

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 18, 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. 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	Robert Schiffer
	Peter Triolo	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	William Sullivan	

Excused: Brian McCourt

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

Excused: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion: - Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

November 9, 2012 (4 - Yes Canellas, Formicola, Triolo, Sullivan)
(4 Abstain Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Criscenzo)

November 20, 2012 (7 Yes – Canellas, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
(1 Abstain Formicola)

December 4, 2012 - All Yes

Mr. Schiffer spoke and introduced Donna Jaffit, the Auditor from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins.

Ms. Jaffit delineated the audit, described the process and listed the recommendation. Mr. Schiffer asked questions about previous audits and whether the recommendations were consistent. Ms. Jaffit replied that they were.

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 held a moment of silence for the victims of the Sandy Hook shootings and mentioned that Matt Hubbard, a graduate of MPHS Class of 1990, lost his daughter in the shootings that day.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that he had received a letter from Ms. Donatien requesting that negotiations begin for the MPEA contract, which expires June 30, 2013.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella presented the Electronic Violence Vandalism/ Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report (EVV/HIB) and spoke briefly about emergency management in the district and informed the public that she was meeting on December 19th with Chief Marra and district administrators as we work to make everything safe.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Mrs. Diedre James, 131 Birch Street, raised her hand and asked the question why the After Care person quit. Dr. Cirasella clarified that the person did not quit.

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.

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Brian DeCarlo as a substitute for the After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education.

2. Approve the amendment to Danielle Kirsch's previously approved maternity leave, as follows: Approve her paid maternity leave effective September 17, 2012 through October 10, 2012; a paid child care leave, effective October 11, 2012 through December 4, 2012; and an unpaid leave of absence as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective December 5, 2012 through March 12, 2013.
3. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - (s) Dean Montelbano
 - * Savannah LaPoma
 - (s) Substitute Teacher's Credential
 - * NJ Teacher's Certification
4. Approve Denise Connelly as an Aide to accompany two high school special education students to the Band rehearsal and concert on January 15 and 17, 2013. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$20.00 per hour for approximately 4 hours.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. **Approve Denise Connelly as an Aide to accompany one high school special education student during Jazz Band events beginning December 20, 2012 through May 23, 2013. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$20.00 per hour for approximately 20 hours.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. **Approve the appointment of Brian Ersalesi as a home instructor for a regular education high school student. He will be paid at the approved rate of \$33.18 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from December 10, 2012 through January 3, 2013.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. **Approve the appointment of Jacqueline Karlsson as a School Psychologist for the district. She will be paid at the approved substitute rate, as per Policy Section 3125, effective January 3, 2013. Upon issuance of her New Jersey certification she will be paid a retroactive prorated salary of \$50,500.00 (MA+ Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) through June 30, 2013.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. **Approve the appointment of Andrea Napolitano as a 6th grade Math teacher in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$43,250 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective January 2, 2013 through June 30, 2013.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the Audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and the recommendations contained therein.
2. Accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor's recommendations, as contained in the Annual Audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012, which is attached as an appendix. F-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following resolution:

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

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the November 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$88,290.17.
5. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. November 2012 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$35,629.26.
 - b. November 2012 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$31,537.49.
 - c. December 2012 claims in the amount of \$396,359.89.
6. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. Second November 2012 payroll in the amount of \$511,526.17.
 - b. First December 2012 payroll in the amount of \$554,533.54.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1-30, 2012, which are attached as an appendix F-7

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period November 1-30, 2012, which are attached as an appendix. F-8

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. **Accept the grant award in the amount of \$5,000 from Cablevision-Lightpath awarded to Brian Ersalesi, Jay Esposito and the Broadcasting Class.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Thomas excused himself, at this time. He will return to the meeting.

Mr. Schiffer said he will request that Ms. Garvey when she returns from her maternity leave should look into finding \$200,000 for a new P.A., phones and intercom systems in the schools. He would like to move this immediately forward, or if we have to split it from this year's operating budget. This item was in the Referendum for about \$240,000, but that included contingencies. He feels that \$200,000 should do it and would like Ms. Garvey to look into this, a/s/a/p.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Christine Carr	Winners” The best books for kids and how to use them	Whippany, NJ	\$207.60	April 26, 2013

2. Approve the Teachscape/Danielson Principal Evaluation system, a State-approved evaluation system, in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education mandated deadline for approval by December 31, 2012.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. **Approve June 27, 2013 as a Staff Development Day and the last day of school for teachers with a 12:30 dismissal.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Dr. Thomas

To approve the following block motion:

4. **Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school regular education student on home instruction, effective retroactive from December 10, 2012 through January 3, 2013.**

5. **Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school special education student on home instruction, effective retroactive from December 10, 2012 through February 1, 2013.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas asked if it is common to have professional development on the last day of school and Dr. Cirasella explained that we need the last day of school to meet contractual stipulations and we are using this opportunity to provide teachers with professional development in the new teacher evaluation system.

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

The report from the Policy Committee was skipped as Mr. Thomas was unavailable.

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

Mr. Triolo explained the proposed resolution on funding and he read the resolution out loud and into the record.

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

Approve the following resolution to amend the Federal Budget Control Act of 2011 (support material attached):

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts in almost all federal programs, including education, that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as "sequestration," would have a negative impact on education through a reduction in funds of 7.8 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would affect almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers; and

WHEREAS, public schools nationwide would be negatively affected by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss in just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined total of 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey already ranks last among the states in the percentage of school expenditures (3.1%) supported by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2013, New Jersey will lose more than \$73 million in funding for elementary and secondary education programs, administered through the U.S. Department of Education, as well as over \$11.7 million in Head Start funding; and

WHEREAS, with a state-imposed tax levy cap and limited growth in state aid, New Jersey local school districts have limited capacity to absorb cuts in funding resulting from sequestration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to United States Senator Robert Menendez, United States Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Representative Scott Garrett, State Senator Kevin J. O'Toole, Assembly Representative Scott T. Rumana, Assembly Representative David C. Russo, the New Jersey School Boards Association, and the National School Boards Association.

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

Mr. Canellas provided an update on maintenance and repairs, as follows:

Godwin School

Installed exterior drain line
Installed new door for the Principal's office
Repaired Air Compressor
Re-located small shed

Highland School

Replaced 33 ballasts for gym lighting
Replaced outlet for score board in gym
Repaired five toilets, replaced spuds
Repaired timer
Repaired urinal drain line
Repaired HVAC unit for classrooms
Stopped steam pipe leak, temporary until contractor replaces 5" line
Cleared drain stoppage and repaired drain
Installed 2 dry marker boards in room 8

High School

Replaced expansion tank in boiler room
Replaced ballast in Guidance office
Repaired sink in boys room
Repaired door bell for kitchen entrance
Repaired roof drain
Repaired exit door panic bar
Painted rear guidance office room
Painting touch up as needed
Replaced faucet in room 37

Repaired speakers in MC and computer lab area
Repaired heater in room 33
Moved wrestling mats

NOTE: Cleaned and removed debris from storm/removing leaves from grounds daily.

In light of the failed Referendum and in regard to the immediate needs in the buildings, Mr. Canellas reported that he assumes the Building & Grounds Committee will meet and will review input from the Administration and forward the list and cuts on to the Finance Committee. Mr. Schiffer said “just for safety” and Mr. Canellas said “yes, the immediate safety concerns”. Mr. Schiffer also advised that we need to wait for Ms. Garvey to return from her leave.

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

Mr. Sullivan again mentioned he was in receipt of a letter from the MPEA regarding beginning the negotiations process.

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

No Report.

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

Dr. Thomas stated that the committee met earlier this evening and minutes will be forthcoming.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

No report.

Elementary School PTA- (P.Triolo)

Mr. Triolo thanked the Elementary PTA for their support of the Referendum.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Mr. Formicola thanked the Boosters for their support of the Referendum.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

Dr. Thomas informed everyone about the PAP’s raffle to support the spring musical, “Legally Blonde”.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

Mr. Canellas stated that the annual Barnes & Noble fundraiser was a success and people still can make purchases and the money will benefit the Foundation.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No report other than the list that was provided at the last meeting.

Student Representative to the Board – (H. DeKnight)

Harrison DeKnight spoke about the senior class fundraiser, “Jelly Bean Bonanza” this Thursday night. Students guess the number of jelly beans and the student with the closest number will be Principal for a period. There has been a good response to the fundraiser.

K. Old Business

None

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 8, 2013, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Mr. Thomas returned to the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Doumas, 34 First Street, thanked the Board saying the meeting was fun and that it was her first Board meeting. She thanked Mr. Sullivan for answering all of her questions. She thanked Mr. Triolo for spending one hour on the phone with her over the weekend. She is very upset about the Referendum and is concerned about safety. The PA system doesn't work in her son's class –(Ms. Grotsky's). She hopes the principals are looking at their buildings and would like to know when the safety repairs will begin.

Mr. Schiffer responded that when Ms. Garvey returns, we will know more.

The Board discussed identifying funds and timeframes for work.

Mrs. Demitra stated that we need to look at external communications.

Both Mr. Schiffer and Mr. Sullivan stated that we need to get input from the Midland Park Police Department and that we have a relatively good record of communication, but there is

always room to do better.

Mr. Gene Van Sickle asked how the community can help. He stated that years ago the community did help out with the fields. Also, a lot of tradesmen came and fixed the fields. That being said, how can we help?

Mr. Schiffer said that nothing is off the table. We are open to a formal proposal from any volunteer.

Mrs. Jo Ann Webb, 100 Hill Street commented that I would like to offer my service. I am a Professor at William Paterson University. My students are discussing violence. She referenced video games and the impact on children. She would like to offer her services for free in order to show parents and begin a conversation about violent video games and action.

Mr. Sullivan said “the PTA Liaison to the Board can help you with that and put you in touch with parent groups.”

Ms. Deidre James stated that we are here because we are disappointed about the Referendum. This is very emotional. Now, how can we do it? Has the Board reflected on why it failed? Can we join forces to take out a bit of the apple?

Mr. Sullivan answered that the Board can’t sell the Referendum. We are not allowed to. We can only bring the information to the public.

Mr. Triolo commented that the Board can’t, but you can. We can get together, give you the information and you can organize the effort to get a Referendum passed. The Board’s objective was to get information out about what was needed and why.

A second question with the budget was mentioned and Mr. Sullivan said it is his understanding that a second question must pass by a majority of 60%, so a second question would need a simple majority to pass.

Mr. Thomas commented that the sad reality is only 36% of the electorate voted. A large majority of people with kids in school didn’t bother to vote. It will be your job to change that, not this group (pointing to the Board).”

Mr. Scott Meyer, said it is possible to do it- we can start something. We can raise money to begin fixing some problems and then the people will see that we started something.

Mr. Canellas stated that he wanted to comment on that and something that was said before. Volunteers can not only be willing to do the work, but also willing to put their personal insurance up and that is a stumbling block.

Mr. Formicola commented that this is the reason why we had the same problems at first with some renovation that was done awhile ago. The volunteers don’t help until someone put their own personal insurance up. So it is touchy.

Mr. Gene Van Sickle asked if the Board could bring the town in and why do we need insurance for repairs? You guys do repairs all the time.

Mr. Canellas stated that our people are insured to do the repairs. Our job is to protect the taxpayers.

Ms. Pat Fantulin commented that she likes the idea of people wanting to help, but in that case, we would be doing what the negative people in town want. We are falling into their plans and I would rather have a coalition and fight for what I want for my kids. Also, when the news hit Friday, I thought of our lockdown. One of the things I know, I was there at 2:50 p.m. and there was no police presence at the rear of the school. Why weren’t police in the back? Parents could have been shot.

Mr. Thomas stated that is police business and we are not going to comment on decisions the police made on safety.

Ms. Fantulin said that she has another issue. A good number of kids go to the library and wait to be picked up. They were outside the library playing while the Highland school was in lockdown. I told the library the school was in lockdown.

Mr. Sullivan commented that the library is not our responsibility.

Dr. Thomas answered that in a lockdown situation we cannot text or make calls until things are determined safe because we were in "lockdown."

Mr. Jackson asked when is the next vote.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Canellas said that we can only have a Referendum vote four times a year. The next opportunity would be in April.

Mr. Schiffer said that is when we vote on the operating budget and explained the process of what happens with a failed operating budget. He also explained that the Town Council would then tell us where to make the cuts and how much money we have to spend.

Mr. Jackson then said his son's school has a Fathers' Guild and the school gives them a wish list and they go in and do things. He was told that is because it is a private school and we are held to a different standard.

Ms. Lauren Camarado commented that after the lockdown and discussions on security issues, how do we know that this is not going to move into oblivion.

Mr. Schiffer responded that the lockdown was handled through the Police Department and he won't speak for them. Mr. Schiffer said that when the Business Administrator returns, we will look for funds.

Ms. Criscenzo said the concerns were not swept under the rug. They were all put into the Referendum.

Ms. Camarado stated that the first communication was after the lockdown.

Dr. Thomas said that school personnel cannot text or call during a lockdown until you are told you may do so.

Mr. Triolo said the Midland Park Police Department calls the shots and there is a realistic delay. There has to be a delay.

Ms. Laura Smith asked that after the incident on Friday, can we look at policy revisions regarding texting and use of cell phones.

Mr. Sullivan answered yes.

Mr. James Wheaton thanked the Board for the Referendum and stated that the timing may not be the best in April. He suggested putting the timeline on the website so that people can get involved and help.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he and Dr. Cirasella are meeting with the Mayor and Council President next week. They are going to try to make it better. It would have been nice to have had their support. Mr. Sullivan recommended going to a Town Council meeting and raising a lot of these concerns.

Mr. Formicola commented that it is great to see all of you here asking questions and getting answers. I feel that it is time to go to these meetings and to ask questions. I have had 5 kids in the system. We want everyone to work together. Don't rely on word of mouth.

Mr. Brendan Jackson asked if after the defeated Referendum the last time did the Board have to reduce the proposal in any way.

Mr. Schiffer responded that we did cut the last time, but it did pass.

Ms. Joan Doumas asked Mr. Canellas if he would be willing to meet as Buildings & Grounds Chairperson to take actual real steps to figure it out.

Mr. Canellas replied that we will entertain any meeting.

Mr. Sullivan stated that we are not going to go on social media where we cannot control the conversation. We will seek ways to communicate. We are checking on a legal disclaimer and that will happen soon. All of our phone numbers are available and you can call us.

Ms. Christy Delaglio commented that she would like more information on the Referendum. Also, she feels the seniors are against us. Ms. Delaglio would like to know if it would be ok to visit the seniors.

Mr. Schiffer said that we used to go to the senior center. But, recently the facility said no.

Ms. Delaglio asked when the last time was that we were QSAC'ed. Dr. Cirasella answered last year we completed the process and just did our SOA. Governance, Personnel and Fiscal Management and we scored 100%.

Mr. Triolo explained that we passed QSAC and the buildings are o.k.

Ms. Delaglio commented that she sends her daughters to these schools. When I leave here I am frightened that principals are just now making a list.

Ms. Criscenzo said that she works in another district and we are doing the same thing.

Mr. Oosting said that years ago the recreation field was done by volunteers.

Mr. Schiffer and Mr. Sullivan corrected Mr. Oosting and said that the funds came from Mr. Bolger, a local philanthropist.

Mr. Oosting asked if the Boosters were an established group and was told that they were.

Ms. Francine Colleca commented that she has to raise a security issue. At every Principal's Forum we will talk about After Care and the doors being wide open and it is sad that it took this disaster to lock the doors.

Dr. Cirasella said the doors would be locked and the principals will address this.

Ms. Colleca commented that it breaks her heart and has brought it up time after time. The principals didn't lock the doors until now. There were two officers outside of Godwin School, on the first day from the Midland Park Police Department. Mr. Murphy is usually not outside.

Mr. Healy used to be outside every day.

Ms. Amy Biswurm commented that the reason there were police officers was because there was an officer in training. There is usually one there every day.

Ms. Lauren Camarado said she is very impressed with Mr. Murphy. He responded immediately to her over the security. He listened openly and was amazing. He was outside there today giving everyone a warm welcome.

Ms. O'Hare commented that all schools have buzzers. The secretaries shouldn't only buzz people in, but people should be escorted to where they want to go.

Dr. Thomas commented that we are operating under the new normal. We cannot let people behind you be buzzed in without their checking in with the secretaries first.

A question was asked on the accuracy regarding total cost per pupil. The number is different in two areas.

Mr. Schiffer said it is broken down and he would need to see the numbers. He explained what the tax levy is and he said that it looks like we under budgeted. Mr. Schiffer said if he remembered correctly, the cost for tuition is \$14,290 and the total cost is closer to \$18,000.

Mr. Webb said there are a lot of reasons people didn't vote and one is because of regionalizing with Northern Highlands.

Mr. Sullivan explained the difference between regionalization and sending/receiving relationships.

Mr. Schiffer said remember we will still have three buildings. It is not possible to close the high school. People said we can build houses and bring more taxes. People are misinformed because that was discussed at every presentation. Mr. Schiffer said the transportation provided for sending/receiving would require 10-15 new buses with drivers and other costs. Highland School can't be sold because there is no gym for the town. Godwin can't be sold because of the agreement with Bergen County Special Services. The high school can't be sold because we still have 7th and 8th grade.

Mr. Sullivan said the difference between a regional district and a send/receive relationship also has to do with paying taxes for two districts and there are no voting rights on the Board.

Mr. Schiffer said that when Ho-Ho-Kus was here, they had a non-voting member on the Board.

Mr. Meyer asked if the Referendum had passed, would operating costs have gone down.

Mr. Triolo said this discussion benefits everyone here. I am as angry as anyone. If you want to help, this is an investment in our schools and kids and also in our homes.

Ms. Connors asked how can we help? How can we get feedback to you? What can we do with the information?

Mr. Sullivan said that citizens can get the information to him. Board e-mail addresses are on the web-site.

Ms. Criscenzo said that we need to get the Referendum out quickly.

Mr. Meyer commented you shouldn't cut the money proposal because it wasn't enough. A lot of people didn't know about it. People are angry and want to get it done.

Mr. Schiffer said that 36% of voters is a good turnout based on past elections.

Mr. Meyer asked could you have it in more than three parts.

Mr. Schiffer said yes.

Mr. Van Sickle suggested eliminating the whole field.

Mr. Schiffer said that we have to have a new track and remember that all these things will be discussed every other Tuesday at the Board meetings.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Cirasella, Ed. D.,
Superintendent of Schools