

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
October 9, 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
	Brian McCourt	Robert Schiffer
	Peter Triolo	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	William Sullivan	

Excused: Richard Formicola

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS**

*Ms. 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.***

The following items were discussed/reviewed:

The first public forum on the Referendum is scheduled for tomorrow night at 7:30.

Letter from Chief of Police from Walldwick- lock down was professional.

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS**     *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Dr. Cirasella reviewed/summarized the Lockdown.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on October 30, 2012.

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

No one had any comments/questions to ask, at this time.

### **Action Items:**

#### A.     Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1.     Approve the appointment of Jordan Symington as a Spanish teacher maternity leave replacement at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$43,250 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective October 15, 2012 through April 5, 2013.
2.     Approve the appointment of Diane Erdman as a .5 Pre-School Disabled teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$22,750 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated, effective November 5, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
3.     Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year:

#### Stipend

Add:	Brian Ersalesi/	High School Bowl Co-Advisor	\$524.
	Joann Manicone	High School Bowl Co-Advisor	\$524.
	Tara Tashjian	I&RS Committee Chairperson	\$1047.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

1.     Approve the appointment of Marie Gramuglia as the Orton Gillingham after school instructor for an elementary school special education student for the 2012-2013 school year. Her rate is \$75 per hour for three hours per week, for an approximate amount of \$6800 per year.
2.     Approve Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions to provide Cart notes for a high school special education student, on an as needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year.
3.     Approve the disposal of one obsolete piano from the Highland School.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the change of placement for one high school non-classified student on bed side instruction from the Four Winds Hospital, Katonah, NY, to St. Clare's Health System, Boonton, NJ, effective retroactive from October 5, 2012 through November 1, 2012.
2. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2012-2013 school year, which is attached as an appendix:
3. Approve the Emergency Management Plan (support material attached).

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Christina Gouraige	Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders	Monroe Township, NJ	\$154.00	Oct. 24, 2012
Catherine Prinsell	School Refusal Behavior: Effective Techniques to Help Children	Parsippany, NJ	\$169.00	Oct. 24, 2012
Jennifer Harris	Preparing for NJASK – Math, Grades 3-8	Montvale, NJ	\$145.00	Nov. 2, 2012

5. Approve the revised stipends for previously approved curricula, as follows:

Andrew Anderson	Grade 8 ELA	from \$500 to \$700
Traci Audino	Grade 7 ELA	from \$500 to \$700
Sarah Berninger	Grade 10 ELA	from \$500 to \$700
Sarah Berninger	English IV-1/2	from \$350 to \$450
Brian Ersalesi	Broadcasting I	from \$500 to \$700
Brian Ersalesi	Broadcasting II	from \$500 to \$700
Jack Ferriday	Film Literature	from \$400 to \$450
Jack Ferriday	Creative Writing	from \$400 to \$450
Joann Manicone	English 9	from \$500 to \$700
Nancy Stewart	You & Law	from \$400 to \$450
Nancy Stewart	Current World Affairs	from \$400 to \$450.
Gail Traitz	Pre Calculus	from \$500 to \$700

Leon Varjian	Discreet Math	from \$500 to \$700
Emily Walker	Pre-Algebra	from \$500 to \$700
Teresa Wecht	English III	from \$500 to \$700
Teresa Wecht	English IV-1/2	from \$350 to \$450

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-6. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of one elementary school special education student in The Community School, Teaneck, NJ, effective retroactive from October 9, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

S-7. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one elementary school special education student in the Forum School, Waldwick, NJ, effective October 10, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Roll Call: All Yes

### **LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

At the November Meeting we will have a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of approximately 2-3 policies.

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

None.

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

Mr. Canellas reviewed a long list of maintenance and custodial projects completed throughout the three buildings. Everyone is working very hard to keep all of the buildings in the best shape as possible.

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

No Report.

H. Public Relations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

At this time, there is one (1) vacancy.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

Links and information on the Referendum will be posted to ensure everyone is informed.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following events have been scheduled:

- a. Spirit Week – 10/18
- b. Pep Rally - 10/19
- c. Soccer girls - 10/22
- d. Soccer boys – 10/23
- e. Pack the House – 10/24- girls volley ball

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

*Music in the Park* was held in the gym, due to weather conditions. Dr. Cirasella stated that even though it was held inside, it was still a great event.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

In the process of working on setting up an Advisory Group.

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)

No Report.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

Nothing was added at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There is nothing to discuss at this time.

### **Open to the Public**

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

Sheryl Boland spoke and said that her daughter attended an assembly that was held on Wednesday by Paula Rodriguez Rust.

Dr. Cirasella explained the school was promoting a Week of Respect and the topic of the presentation was focusing on Bullying.

Ms. Boland continued to say that her daughter felt uncomfortable after speaking with the presenter because she told her daughter that it is okay to be homosexual, transsexual, or a cross-dresser. She also stated that after looking up Paula Rodriguez Rust on the internet she found that the presenter specializes in sexual oriented consulting. Ms. Boland felt it is not Mrs. Rust's place or her responsibility to enlighten children with her opinions.

Dr. Cirasella responded that she hears her perspective and she will gather more information. She asked that Ms. Boland call tomorrow to discuss further.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 30, 2012, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To recess into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Action may be taken.

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board returned to the Open Public Meeting at 10:33 p.m.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary