

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORK MEETING

A G E N D A

TUESDAY

8:00 P.M. June 4, 2013

AUGUST C. DePREKER MEDIA CENTER, HIGHLAND SCHOOL

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 2013 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
	Brian McCourt	Robert Schiffer
	Peter Triolo	Timothy Thomas

William Sullivan

Excused: Richard Formicola
Dr. Maryalice Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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 commented on a few items:

Goal Setting Meeting – will need to get a meeting scheduled for this summer.

Senior Awards Dinner at the Tides.

Broadcasting commemorated its 1500 episode with a celebration.

Bergen County Breakfast – Marie Mathews acknowledged as the Valedictorian.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Presentation to the Bergen County Teacher Recognition recipients: Susan Cheetham, Francesca Mullady, Teresa Mallon and Teresa Wecht.

We have invited the members of the Girls' Basketball team, their families and coaches to the meeting to recognize and honor their outstanding season.

Erick Endress, co-founder of "Share with 911", provided a brief presentation which was investigated by the Emergency Management Team and they recommended this information be brought forward to the Board.

31st Annual Valedictorian Recognition Breakfast in which Marie Matthews was honored as the Midland Park Valedictorian.

Also, congratulations to Jeremy Kojongian – 3rd place winner in the Bergen County Poetry Contest.

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0424208 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

Roll Call: All Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on June 18, 2013.

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

No one chose to speak.

Action Items:

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Rescind Motion A-2 of the May 7, 2013 Board Agenda approving the non-tenured reappointment of June Chang as the High School Assistant Principal for the 2013-2014 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the appointment of June Chang as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment. He will be paid a salary of \$115,000, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the appointment of Eurico Antunes as the Technology & Data Coordinator for the district. He will be paid a salary of \$120,000, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the appointment of Joyce DeMartino as a special education teacher in the high school. She will be placed on BA Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide (salary pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the appointment of Yana Seminara as a French teacher in the high school. She will be placed on MA Step 8 of the MPEA salary guide (salary pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the proposed Overnight Trip to Syracuse, NY for the Marching Band from October 25-28, 2013 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed Overnight Trip to Anaheim, CA for the Concert Band from February 21-26, 2014 (support material attached).

Mr. Thomas asked how many students are eligible to go on this trip.

Dr. Cirasella responded approximately 70 – about $\frac{3}{4}$ of students will attend.

Mr. Thomas commented that finances maybe the reason why 100% of the eligible students do not attend. He asked that next year a different venue be considered.

6 Yes (Canellas, Schiffer, Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
1 No (McCourt)

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

3. Approve the appointment of David Hershberger to write the Technology Curriculum for Grades 1 and 2. He will be paid a stipend of \$700 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following textbooks for the high school:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Textbook</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Physics	Physics – Principles & Problems	Glencoe
*Intro to Psychology	Psychology	Pearson
*Psychology AP	Myer's Psychology AP	Worth Publishers
*Music Theory AP	Workbook for The Musician's Guide to Theory & Analysis	Norton Publishers
*Computer Graphics	Adobe Illustrator Classroom-in-a-Book	Pearson
*Sports Medicine	Principles of Athletic Training	McGraw Hill
*Personal Finance	Business & Personal Finance	Pearson
General Chemistry	Chemistry General	Kendall Hunt
Science 8	Physical Science	McGraw Hill
Science 6	Earth Science	McGraw Hill

*indicates new text

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Mr. Schiffer commented that the ROD Grant is back. The Architect is in process of submitting our project to see about receiving grant dollars.

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

No Report.

- E. Legislative Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

As previously stated, the two bills are before the Governor—Binding arbitration bill – S2163 would extend tenure-like protection to non-certificated staff, such as instructional aides, bus drivers, security guards and cafeteria aides. S-2163 would also subject economic decisions such as a reduction of non-teaching staff due to a budgetary shortfall or enrollment decline, to binding arbitration.

Also, S968 – would restrict the local school boards ability to subcontract non-instructional services, such as cafeteria, maintenance and transportation.

The Governor has 45 days to veto legislation before it automatically becomes law.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

Roof bids are out and the roll bid opening is 6/13/2013.

ESIP – RFP is due back by 6/18/2013.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for June 11, 2013.

H. Public Relations Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

Reach out to NJSBA for public relations requirements and then we will plan for the year.

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

There will be a few more items for the next agenda.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day pick up will be June 8, 2013.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The following items were reported on:

New officers have been sworn in, as follows:

President – Beth Anne DeMarco

1st Vice President - Toni Tuosto

Corresponding Secretary Carol Guignon

Review of the June calendar of events.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following items were discussed:

Senior Award night is scheduled for June 5th

Review of League Sports Achievements

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (M. Thomas)

The Executive Committee met last night.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Peterson)

The Magical Show was great.

There were no issues at the Prom-everyone enjoyed themselves.

Next Friday is a Band trip to Great Adventure.

Borough Town Council – (W. Sullivan, S. Criscenzo)

There is a meeting on June 26, 2013.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

No additional items at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 18, 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.

Mr. Opderbeck thanked the Board and the Superintendent for handling the Band trip. Again, he would like to raise a concern with the attachments on the agenda.

Mr. Sullivan commented that Mr. Opderbeck had been in touch with the attorney, and therefore any issues should be addressed through the attorney.

Mr. Opderbeck continued that he is concerned with the Board Attorney's reliance on a 1976 Opinion and frankly he thinks it is a bad opinion. Other districts provide attachments on website. I hope that the Board will reconsider.

Mr. Sullivan said thank you and he will consider.

Ms. Nancy DeRitter commented that she appreciated all of the letters of recommendation supporting her efforts.

Ms. Fantulin wished to congratulate Mr. Chang on his new position. She asked if there would be any savings. Dr. Cirasella replied yes, Midland Park will have savings as well as a good person in the position.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary