

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 15, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Venditti, President, 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 2008 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."

ROLL CALL

Present:	Sandra Criscenzo	Paula Lein
	Raymond Moraski	Wayne Roberts
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
		Richard Venditti
Excused:	James Canellas	
	Michael Hahn	

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools
Louis Roer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

June 3, 2008

June 17, 2008

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Roer's contract discussion will be deferred to the August 19, 2008 meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Venditti read a thank you letter from Ms. Mary Alice Thomas, a candidate for the Board Office Trustee vacancy.

The Board will be scheduling a School Boards meeting for Goal Setting the first week of August.

Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 15, 2008

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2008-2009 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 – (W. Heebink)

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve twenty summer hours for Maureen Kelley, Media Specialist at the high school, to set up the new virtual computer lab. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$32.00 per hour, as per Schedule B of the MPEA agreement (support material attached).
2. Approve the additional summer hours, not to exceed 75 hours, for Carole Treta, Technology Coordinator for the District. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$32.00 per hour, as per Schedule B of the MPEA agreement (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the appointment of Jason Goyco as a full-time evening custodial/maintenance worker at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$25,696.88 (Step 1 on the MPC&MA salary guide), including the night and maintenance stipends, prorated effective August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
4. Approve the appointment of Walter Santana as a full-time evening custodian at Godwin School. He will be paid a salary of \$25,862.76 (Step 3 of the MPC&MA salary guide), including the night stipend, prorated effective August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

5. Accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of George Williams as a Maintenance worker for the district, effective August 31, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

6. Approve the following appointments as substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

(s) Beth Ann Lowry
(s) Robert Wiesenfeld

(s) = County Substitute Certification

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Roberts . . .

7. Approve an unpaid Family Leave as per Chapter 261, P.L. 1989 for Rachael Reboiro, Reading Specialist for the district, effective September 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Mr. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

8. Approve the appointment of Ethan Grubman as a math teacher at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$41,480 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
9. Approve the appointment of Karen Pagano as a Guidance Counselor at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$48,083 (MA Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).
10. Approve the appointment of Matthew Sayles as a math teacher at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$41,480 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Mr. Moraski . . .

11. Approve the following addition to the list of coaches at the high school for the 2008-2009 school year (support material attached):

Add:	Nicholas Capuano	Head Football Coach	<u>Stipend</u>
			\$6,348

Roll Call: All Yes

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

12. Approve the increase from 2 hours per day to 3 hours per day for Katherine Marsden, Building Aide at the Godwin School. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 4, 2008 through June 25, 2009 (or the last day of school) (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of May 31, 2008, 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 – Ms. Lein . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. June 2008 supplemental claims in the amount of \$241,311.52.
- b. June 2008 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$14,536.37.
- c. June 2008 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$76,761.99.
- d. July 2008 claims in the amount of \$6,561.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. June 2008 supplemental payroll in the amount of \$144,359.28.
- b. July 2008 payroll in the amount of \$181,823.64.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the June 2008 direct pays in the amount of \$355,477.13.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the period May 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. A

6. Approve the transfers among accounts, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, which are attached as an appendix. B

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Accept the donation of two human skeletons to the high school science department, valued at \$700, from James Karanikolas as per Board Policy 7230 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the Student Accident Insurance Policy with Bollinger for the 2008-2009 school year, at a 10% increase in the amount of \$19,459 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the proposed 2008-2011 District Mentoring Plan (support material previously provided on June 3, 2008).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed high school choir trip (grades 9-12) for April 30, 2009 through May 3, 2009 to Annapolis, MD, subject to the satisfaction of the requirements for a successful trip as identified by the instructor (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement for one high school special education student at The Ranch for Kids, Eureka, MT, effective retroactively from July 5, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as per the terms of the agreement between the family and the school system.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the continued Annual Contract for Hospital Instruction for the 2008-2009 school year with Bergen County Special Services School District (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the establishment of the QSAC Review Committee, consisting of the following members:

William B. Heebink

Louis Roer

Frederick M. Triano, Jr.

Richard Venditti

Elizabeth Veneziano

Maureen Donatien

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

6. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Fall 2008 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Moraski, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

7. Approve the list of staff members requesting workshop attendance, as follows (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Date
William B Heebink, Louis Roer, Elizabeth Veneziano	NJQSAC Review	Hackensack, NJ	July 15, 2008
Elizabeth Veneziano	Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development: New Teacher Training	Monroe Township, NJ	July 22, 2008
Elizabeth Veneziano	Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development: Monitoring	Wayne, NJ	August 19, 2008
Nancy DeRitter	On Line Homework for Success in Chemistry	Chatham, NJ	August 27, 2008
Nancy DeRitter	New Jersey Science Convention	Somerset, NJ	October 14, 2008
Karen Corcoran	Medicine In the School Yard: Problems and Solutions	Edison, NJ	October 29, 2008

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (P. Lein, Chairperson)

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

Approve the first reading of the following new/revised Board Bylaws and Policies, which are attached as appendices:

Guidelines for Remembrances from Board Of Education	Bylaws Section 0135 (revised)	<u>C</u>
Student Representative to the Board of Education	Bylaws Section 0143.2 (new)	<u>D</u>
Board Member Orientation	Bylaws Section 0144 (revised)	<u>E</u>
Public Participation in Board Meetings	Bylaws Section 0167 (revised)	<u>F</u>
Needless Public Labeling of Pupils with Disabilities	Policy Section 2466 (revised)	<u>G</u>
New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)	Policy Section 2631 (new)	<u>H</u>
Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying	Policy Section 5512.01 (revised)	<u>I</u>
Roll Call: All Yes		

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

The following items were reported on by Mrs. Criscenzo:

- a. The Governor signed into law the \$32.86 Billion 08-09 State Budget.
 - b. Bill A2965 has been approved by both houses and signed by the Governor.
 - c. Bill A-45 has been approved by both houses and signed by the Governor.
 - d. Bill A-2873 has been approved by both houses and signed by the Governor.
 - e. Bill A-1671 has been approved by both houses and awaits the Governor's signature.
 - f. Bill S-510 remains in Committee (Senate Budget and Appropriations).
 - g. Bill S-100 – remains in Committee.
- The legislature has gone into recess.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

The following items were reported on:

- a. The Soccer field irrigation system update: The Field pump and meter will be furnished by Ridgewood Water and there is a delay in obtaining them.
- b. The Lightning Prediction System is once again functioning
- c. The construction of the Virtual lab is under progress.
- d. The Godwin school is undergoing its annual cleaning and extensive painting in all halls and corridors, The Art room floor is being replaced.
- e. The committee has set the 1st week of August for its initial touring of the District, with a second tour prior to school opening.
- f. We are removing some dead trees and stumps on Lower Sunset Field.

In addition Mr. Roer provided a brief overview of the new phone system that will be installed at all the schools.

G. Negotiations – Teachers/Secretaries – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

No Report.

H. Public Relations Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

The following items were reported on:

- a. The Public Relations Committee met on July 2.
- b. The first issue of ChalkBoard is on schedule for delivery by August 30th.
- c. The Committee discussed the formation of an Educators and Athletic Hall of Fame.
- d. The Committee hopes to meet again during the first week in August.

I. Personnel Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Service Review Committee – (W. Roberts, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Roberts, seconded – Ms. Lein . . .

Approve the following resolution (support material attached):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education approves the first renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year as follows....

The Food Service Management Company shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a fee of \$.0782 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the Food Service Management Company for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The Local Education Agency guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the Food Service Management Company.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals (breakfast, lunch and after snack meals) served and meal equivalents. The number of School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program, and National School Lunch program meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from Sales of National Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program meals and After School Snack Program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal management fee of \$.0782 will be multiplied by total meals.

Roll Call: All Yes\

Mrs. Lein reported that it was a successful first year and will continue to improve as the company implements the ideas from the parents, the children and the Board.

In addition the committee was charged to pursue its next professional service review, that of legal services. An RFP will be developed and sent to interested firms.

K. Town Council Special Projects Committee – (R. Moraski, Chairperson)

It was reported that the Tennis Courts were over-budgeted and there were concerns that it presents a safety hazard

L. Special Recreation Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

M. Liaison Committee:

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Market Day orders due July 18, 2008. Pick-up 7/24/08 at the high school at 5:30.

Elementary School PTA – (P. Lein)

No report

Booster Club – (W. Roberts)

No report

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No report

Special Education – (M. Hahn)

No report

Education Foundation – (R. Moraski)

The Baskin Robbins fundraiser was a success

Board of Recreation – (W. Sullivan)

The Barn has it's reopening

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No report

N. Old Business

None

O. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of August 19, 2008, for the purpose of personnel and negotiations

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Venditti invited the public to address the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8: 58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Roer,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary