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## MIDLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Godwin School

Highland School

Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2023 PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

“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 2023 elective year. A notice was also posted inside 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 or students.”

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** *Mr. Brian McCourt*

##### **Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adaptive education aligned to 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills needed for success in college and career. The district maximizes all resources to empower students to realize their individual worth and responsibility, with the expectation they achieve the New Jersey state standards at all grade levels.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** *Declan Feehan*

Open to the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

## BOARD MOTIONS

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

January 3, 2023  
January 17, 2023

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2022-2023 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.

1. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1821, effective February 10, 2023 through April 28, 2023; an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately May 1, 2023 through June 22, 2023 and September 8, 2023 through September 29, 2023.
2. Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave of Employee No. 2001, effective February 28, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
3. Approve the extended appointment as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade leave replacement for Roberta Carbah. She will be paid a salary of \$49,500 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective February 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
4. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1246, effective approximately April 10, 2023 through June 9, 2023; an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately June 12, 2023 through June 22, 2023 and resuming September 5, 2023 through November 13, 2023.
5. Approve an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, for Employee No. 1907, effective March 1, 2023 through May 10, 2023.
6. Approve the retirement resignation of Jeffrey Hackett as the Health/Physical Education Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2023.
7. Approve the retirement resignation of Maureen Fister-Donatien as the Health/Physical Education Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2023.
8. Approve the retirement resignation of Teresa Wecht as an English Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2023.
9. Approve the following teachers to work before/after school in the Highland intervention program. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, not to exceed 40 hours each, effective February 16, 2023. They will be paid out of ESSER III funds.

Jenna Abballe – Math  
Patricia Olson – Math

Cristina Horuzy – Reading  
Danielle Kirsch – Reading

Amy Tamburri – Math          Nicole Marino – Reading  
Maureen O’Hara – (Substitute as needed)

10. Approve the following teachers to work a sixth period teaching assignment at the High School. They will be paid as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract, prorated, effective April 10, 2023 – June 22, 2023.

Danielle Vandenberghe	AP Calculus (AB)
Jessa Cabibbo	Pre-Calc Honors
Jessica Lee	Geometry Honors
Tara Nafash	Geometry Honors
Rosemary Filev	Personal Finance

11. Approve the appointment of Marie Cornetta as the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp 2023 Coordinator for 7 weeks, effective June 26, 2023 through August 11, 2023.
12. Approve the appointment of Caitlin Shannon as the Midland Park Continuing Education Park Players Summer Theater Workshop 2023 Director for 3 weeks, effective July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023.
13. Approve the following additions to the list of Spring Coaches at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Ryan Rivera	High School Baseball Assistant Coach	\$5,332
Kayla Miller	High School Track/Field Assistant	Volunteer

14. Approve Kidz Musik for Grades K-3 at the Highland School on March 14, 2023, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education Program.
- +15. Approve the appointment of Jodi Kwasnik as the Payroll & Benefits Coordinator. She will be paid a prorated salary of \$60,000, effective March 6, 2023 through June 30, 2023, as per her employment contract, pending Criminal History Review.**
- +16. Approve the revised return date for an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act for Employee No. 1915, from March 31, 2023 to March 3, 2023.**
- +17. Approve the job description for the new Spring Track/Fitness Club Advisor.**
- +18. Approve the appointment of Samantha Severance as a Special Education maternity leave replacement for Kristen Connors. She will be paid a salary of \$50,900 (BA, Step 4 on the MPEA salary guide), effective February 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023, pending Criminal History Review.**
- +19. Approve Team Together (AAU Basketball Team) in the Midland Park High School Gym, as a rental for the Continuing Education Program for the following dates:**

**March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30**  
**April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28**

**May 4, 5, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26**  
**June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29**

B. Finance Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2023, 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. January 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$883,035.59.
- b. January 2023 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$43,456.11.
- c. January 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$69,535.82.
- d. Second January 2023 payroll in the amount of \$684,044.40.
- e. February 2023 claims in the amount of \$463,290.97.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period January 1– 31, 2023:

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4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period January 1 – 31, 2023, as per the attached appendix:

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5. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2023/2024 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

**+6. Approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between Paterson Public Schools and Midland Park Public Schools for the 2022-2023 School Year.**

+7. **Approve the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for Special Education students for support services.**

C. Curriculum Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Catherine Prinsell	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children	Nanuet, NY	\$249.99	3/22/2023
Glenn Stokes	Directors of Athletics Association of NJ	Atlantic City, NJ	\$807.60	3/15-17/2023
<b>Margaret Owens</b>	<b>American School Counselor</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>\$399.00</b>	<b>7/15-18/2023</b>

+2. **Approve the placement and transportation for a classified elementary school student in the Bergen County Special Services Nova Elementary School Program, Emerson, NJ, effective retroactive from February 13, 2023 through June 22, 2023.**

+3. **Approve the bedside instruction of a classified high school student provided by St. Cloud School District, effective retroactive from January 23, 2023 through approximately April 23, 2023.**

+4. **Approve the following proposed overnight trip:**

**Concert Band Students, Grades 7 – 12, to Anaheim, CA from December 8-12, 2023**

D. Policy Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

+1. **Approve the following revised Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:**

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| <b>a. Bilingual and ESL Education</b>                     | <b>Policy Section 2423</b> | <b>D-1a</b> |
| <b>b. Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program</b> | <b>Policy Section 2425</b> | <b>D-1b</b> |
| <b>c. Attendance</b>                                      | <b>Policy Section 5200</b> | <b>D-1c</b> |
| <b>d. Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying</b>           | <b>Policy Section 5512</b> | <b>D-1d</b> |
| <b>e. Student Enrollments</b>                             | <b>Policy Section 8140</b> | <b>D-1e</b> |
| <b>f. Student Records</b>                                 | <b>Policy Section 8330</b> | <b>D-1f</b> |

+2. **Approve the abolishment of the following Mandated Policies:**

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| <b>a. The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety</b> | <b>Policy Section 1648.11</b> |
| <b>b. School Employee Vaccination Requirements</b>      | <b>Policy Section 1648.13</b> |

- E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)
- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (N. Eliya, Chairperson)
- G. Negotiations Committee - (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
- I. Town Council – (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)
- J. Diversity Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)
- K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (C. Dell’Aglia)

Elementary School PTA- (P. Fantulin)

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

Board of Recreation – (J. Canellas)

Continuing Education Program – (N. Eliya)

L. Old Business

M. New Business

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of March 7, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

Motion to Adjourn