

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

January 28, 2014

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 2013 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

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 following items:

I would like to commend the Custodial/Maintenance Staff and Mr. Treta for their efforts regarding their snow removal labors.

The Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for Patrick Murphy Sheridan was January 12, 2014.

Also, the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for Matthew Andrew Topp is scheduled for March 9, 2014.

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

The Board hereby authorizes the Board Attorney to appeal the decision in
Opderbeck v. the Midland Park Board of Education to the Superior Court,
Appellate Division.

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)
1 No (Mr. Thomas)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella commented that the football team is being honored at the next meeting on February 4, 2014.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2013-2014 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 – Mr. Schiffer . . .

1. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective February 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 (salaries to be determined, pending completing of negotiations):

Traci Audino	BA Step 4 (\$44,450) to MA Step 4
Katherine Kuperus	BA Step 4 (\$44,450) to MA Step 4
Jamie Scura	BA Step 5 (\$45,275) to MA Step 5
Yana Seminara	MA Step 8 (\$55,000) to MA+30 Step 8

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. **Approve the appointment of Rachael Parent as the maternity leave replacement for Laurie Belthoff, third grade teacher at the Highland School. She will be placed on BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective January 27, 2014 through June 30, 2014.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. **Accept the retirement resignation of Lynn Johnston as a special education teacher in the Highland School, effective March 15, 2014.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. **Approve the following change to the appointment of Terry Alnor as the Musical Assistant Director - Instrumental, previously approved at the November 19, 2013 Board meeting:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Terry Alnor	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$265.00
Steven Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$265.00

5. **Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year:**

(s) Allison Baker, School Nurse
(s) Honora Bellucco
(s) Angela Lynn, School Nurse for Band trips
* David Nelson
* Anne Spatz

(s) = County Substitute certificate
* = NJ teaching certificate

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. **Approve the following additions to the list of substitute workers for the 2013-2014 school year:**

+Donna Jordan	Bus Driver
Theresa Kruis	Substitute Secretary

+ = new addition to the original January 21st agenda

7. **Approve the placement of the following nursing students from William Paterson University to shadow Karen Corcoran, Certified School Nurse at the high school, on the following days:**

Timothy Yoo	January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2014
Sharon Ng	February 18, 25, March 4, 2014
Kim Carlo-Torres	April 1, 8, 22, 2014

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. **Accept the resignation of Lynn Johnston as Coordinator of the Before School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective March 15, 2014.**
9. **Approve the appointment of Suzanne Esposito and Barbara Makela as Coordinators of the Before School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective retroactive to January 15, 2014.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

10. **Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Spring 2014 semester of Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8), sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education:**

**Nicole Cartaino
Rachel Farmer
Danielle Granuzzo**

11. **Approve the following Aides for the Spring 2014 semester of the Youth Indoor Soccer League for Girls and Boys (Grades 4-7) sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education:**

**Ryan Coughlin
Brian Roberts**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 2013, 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. Canellas . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. December 2013 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of

\$43,171.75.

- b. December 2013 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$22,629.20.
- c. January 2014 claims in the amount of \$538,020.13.

3. Approve the December 2013 direct pays in the amount of \$76,548.10.

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Second December 2013 payroll in the amount of \$519,440.78.
- b. First January 2014 payroll in the amount of \$549,008.20.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period December 1 – 31, 2013, which are attached as an appendix. B-5

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period December 1 – 31, 2013, which are attached as an appendix. B-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Accept a grant award for \$1,000 from Bob's Discount Furniture to Godwin School to be used for the purchase of a Bretford Power Sync Tray, as per Board Policy 7230.

8. **Approve the deposit in the amount of \$3,871 from the Performing Arts Parents Theater Arts raffle sale proceeds into the MPHS Musical Account to offset cost projections for the musical and drama.**

9. **Approve the use and rental of the Midland Park High School Football Field to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for La Crosse on Sundays from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., effective March 23, 2014 through June 8, 2014.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Jeffrey Peters	iPad for Music Makers	Rochelle Park, NJ	\$75.00	1/30/14
Denise Connelly	Community-Based Instruction for Students with Disabilities	Morris Plains, NJ	\$155.12	2/12/14 3/4/14 4/1/14 5/1/14

Sarah Grimaldi	Functional Analysis & Treatment of Severe Disorders	Rutherford, NJ	\$359.58	3/3-3/4/14
Eurico Antunes	Powerschool University 2014	Orlando, Fl	\$3,646	3/9-13/14
Jean Clarke	IPad Apps & Projects 1st-3rd Grade	Rochelle Park, NJ	\$ 77.67	3/11/14
Maxine Lynch	Childhood Neurology	Parsippany, NJ	\$220.73	3/17/14
Karen Corcoran	Embracing the Challenges of School Nursing	Parsippany, NJ	\$270.64	3/21-22/14
Sarah Berninger Maureen Kelley	Creating a Virtual Learning Community with Google	Mahwah, NJ	\$298.00	3/25/14

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2.

+Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the continued placement and transportation of one high school special education student in New Beginnings, Fairfield, NJ, effective retroactive from January 10, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

+ = new addition to the original January 21st Agenda

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Criscenzo . . .

Approve the second reading of the following new/revised Board policies:

- a. Evaluation of Superintendent (revised) Policy Section 1240
- b. Evaluation of Teachers (new) Policy Section 3221
- c. Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (new) Policy Section 3222
- d. Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (new) Policy Section 3223
- e. Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (new) Policy Section 3224

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| f. Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils | Policy Section 5111 |
| g. Petty Cash (revised) | Policy Section 6620 |
| h. School Volunteers | Policy Section 9180 |

Please note that the Policies can be accessed on the District website under the January 7, 2014 Agenda.

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Governor Chris Christie signed many bills into law:

S-1127 permits Boards of Education to adopt salary policies of up to five years in duration.

Current law limits the maximum duration of such a policy to “one, two, or three” years.

It is important to highlight the fact that the law’s provisions are permissive, so individual Boards of Education may continue to adopt policies lasting less than five years.

A-735 permits a child who moves out of a school district due to a family crisis to remain enrolled in that district until the end of the school year.

A-3292 requires school districts to provide instruction on responsible use of social media for middle school students as part of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology.

A-3398 allows nonpublic schools to participate in joint purchasing agreements entered into by two or more school districts.

A-4072 establishes a pilot program in the New Jersey Department of Education to recruit, select, and train veterans for school security positions in school districts.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

-A meeting took place last week and the Committee will be scheduling another shortly.

-Upgrade to Security camera and phone/pa system

-Maintenance/Custodial staff busy with snow removal

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

No Report.

H. Public Relations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

The Board received a copy of Chalk Board to review.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The PTA is working on a Drug Awareness Discussion for an upcoming scheduled meeting.

Elementary School PTA- (P.Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following items were discussed:

The Beef Steak was a great success.

The Girls lost their first game today.

The Boys have seven wins in a row and are now in 2nd place.

The Hall of Fame dinner is scheduled for March 22nd.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The high school musical is March 21- March 23 and is *Young Frankenstein*.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Special Education (SEPAC) met on January 27th to have a Brainstorm session and they are looking for events to run in collaboration with the Recreation program for Special Education students.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2014.

Education Foundation – (M. Thomas)

The Blue Jean Ball is scheduled for March.

Also, the Foundation is running a Super 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds from the Super 50/50 Raffle will go toward improvements for the Highland School Auditorium and the Midland Park High School Memorial Hall Auditorium.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Dan Lynam substitute for K. Peterson)

The following items were discussed:

The semester just ended.

Seniors are starting to receive college acceptances.

Blue Moon fund raiser is going towards year book monies.

The Interact Club is sponsoring a fashion show fundraiser.

Borough Town Council – (W. Sullivan & S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed/commented on at the 1/14 meeting:

Shared Services

Parking and pick-up at Highland School

SRO at high school

Borough funds – if there is a possibility that they could be used for school projects.

The Borough does not have any available funds on hand.

Open Space Funds from the County.

Material purchases

J. Old Business

Nothing at this time to discuss.

K. New Business

Mr. Schiffer commented that the Eagle Scout Award at the high school needs to be updated because one name is missing due to the fact that the student attends Private school. However, his name should be added to the list.

Mr. Canellas commented that he would like to see us give out a more substantial award than a paper certificate for an Eagle Scout about to receive a Gold Award. He asked that we investigate the gift of a plaque in lieu of issuing paper certificates.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 4, 2014, 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. Pat Fantulin questioned what the Opderbeck appeal is going to cost. Mr. Sullivan answered that there is a line item in the budget for legal fees. Most of the work is already done so the amount should not be too costly. The Board is concerned with continuous questions and challenges and now look for clarification and a Published Opinion.

Ms. Irene O'Marra –Mahwah Board is funding Sports Complex with funds from their Capital Reserve. We were told that Midland Park was not allowed to save money for building repairs. How is Mahwah able? Ms. Garvey explained that the Board does deposit funds into the Capital Reserve account regularly. The difference is we have emergency projects that need to be done immediately. We do not have the ability to save a large amount of funds because we have to spend it every year- examples are roof repairs and parking lot projects that have been done over the past 3 years.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary