

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
August 21, 2012

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."

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

July 17, 2012

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Triolo

August 7, 2012

Roll Call: All Yes

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.

Mr. Sullivan commented on the following items:

A Resolution was passed for amendment to Ruiz Bill (Tenure Reform). The Amendment asked that the hiring process be left with the superintendent and boards of education. The final bill did not change hiring process.

There is a new Field Service representative for NJSBA. Goal Setting is scheduled for 9/18 At 7:00 p.m. All Board members need to complete Self-Evaluation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella reported/commented on the following items in an article in the *NJ Monthly* as follows:

NJ Monthly ranking of top high schools in the state, MPHS is up from 116 in 2010 to 68 in 2012.

Methodology included school environment, class size, etc. Evaluation included student performance on HSPA, AP tests offered with their results and the combined student SAT scores.

In addition, Dr. Cirasella reiterated the following:

MPHS has always had great students, families, teachers, administrators, and a supportive, committed Board. We recognize that a jump up of 48- places in our ranking is significant in certain ways and as your Superintendent, I'm very proud of the collaborative teamwork over the past two years that is so justly recognized.

However, please know that our work for students continues, despite rankings, and we accept such numbers will rise and fall.

Nonetheless, Midland Park is clearly on the right track and we intend to stay there for the benefit of all our Panthers, both tall and small.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2012-2013 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.

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve an additional day during the summer for Anna Parke, Health Aide in the Godwin School, to prepare the Highland School Nurse's Office for the start of school. She will be paid at her approved salary rate.
2. Accept the resignation of Carol Maye as a certified school nurse in the Highland School, effective October 1, 2012 (support material attached).
3. Approve the appointment of Allyson LaMarca as a .6 Math teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$25,950.00 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
4. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective September 1, 2012:

Barbara Makela (.5) - BA Step 5 (\$22,425) to MA Step 6 (\$25,800)
Jason Doerr - MA Step 8 (\$55,769) to MA+ Step 9 (\$63,700)
5. Approve the appointment of Kristy Victory as a special education teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$45,500 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
6. Approve the appointment of Jackie Holowinski as a substitute teacher maternity leave replacement for Stefanie Greenberg, elementary school teacher. She will be paid at the approved substitute rate of pay, effective September 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.
7. Approve a 6th period teaching assignment for Deborah Marks. She will be paid a salary of \$8,330.00 to teach a Computer Programming class at the high school, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
8. Approve a 6th period teaching assignment for Sheila Steinberg. She will be paid a salary of \$4,605.00 to teach an extra French class at the high school, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
9. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). A-9
10. Approve the following additions to the list of Fall and Winter Coaches at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). A-10
11. Approve the list of substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix. A-11

Roll Call: All Yes

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

12. Approve the increase in position for Marie Idone, Instructional Aide in the high school, from .5 to full-time. She will be paid a salary of \$24,839 (Category V, Step 2 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

13. Approve the placement of the following Nursing students to shadow Karen Corcoran, Certified School Nurse at the high school, on the following days:

Michelina Passarella	Sept 12, 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 2012
Dina Esposito	Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7 & 14, 2012
Matthew Schmarak	Nov. 21, 28 & Dec. 5, 2012

14. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix. A-14

15. Approve the appointment of Lynn Johnston as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education Before School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

16. Approve the appointment of Ruwani Waharaka as Coordinator of the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, (pending Criminal Background Check support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

17. Approve the appointment of Rachel Anders as an alternate substitute for the After School Child Care program (support material attached).

18. Approve the following appointments as Aides for the After School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (support material attached):

Tracy Gorter
Matthew Norton
Joseph Papapietro

19. Approve the following appointments as substitute aides for the Before and After School Child Care programs, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013:

Eileen Brown	Before Care substitute
Jean Clarke	After Care Homework Aide

Roll Call: All Yes

- PS1 Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
Approve the appointment of Anna Parke as the emergency Certified School Nurse at Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$44,450.00 (BA step 4 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

- PS2 Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
Approve the appointment of Maxine Lynch as the Certified School Nurse at Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$43,600 (BA step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of June 30, 2012, 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.

2. Approve the July 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$448,183.21.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. July 2012 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$9,538.76.
- b. July 2012 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$4,695.44.
- c. August 2012 claims in the amount of \$1,083,353.54.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Second July 2012 payroll in the amount of \$106,225.50.

b. First August 2012 payroll in the amount of \$133,233.10.

5. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period June 1 – 30, 2012, which is attached as an appendix. B-5

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period June 1 – 30, 2012, which is attached as an appendix. B-6

7. Approve Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions to provide Audiology Services to five students during the 2012-2013 school year.

8. Approve the appointment of Deborah Connors as the ABA Therapist for one special education student for the 2012-2013 school year. Her rate is \$40 per hour @ approximately \$5,750 per year.

Roll Call: All Yes

9. This item was pulled from the Agenda.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

10. Approve the appointment of Eurico Antunes as a technology consultant for the district, for the 2012-2013 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

The following items were discussed:

Mr. Schiffer asked for input from the board on the information that was received from the building audit and community meetings and on moving ahead with a referendum for completing the listed projects. Resolutions – S1 & S2 were presented to the Board for discussion and approval.

Anticipating a December date for the Referendum

We will have public information on the website by tomorrow.

Motion Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

BS1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education approve moving forward with a referendum to obtain funds to remediate identified building needs, in an amount not to exceed 15,271,500.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

BS2. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Midland Park Public School District, in the County of Bergen, hereby approve the submission of Other Capital Projects for necessary renovations and upgrades at the Godwin, Highland and Midland Park High School Facilities to the Department of Education for review and approval;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves this amendment to the District Long

Range Facilities Plan;

IT IS RECOGNIZED that no funding is being released at the current time for these projects.

C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Peter Galasso	Eligibility, Policies & Procedures	Robbinsville, NJ	\$115.	Aug. 29, 2012

2. Accept the 2012 List of Graduates from Midland Park High School, as listed on the attached appendix. C-2
3. Approve the “Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2007” (support material attached).
4. Approve the list of textbooks to be decommissioned, which is attached as an appendix. C-4
5. Approve the continued contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Wilma Bogertman, as a non-public nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective September 1, 2012 through the end of Eastern Christian’s school year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions (support material attached).
6. Approve the continued Annual Contract for Bergen County Special Services School District Home/Hospital Program Instruction for the 2012-2013 school year (support material attached).
7. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the out-of-district placements and/or transportation of special education students for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-7
8. Approve the out-of district placements and /or transportation for the students attending the Bergen County Technical School in Paramus, Teterboro and the Bergen Academy campus in Hackensack for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-8

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

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

1. Approve the first reading of the following revised policies, which are attached as appendices:

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| a. | Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/
Computers and Resources | Policy Section 2361 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. | Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related
Concussions and Head Injuries | Policy Section 2431.4 | <u>D-1b</u> |

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| c. | Pupil Assessment | Policy Section 2622 | <u>D-1c</u> |
| d. | Payment of Claims | Policy Section 6470 | <u>D-1d</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

The following topics were discussed:

Anti-bullying legislation

State Budget Wrap- used same census

Governor is working on an income tax credit

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

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

Approve the list of parent volunteers to work on the landscaping at Godwin and Highland Schools during August and September, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Mr. Schiffer commented that the yearly Midland Park *Information and Activity Calendar 2012-2013* may have listed some incorrect Board meeting dates. Ms. Garvey said that she will check it against the schedule that already was approved at a Board meeting.

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

The Personnel Committee had a meeting tonight and the minutes will be available next week.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (P.Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (H. DeKnight)

Mr. DeKnight questioned the numbering in the parking lot and asked how that will impact -0- period students.

K. Old Business

Nothing was discussed at this time.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 11, 2012, 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.

Ms. Becky Greene asked what the necessities are in the \$15 million project. Mr. Schiffer responded that in a couple of months we will be holding community programs to discuss in detail the reasoning behind the items. A list of items will be on our website.

Mr. Sullivan commented that academic issues have always been put first and facilities always took a back seat. Now, our facilities have to be addressed.

Mr. Triolo commented that we have already had some outreach through meetings that were held a few months ago asking for community input.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary