

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 26, 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
	Robert Schiffer	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas

William Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation of the proposed 2013-2014 School Budget and Public Hearing
Dr. Cirasella and Mr. Schiffer presented a power point
demonstration on the proposed school budget for the 2013-2014 year.

Open to the Public

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Demitri Pittas questioned what would happen if the 2nd question fails. Mr. Schiffer answered that the three partial roof replacements listed would not be done. Ms. Garvey added there is money in the general fund budget for the replacement of a small section of the high school roof.

Ms. Colleen Monahan questioned how long does a roof last and asked about the sections that were completed in 2004. Mr. Schiffer answered that they could last up to fifteen to twenty years, so in 2019 we may be looking at those sections again. There are always problems with flat roofs.

Mr. Judd Seals asked if the second question does not pass then can those same items be put into a referendum vote. Mr. Schiffer answered that they could not be brought before the public for one year.

Ms. Therese Connors asked which section was going to be completed at the high school and stated that she remembers a lot of leaks in certain sections while she was employed by the district. Mr. Schiffer explained that the sections being done are in the worse condition, although every section is leaking.

Mr. Donald Togneri asked the total number of additions to the staff.

Dr. Cirasella responded that it will be .5 teaching load spread over multi people and a district technology coordinator. Mr. Togneri also asked where these positions were budgeted.

Ms. Garvey responded that the teaching positions were budgeted under Regular Programs and technology position is in Media and Technology.

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

To close the Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Resolution to Approve the 2013-2014 School Year Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the final 2013-2014 school year budget, as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$19,453,554
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 137,617
Extended School Year Program (Fund 13)	\$ 698,839
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$20,290,010
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 444,370
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 423,669
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	 \$21,158,049

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$17,847,884 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$423,472 to support Debt Service, for the 2013/2014 school year budget.

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there should be raised an additional \$955,075.00 for General Funds in the same school year (2013-2014). These taxes will be used exclusively for partial roof replacement projects for Godwin School, Highland School and Midland Park Junior/Senior High School. Approval of these taxes will not result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary