

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 4, 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

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 referenced the NJSBA proposed resolution requesting education funding be secured. This information will be share with the Board on 12/18 and a resolution approving this proposal will be on the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on December 18, 2012.

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

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2012-2013 school year:

Louis Pellegrino Substitute Bus Driver

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the appointment of Lauren Castiglia as a 1-1 Instructional Aide in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$24,233 (Category V, Step 1 on the secretarial/clerical salary guide), prorated effective December 10, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the amendment of the 2012-2013 academic calendar to reflect the change in the Spring Recess as April 1 & 2, 2013 only. April 3, 4 and 5, 2013 will be regular school days to make up the days used as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

Roll Call: All

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

2. Approve the Teachscape/Danielson teacher evaluation system for the 2012-2013 school
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year.

3. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips, which are included in the Spring 2013 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).
4. Approve the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Part B (IDEA-B) Combined Basic and Preschool Flow-Through Application FY 2013 to the NJ Department of Education:

Total funds:

Basic	\$267,596
Preschool	\$ 21,409

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Criscenzo reported that the Curriculum Committee supports the administration in a cut policy for middle school basketball this year. Mr. Schiffer would like to know if cuts in middle school sports were made before the \$1.2 million cuts in 2009.

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Mr. Schiffer reported that the Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on 12/18/12 and the auditor will be at the meeting to discuss the report and its findings.

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

No Report.

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

Peter Triolo reported that he will provide detailed information on the NJSBA proposed resolution at the next meeting.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Mr. Thomas reported that the Boosters Beefsteak Dinner will be in January, and the Hall of Fame dinner will be at the Brick House on March 23, 2013.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Special Education – (B. 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 reported on the following items:

The success of the MPHS Chess Team.

The French Club's Crepe Sale

The Senate's Used Book Sale

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Cirasella announced the new arrival in the Garvey-Pennetta household, extending best wishes to the entire family.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of December 18, 2012, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Theresa Sasso, 46 Cross Street asked how will the tryouts and the follow-up cuts be handled by the middle school girls' basketball team.

Mr. Ray Kasbarian, 222 Vreeland Avenue questioned how Ridgewood Water advised residents of higher levels of lead in the water and asked if the district could e-blast the parents that children should run water fountains for 30 seconds prior to drinking.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Cirasella, Ed. D.,
Superintendent of Schools