

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education

Midland Park, New Jersey

March 5, 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
	Brian McCourt	Robert Schiffer
	Peter Triolo	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	William Sullivan	

Excused: Richard Formicola

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Excused: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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.

The following items were discussed/commented on:

Congratulations to the girls' varsity basketball team. They won their first state basketball sectional title in our school history defeating Butler 51-33 on March 4th.

Meetings have been set with other districts on fact finding for Sending / Receiving. This news has created an unexpected buzz – we are just gathering facts.

Mr. Frank Post withdrew his nomination petition as a candidate for the upcoming April election.

Dr. Cirasella had an unexpected personal issue and was unable to make tonight's meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

No Report.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on March 19, 2013.

Mr. McCourt stated that the E-Rate policy is procedure and actually not policy and feels that it is unnecessary.

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

Ms. Elaine Seals asked about the second question on the election ballot. She asked why finance over 1 year and not a Referendum item regarding the partial roof replacements at Godwin, Highland and the high school.

Mr. Schiffer replied that the roofs were in the Referendum which failed in December. The roofs are in poor shape and need to be replaced immediately. Many people have commented that the partial roof replacements should be done as a second question. The Finance Committee feels that the roof projects are important items and the number is not too high with respect to funding.

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Approve the following changes to the list of coaches at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year (support material attached):

Delete:	Robert Leonard	Head Tennis Coach	<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Jeffrey Hackett	Head Tennis Coach	\$4,446.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the appointment of the following high school teachers for the home Instruction of one high school student. They will be paid at the approved rate of one high school student. They will be paid at the approved rate of \$33.18 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective March 6, 2013 through an approximate date of March 27, 2013:

Nancy DeRitter
Constantine Eliopoulos
Jenni Harmon
Jordan Symington

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a tentative school district budget for the 2013 2014 school year for submission to the voters of Midland Park, as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$20,287,011	\$17,847,884
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 444,370	-0-
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 423,669</u>	<u>\$ 423,472</u>
TOTALS	\$21,155,050	\$18,271,356

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.

Mr. Schiffer commented that this is a Tentative Budget and will be explained further at the Public Hearing. We can't move forward until approved by the County.

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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)

Mr. Sullivan commented that articles and the Budget insert for *ChalkBoard* are being processed.

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

Minutes will be forwarded.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Cultural Awareness Week is March 18-22.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The following items are scheduled for March:

March 4- Executive Board Meeting at 7:30 – Highland

March 7 – New Kindergarten Parent Orientation – 7:00 p.m. - Godwin

March 11 – 12:30 Dismissal/ Staff Development Day

March 15 – PTA General Meeting /PTA Volleyball Game

March 18-22 Cultural Awareness Week

March 18-22 Kindergarten Registration - Godwin

March 23 – Cultural Arts Event – Poetry in motion

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for March 23, 2013.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

The performers for this year's musical are approaching the final weeks of preparation for the show *Legally Blonde* 3/22-3/24.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

Summer camp registration has begun.
Hometown hero, Johnny VanderMeer pitched back to back no-hitters in June 1938.
Midland Park baseball is recognizing this 75th anniversary at its annual parade.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (H. DeKnight)

The Senate writes recaps of sporting events and places them throughout the high school.
There is a *Penny Wars* game for Margaret Soto in process.

Borough Town Council – (W. Sullivan)

Last Thursday I attended a meeting regarding an SRO officer. We have been discussing this program with the Council.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

At this time there are no additional items to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 19, 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.

Ms. Patricia Fantulin requests that the current issue of *Chalk Board* which will have a Budget section be placed on the Midland Park website for all to view.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary