

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
April 9, 2013

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by William Sullivan, 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 2012 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. The Board announces that under its long-standing policy, it will not discuss in public any comments made by members of the public concerning individual staff members. In addition, all questions must be presented to the Board of Education during the public session and prior to the adjournment of the meeting."

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Peter Triolo	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	William Sullivan	
Excused:	Robert Schiffer	

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS *Mr. William Sullivan*

Midland Park Public School District 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.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Budget presentation was last night-Reminder April 16 is the vote on the budget. The polling places will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

No Report.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on April 30, 2013.

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda.

Ms. Fantulin wanted to have more information on B-1 and B-2.

B1 Ms. Garvey reported that a new installation on the phone system will act as a new PA system. Funds have come from areas where there is a cost saving.

B2. Dr. Cirasella reported that this generous donation is in gratitude to (3) high school teachers. The \$12,000.00 donation went through the Midland Park Education Foundation for Teresa Wecht, Jack Ferriday, and Leon Varjian. Each teacher received a portion of the donation in a grant and it will be used toward the purchase of instructional resources.

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Approve the appointment of Denise Connelly as an Aide for a high school special education student during Track events. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$20.00 per hour as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for the following events:

April 3, 10, 17, 24 and 27, 2013

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

1. Approve the following transfers and items to be purchased:

From: 11-000-262-420-03-51	Repair of Equipment	\$16,658.00
To: 12-000-261-732-00-52	Equipment Maintenance	\$16,658.00
To purchase:		
	Salt Dog – 2.0 Cubic Yard Salt Spreader	\$ 3,800.00
	Toro Z Master Pro 7000 Series Mower	\$12,858.00
From: 11-402-100-600-00-80	Supplies Athletics	\$ 3,370.00
To: 12-402-100-730-03-80	Equipment Athletics	\$ 3,370.00
To purchase:		
	2008 Club Car Electric Golf Cart	\$ 3,370.00

From: 11-000-240-104-00-00	Administrative Stipends	\$15,425.00
To: 12-000-252-730-00-35	Equipment Tech Services	\$15,425.00
To Purchase:		
	Toshiba Equipment (switch, ports, digital handsets, etc.) for Intercom/phone system in all three buildings	\$15,425.00
American Business – building wiring and installation of Intercom/phone system to be paid from account #11-000-252-340-00-35 - \$14,000.00		

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Mc Court, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

2. Accept the Fernandez family donation to the Midland Park Public Education Foundation in the amount of \$12,000 to honor three high school teachers, as per Board Policy 7230.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school regular education student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from March 19, 2013 through March 27, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the Cooperative Program for Football, Wrestling and Cheerleading between the Midland Park and Waldwick School Districts, which is attached as an appendix.

C-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the revised full course science curricula and stipends, as follows:

Steven Ferro	\$500
Teresa Mallon	\$500
Deborah Marks	\$500

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

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

- To approve the following block motion:
1. Approve the resolution opposing S-1191/A-3627 undermining a school board's ability to subcontract services, which is attached as an appendix. E-1

Mr. Sullivan stated that he does not want anyone to think that we are outsourcing but this bill limits the Board's ability to operate.

2. Approve the resolution opposing S-2163 and A-3696 requiring binding arbitration over disciplinary matters involving non-teaching staff, which is attached as an appendix. E-2

Roll Call: All Call

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- D. Policy Committee- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Dr. Thomas asked if the tree has been taken away.

Ms. Garvey answered yes and the fence will be fixed this week.

- G. Negotiations Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

April 25 is a scheduled meeting in which both sides will provide proposals.

- H. Public Relations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

- I. Personnel Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

- J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The PTA sent out an e-blast supporting the budget.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

There was a meeting last night. The Elementary PTA is also in favor of the budget and they are asking the public for their support.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

All teams including baseball, tennis, track, and softball are doing well.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

All are in support of the Budget.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

The Blue Jean Ball is this week-end.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

Recreation is disappointed that the Midland Park Marching Band is not marching in the Baseball or the Memorial Parade.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (H. DeKnight)

Track team appreciates new runway and pit.

Borough Town Council – (W. Sullivan)

There is a meeting scheduled for 4/18/2013.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

No Report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 30, 2013, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt. . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary