

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 6, 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	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

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Ms. Stacy Garvey

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

September 11, 2012

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, McCourt, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
1 Abstain (Formicola)

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

September 25, 2012

Roll Call: All Yes

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 welcomed everyone. The District wants to get everyone back into schools, but has to rely on the Midland Park Police Department. He invited Chief Marra and Mayor O'Hagan to address the reasons why our students were not able to return to school. Chief Marra commented we are responsible for children to and from school – many wires are still down and as lights and power return so do many down live wires. Both men explained their concerns and reason for their recommendations to keep schools closed especially with next storm coming. We have ten (10) areas with down wires. We are not asking for support, just understanding. We need to keep children off the streets- it is quite dangerous outside.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. Thomas asked at what point will the situation be deemed safe.

Mayor O'Hagan commented that Public Service will not give a specific date as to when everything will be fixed. We can't take a chance of a child walking to school with downed wires that could be live. We are interested in keeping everyone safe.

Ms. Sandy Peterson commented that in Allendale students returned today under the provision that parents are responsible to transport to and from school.

Ms. Therese Connors said she is upset that this is a liability issue and not what is best for the children. At some point this issue goes to parent responsibility. If you don't feel that your child has a safe path to school, then keep your child home – excused absence.

Mr. Schiffer agrees that the #1 priority is safety of students, but the 2nd is a fiduciary duty to the school district and liability.

Chief Marra answered that our first concern is not liability—it is the safety of the children.

Karen Reilly commented that kids are running around town. They would be safer in school.

Chief Marra said that is a parental issue.

Mr. Phil Luberoff questioned the ½ days that are scheduled for the elementary schools. Would we be able to have full days? Mr. Triolo answered that we already discussed that with the Superintendent and she is looking into the possibility.

Ms. Tiffany Gallagher asked what is the protocol for taking vacation days back.

Dr. Cirasella said that on the calendar it states Spring Break first but the Board can consider looking at all the breaks.

Mr. Sullivan asked Chief Marra if he could keep in contact with Dr. Cirasella tomorrow after we see what happens with this next storm.

Mr. O'Hagan commented that PSE&G is in town now and will stay until done unless they cannot work through the storm.

Dr. Cirasella wanted to publicly acknowledge Chief Marra for his hard work and guidance through this.

The Referendum forum cancelled. We will contact Mr. Messineo to see what dates are available-if not- possibility of combining the dates for Highland and the High School on the 13th.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS

Dr. Marie Cirasella

Presentation: Midland Park Public Schools 2011-2012 Assessment Profile

Mr. Canellas asked in what district factor group (DFG) is Midland Park. He was told that the district is in the GH factor group. Mr. Canellas continued that the information presented combines Proficient and Advanced Proficient. He asked if there was a comparison done of just the Advanced Proficient within our DFG. Dr. Cirasella answered that there was not an isolated comparison done for DFG, we do not have that information from the other district.

Ms. Fantulin commented that she is quite concerned about combination of Proficiency with Advanced Proficiency. If separated, it seems that our issues are at Advanced Proficiency. She also stated that she was happy to see that there are steps being taken to correct.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

Action Items:

Superintendent Items – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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

Approve the submission of the Midland Park School District's NJQSAC Statement of Assurance for the 2012-13 school year, which is attached as an appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following motion:

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

* Susan Smith

* Susan Wild

(s) Harriet Dank

* Aimee Kass (previously on list)

(s) Florance McGrath

(s) Irene O'Marra

(s) John Villa

* = NJ certification

(s) = County Substitute certificate

2. **Accept the resignation of Jennifer Finnerty as a School Psychologist for the district, effective December 14, 2012 (support material attached).**

3. Approve the revision in the contract termination date for Jordan Symington as a Spanish teacher maternity leave replacement at the high school, from April 5, 2013 to March 28, 2013.
4. Approve the appointment of Allyson LaMarca as a Math AHSA Tutor. She will be paid a stipend of \$778.50, effective October 31, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
5. Accept the resignation of Brian DeCarlo as the Varsity Wrestling Coach at the high school, effective October 15, 2012 (support material attached).
6. Approve the list of Winter Coaches at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix (support material attached). A-6

7. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the elementary schools, for the 2012-2013 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Linda Carr	I&RS Committee Member	
Add:	Suzanne Kelly	I&RS Secretary	\$1,047
	Stacie Millman	Chess Club Advisor	\$1,335

8. Approve the appointment of Winston Freckleton as a full-time Custodian at the Highland School. He will be paid a salary of \$27,827, (Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide, including Night Custodian stipend), prorated, effective November 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.
9. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute workers for the 2012-2013 school year:

Nancy Ganguzza	Instructional Aide
Lisa Dougherty	Instructional Aide

Roll Call: All Yes

10. This motion was pulled from the Agenda.

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

To approve the following block motion:

11. Approve the following co-advisors for the Winter Ski Program, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program:

David Hershberger
Jeffrey Peters

12. Approve the appointment of Edward Salvi as an additional chaperone and/or substitute (if needed) for the Winter Ski Program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education.
13. Approve the appointment of Jeff Hackett as an alternate substitute chaperone for the Winter Ski Program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education.

14. **Approve the appointment of Joel Clark as an Aide for the After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective retroactive from October 31, 2012 through June 30, 2013.**
15. **Accept the resignation of Ruwani Waharaka, Continuing Education After School Child Care Coordinator, effective November 12, 2012. (support material attached)**
16. **Approve Ruwani Waharaka as an alternate substitute for the Continuing Education After School Child Care Program for the 2012-13 school year.**
17. **Approve Joyce Gomez as the Continuing Education After School Child Care Coordinator, effective November 12, 2012 to June 30, 2013. (support material attached)**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the September 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$285,909.98
3. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. September 2012 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$ 39,625.81.
 - b. September 2012 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$26,206.36.
 - c. October 2012 claims in the amount of \$375,336.98.
4. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. Second September 2012 payroll in the amount of \$522,111.87.
 - b. First October 2012 payroll in the amount of \$573,830.18.
 - c. **Second October 2012 payroll in the amount of \$517,440.93.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period September 1 – 30, 2012, which are attached as an appendix. F-5
6. Approve the transfer between accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2012, which is attached as an appendix. F-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Accept the Midland Park Soccer Association donation of a Training Goal/Rebounder for use by the high school soccer teams at a value of \$750.00, as per Policy Section 7230.
8. Approve the use and rental of one classroom at the high school to Kaplan Test Center, for their ACT preparation course, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program. The course will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, effective February 26, 2013 – April 11, 2013 from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

9. **Approve the resolution for the Joint Transportation Agreement with the Walldwick Board of Education, as follows:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education approves a Joint Transportation Agreement designating the Walldwick Board of Education as the transporting agent to provide service to the Board of Education of the Midland Park School District, for the purpose of transporting students to various academic and athletic events for the 2012-2013 school year.

10. **Approve the resolution for the Joint Transportation Agreement with the Walldwick Board of Education, as follows:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education approves a Joint Transportation Agreement designating the Midland Park Board of Education as the transporting agent to provide service to the Board of Education of the Walldwick School District, for the purpose of transporting students to various academic and athletic events for the 2012-2013 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. **Approve the resolution authorizing agreement between McManimon, Scotland & Baumann for certain legal services adopted by the Midland Park Board of Education, as per the attached appendix.** F-11

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 12. Approve the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Schedule M-1 to the New Jersey Department of Education, as per the attached appendix. F-12**

- 13. Approve the New Jersey Department of Education funding for the Non-Public schools, as follows:**

Nursing:

Eastern Christian Elementary School \$13,128.00

Technology:

Eastern Christian Elementary School \$ 3,491.00

Green Twig School \$ 1,346.00

Textbooks:

Eastern Christian Elementary School \$ 9,458.00

Green Twig School \$ 3,646.00

- 14. Approve the Annual Contract for Non Public Nursing Services for the 2012-2013 school year with the Bergen County Health Department, at Eastern Christian Elementary School, which is attached as an appendix. F-14**

- 15. Approve the purchase of a Savin 2352 SP Copier/Printer/Scanner in the amount of \$4,622 to be partially paid by Title I funds (\$2001) and by General Board Funds (\$2621).**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS1 Approve a resolution providing for a special school district election to be held on December 11, 2012 for consideration of two bond proposals by legally qualified voters of the school district, which is attached as an appendix.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer stated that he spoke with auditor on behalf of the finance committee about the audit and workings of the business office. Presentation on audit will be the end of November.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Danielle Bache	Principal Evaluation	Monroe	\$107.24	Nov. 20,

	System	Township, NJ		2012
Francesca Mullady	Down Syndrome	Morris Plains, NJ	\$75.96	Nov. 30, 2012
Jane Bandstra	Pediatric Yoga – Techniques for Sensing Behavioral Attention & Other Developmental Disorders	Parsippany, NJ	\$179	Dec. 6, 2012`
Eileen Pomianek	Purchasing	Robbinsville, NJ	\$70.34	Jan. 30, 2013

2. Approve the list of MPPEF approved grants for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-2
3. **Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the residential placement and educational component for one high school special education student in the YCS Fort Lee Educational Center, Fort Lee, NJ, effective retroactive from October 22, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**
4. **Accept the District Goals for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix.** C-4
5. **Approve the School Safety Teams for the elementary and high schools for the 2012-2013 school year, which are attached as an appendix.** C-5
6. **Approve the following program for the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material attached):**

Winter Ski Program (Ski Club)
7. **Approve the submission of the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) FY2013 Grant Application to the Department of Education, as follows:**

Title I Part A	\$13,699
Title II Part A	\$32,674
Title III	\$ 2,090

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan wanted to express his gratitude to the Education Foundation. They do great work and they work very well with the Administrators. On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank them for all that they do for the district.

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

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following new and revised policies:

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| a. | Organization Meeting | Bylaws Section 0151
(revised) |
| b. | Annual Appointments | Bylaws Section 0153
(revised) |
| c. | Public Participation in Board Meetings | Bylaws Section 0167
(revised) |
| d. | Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology | Policy Section 2363
(new) |
| e. | Use of Social Networking Sites-
Teaching Staff Members | Policy Section 3282
(new) |
| f. | Use of Social working Sites-
Support Staff Members | Policy Section 4282
(new) |
| g. | Advertising on School Buses | Policy Section 6164
(new) |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the first reading of the following revised policies, as per the attached appendix:

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| a. | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils | Policy Section 5111 | <u>D-2a</u> |
| b. | School District Travel | Policy Section 6471 | <u>D-2b</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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)

No Report.

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

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day orders are due on the 9th.

A combined general meeting is scheduled for the 16th.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

There is a meeting scheduled for next week.

It was reported that they did very well during Spirit Week.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

Two trips were scheduled as follows,

Syracuse Trip – quite successful

Broadcasting Trip leaves for Florida tomorrow.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

Parent Advisory Council Meeting will be held on 11/14/ at 9:00 a.m.

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)

Students wanted to know why we couldn't have State soccer game. Mr. Peter Galasso commented that it was very hard to get in touch with A.D.'s and the schools. Then he heard that others were practicing and that all State Games had to be played by Wednesday, but due to the incoming storm, it was pushed to Saturday. We are trying to do as much as we can.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of Nov. 20, 2012, for the purpose of personnel and confidential student matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Vierheilig questioned that while children were not in school were the offices open.

Dr. Cirasella answered that Administrators were in voluntarily, but office staff is not required.

Ms. Vierheilig asked could you have professional days while the students were off –on the days school was closed. Dr. Cirasella answered no-teachers are not in when school is closed plus we wouldn't have been prepared to have professional days with/without speakers/presenters.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary