispensers for common area –Dr. Thomas suggested that maybe ask parents to bring in and recommend parents to bring in and put in the students backpacks.

O. Old Business

None.

P. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of Nov. 17, 2009, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

Laurie Kamp commented that the Emails on E-Blasts have no contact information on a lot of them. We need to know who to contact if we have questions.

Also, the return address –more generic instead of Carole Treta's address.

Ms. Amelia Eliya offered to educate staff regarding lice. She is a licensed hair dresser and has taken action in other districts.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

