

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 25, 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

Approval of Minutes

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

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on August 21, 2012.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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 the Goal Setting Meeting

Also, Mr. Sullivan said that 3 dates for the Referendum Community Meetings have been set:

October 10th, 2012 at the Godwin School Multi-Purpose Room

October 29th at the Highland School – August C. DePreker Media Center

November 13, 2012 at the Midland Park High School Media Center

All meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

There will be additional information found on the website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No Report.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

At this time there were no questions on the Agenda.

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)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the list of advisors to activities and clubs for the 2012-2013 at the elementary schools, which is attached as an appendix. P-1

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

* **Catherine Johnson**

* **Pegeen Jones**

* Ashley Marra (previously on list)

* **Nancy Moore**

(s) Kacey Naughton – School Nurse for Broadcasting Trip to Disney World

* = NJ certification

(s) = County Substitute Certificate

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

Beth Kasbarian	Secretary
Michael Koeller	Custodian
Scott Polhemus	Bus Aide

4. Approve the appointment of Lynn Johnston, special education teacher at Highland School, as a tutor for an elementary school special education student for two hours per week after school. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$39.04 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA Agreement, effective retroactive from September 6, 2012 through June 26, 2013.
5. Approve the appointment of Teresa Wecht as the Option II Coordinator at the high school. She will be paid a stipend of \$1,416.55 for the 2012-2013 school year.
6. Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Clubs and Activities at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Maureen Donatien	GSA/Spectrum Advisor	\$858
Emily Walker/	Pep Club Co-Advisor	\$429
Andrew Anderson	Pep Club Co-Advisor	\$429

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the following addition to the list of Fall and Spring Coaches at the high school for the 2012-2013 school year:

Sean Leonard	Volunteer Boys' and Girls' Tennis Coach
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8. Accept the resignation of Juan Rodriguez as a night Custodian at the Highland School, effective October 2, 2012 (support material attached).
9. Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 27, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (support material attached):

Lucia Demechenko
Steven Ramos

10. Approve the appointment of the following substitute Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012:

James McGivney

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of July 31, 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.
- b. RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of August 31, 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 August 2012 direct pays in the amount of \$421,268.55.

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Second August 2012 payroll in the amount of \$105,808.24.
- b. First September 2012 payroll in the amount of \$526,652.66.

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$48,371.30.
- b. September 2012 claims in the amount of \$516,114.21.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period July 1 – 31, 2012, which are attached as an appendix: F-5

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period July 1-31, 2012, which are attached as an appendix: F-6

7. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period August 1 – 31, 2012, which are attached as an appendix: F-7

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

8. Approve an additional Educational Data Services vendor, Cintas Corporation, Vendor Code #0230.
9. Approve the use and rental of the high school gymnasium to Summer Heatt sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Basketball tournaments on Sundays, beginning December 2, 2012 – February 10, 2013 (support material attached).
10. Approve the use and rental of the high school rear practice field to New York Giants Camps sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for a youth football camp Monday – Friday, July 15 – July 19, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (support material attached).
11. Approve the appointment and rate increases for the following ABA Therapists for the 2012-2013 school year:

Marilyn Cyran	\$35 to \$40 per hour
Aimee Edwards	\$50 to \$55 per hour
Kimberly Gottlieb	\$35 to \$40 per hour
Matthew Barbieri	\$35 to \$40 per hour

12. **Approve the tuition rate for out-of-district students to attend the Midland Park Public Schools for the 2012-2013 school year, as follows:**

K	\$12,053.00
Grades 1-5	\$14,445.00
Grades 6-8	\$13,339.00
Grades 9-12	\$14,921.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the Service Agreement between The Valley Health System and Midland Park High School for student drug testing for the 2012-2013 school year (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer discussed the information packet on the referendum and building maintenance projects and ways to reach the Community.

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

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Dr. Thomas

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one elementary school special education student in the Stepping Stones Program at the Milnes Elementary School, Fair Lawn, NJ, effective retroactive from September 24, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
2. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Christine Carr	Technology and Skills in 21 st Century Classroom	New Milford, NJ	\$39.34	Oct. 13, 2012
Tara Tashjian	I&RS and 504 Workshop	Long Branch, NJ	\$165.30	Oct. 15, 2012
Marie Cirasella Stacy Garvey Richard Formicola Brian McCourt Robert Schiffer William Sullivan	NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop	Atlantic City, NJ	\$3,000 approx.	Oct. 23-25, 2012
Deborah Marks	Technology Revolution in the Classroom	Caldwell, NJ	\$85.86	Oct. 26, 2012
Maureen Kelley	NJASL Annual Fall Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$123.20	Nov. 29, 2012
Christine Carr	NJASL Annual Fall Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$184.90	Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2012

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

3. Approve the list of revised curricula and stipends, as follows:

Grade 10 ELA	Sarah Berninger	\$500
Film & Literature	Jack Ferriday	\$400
Creative Writing	Jack Ferriday	\$400

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

AP English Language & Composition	from \$500 to	\$700
AP Studio Art	from \$500 to	\$700

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the members of the Affirmative Action Committee for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix: C-5
6. Approve the members of the Professional Development Committee for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached appendix: C-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- CS1. Approve the recommendation of the Interim Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school non-classified student on bed side instruction in the Four Winds Hospital, Katonah, NY, effective retroactive from September 17, 2012 through October 15, 2012.

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Criscenzo stated that there was a Curriculum meeting tonight and the minutes will follow.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the first reading of the following revised policies, which are attached as appendices:

a.	Organization Meeting	Bylaws Section 0151 (revised)	<u>P-1a.</u>
b.	Annual Appointments	Bylaws Section 0153 (revised)	<u>P-1b.</u>
c.	Public Participation in Board Meetings	Bylaws Section 0167 (revised)	<u>P-1c.</u>
d.	Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology	Policy Section 2363 (new)	<u>P-1d.</u>
e.	Use of Social Networking Sites- Teaching Staff Members	Policy Section 3282 (new)	<u>P-1e.</u>
f.	Use of Social working Sites- Support Staff Members	Policy Section 4282 (new)	<u>P-1f.</u>
g.	Advertising on School Buses	Policy Section 6164 (new)	<u>P-1g.</u>

2. Approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

a.	Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/ Computers and Resources	Policy Section 2361
b.	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries	Policy Section 2431.4
c.	Pupil Assessment	Policy Section 2622

Roll Call: All Yes

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

There have been debates on Revenue Shortfall –Governor Christie is looking into income tax cuts. Gag order on discussion if actual shortfall. This topic will be updated when information is available.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

The Committee will be meeting with Dr. Cirasella on the Referendum. The minutes of the meeting will follow.

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

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

There was a General Meeting this past week.
The fall flower fundraiser sale was quite successful.

Elementary School PTA- (P.Triolo)

General meeting was held last night.
An Executive meeting is scheduled for October 2nd, 2012.
All Fund raisers will be reported next week.
The following fund raisers have been scheduled:
10/18/2012 – Pumpkin sale
10/26/2012 – Trick or Treat
10/31/2012 – Class Parties
Information on the Referendum was presented at the meeting.
The members in attendance were excited to have the information.
In addition, the concept of a walk-through was discussed.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

The Performing Arts Parents first meeting was last Wednesday.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

It was reported at the meeting on Monday that an effort has been made to reorganize softball and baseball.

Recreation basketball opted out of playing with North Haledon, they are going to join with Waldwick.

Mr. Sullivan commented on the article in Villadom Times on facility uses throughout Midland Park. The article is not correct. There is no change to our policies/procedures which we will continue to follow.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

Fall semester is in full swing.

There will be a meeting shortly for the winter semester.

Student Representative to the Board – (H. DeKnight)

Student representative commented on the following items:

- Parking at the High School is working out well. However, there are a lot of seniors that are not using their spots – even though they signed up for a designated parking space.
 - Marching Band is having trouble with the new lights, they are not bright enough. They feel it may be dangerous.
- Ms Criscenzo commented that the Referendum would include additional lights.

K. Old Business

No Report.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 9, 2012, 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. Stephanie Pantale commented that she has a son in Ms. Carr's & Ms. Grasso's class and was concerned that the teachers were out and thus creating inconsistency in the class. She is concerned that her son's IEP is not being met. The teachers have been out 8 days out of 15.

Mr. Sullivan commented this is a personnel matter that cannot be discussed.

Dr. Cirasella stated that Ms. Pantale should reach out to her son's case manager and or principal. If after that conversation you still are not satisfied, call and make an appointment with me.

Mr. Larry Grenner has the same concerns. He is very concerned on the way this situation was handled. I know that certain things can't be discussed.

Mr. Sullivan responded that he understands the concern with the lack of information but the Board cannot discuss the matter.

Ms. Iannone stated that she also has a child in the class and there is no stability. Parents should have been notified.

Ms. McElwain asked how long of a period can substitutes remain in a class before needing to have a certified teacher in the room.

Dr. Cirasella replied – 19 days.

Mr. Sullivan commented that we are addressing the issue and will have information to parents through the Principal's office as soon as possible.

Ms. Kellogg commented on the subject of substitutes-maybe this situation could be resolved by pushing curriculum that has been set up for that class.

Melissa McElwain commented on Back To School Night. She stated that it was nice to be around her son's teachers. She also commented that she walked out with a very positive feeling.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary