

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
MAY 16, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCourt at 8:00 p.m. and Ms. Garvey read the following 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

Present: James Canellas Sandra Criscenzo
Christine Dell’Aglia Nabil Eliya
Patricia Fantulin Maryalice Thomas
Brian McCourt

Excused: Peter Triolo
Richard Formicola

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 its students with a comprehensive, adaptive education aligned to 21st 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

- Presentation: MPHS STEM Program, presented by Principal Nicholas Capuano and Computer Science Teacher Ms. Danielle Vandenberghe

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Declan Feehan

- Friday, May 19th, is the Madrigal Show at 7:30pm. The Madrigals are also performing their show in NYC at 54 Below.
- Saturday, May 20th, is the Marching Band Car Wash to support the upcoming band season.
- Wednesday, May 24th, is the spring band concert.
- June 1st is the High School Prom at the Rockleigh Country Club, Rd Carpet at 5pm.
- Senior Awards Dinner at The Tides on June 5th
- Friday, May 19th, art and film students will attend the Teen Arts Festival at Bergen Community College for workshops in ceramics, painting and watercolor.
- Thursday, May 18th, there will be a blood drive for students 16 and up.
- Spring Pep Rally, Friday, May 19th following spirit week.
- Earlier today the seniors attended the After the Fire assembly at Ramsey High School.
- The musical production of Anastasia was nominated in the Metropolitan High School Theatre Awards for best overall production number, “Land of Yesterday”.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mrs. Fantulin, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

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

April 11, 2023

April 25, 2023

Roll Call: All Yes

- 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.

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

1. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrators for the 2023-2024 school year; salaries to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

Danielle Bache	Godwin School Principal
Ann Marie Bruder	Director of Special Services
Nicholas Capuano	High School Principal
Peter Galasso	Highland School Principal

2. Approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured administrators for the 2023-2024 school year, salaries to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

Glenn Stokes	High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Jason Whelpley	High School Assistant Principal

3. Approve the reappointment of Dr. Everett Schlam, School Physician, for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured certificated staff for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-4

5. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all tenured certificated staff for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-5

6. Approve the non-tenured reappointment and employment agreements for the following individual staff members for the 2023-2024 school year:

a. Eurico Antunes	District Technology & Data Coordinator
b. Scott Collins	Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
c. Ristem Sela	Computer Technician
d. Zachary Spadaccini	Computer Media Technician
e. James Thumm	Computer Media Technician

7. Approve the reappointment and employment agreements for the following non-tenured Central Office staff member for the 2023-2024 school year:

a. Jodi Kwasnik	Payroll and Benefits Coordinator
b. Ellaina O'Connor	Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Education & Child Study Team
c. Hope Rothenberg	.5 Curriculum Secretary/.5 Secretary to the Athletic Director

8. Approve the reappointment and employment agreements for the following tenured Central Office staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. ***Virginia Calero** Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools
 - b. Lisa Green Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
 - c. Eileen Pomianek Assistant to the Business Administrator
- *first tenured appointment**

- 9. Approve the tenured and non-tenured reappointment and salaries of all clerk-secretaries for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-9
- 10. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured Instructional Aides for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-10
- 11. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured full-time Custodial/Maintenance personnel for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-11
- 12. Approve the non-align salary schedule for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-12
- 13. Approve the reappointment of all non-aligned staff for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-13

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Dell’Aglia, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin...

- 14. **Approve Mary Ann Peterfriend as a Special Education leave replacement in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$68,150 (MA+30 Step 5 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective September 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.**
- 15. **Approve the appointment of Nicholas Krassy as a leave replacement at the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$59,500 (MA+30 Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective September 1, 2023 through November 13, 2023.**
- 16. **Approve the appointment of Troy Bianchi as a Physical Education/Health Teacher at the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$52,000 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 21, 2024.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 17. **Approve the appointment of Elexa Haarmann as a Physical Education/Health Teacher at the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$58,900 (MA Step 4 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 21, 2024.**
- 18. **Approve the appointment of Lisa O’Connor as a Enrichment Teacher at Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$61,400 (MA Step 5 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 21, 2024**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mrs. Fantulin, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

S1. Accept the resignation of employees #1952, #2027 and #1731, as of June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of April 30, 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. April 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$ 458,529.51

b. April 2023 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$ 52,774.13

c. April 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$ 47,141.25

d. Second April 2023 payroll in the amount of \$ 701,711.41

e. May 2023 claims in the amount of \$ 376,193.80

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period April 1 - 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period April 1- 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix.

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5. Approve the following resolution:

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Midland Park Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18 et seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirement 2CFR, Part 200, as per the attached appendix.

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6. Approve the list of Educational Data Services vendors for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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7. Approve the renewal of the dental plan through Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a 0% increase.
8. Approve the Amendment to the SHIP Program Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services Board of Education for the 2023-2024 School Year.
9. **Approve the addendum to the agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC to extend substitute staffing services through June 30, 2024.**
10. **Approve the alternative placement of Special Education Student in Fusion Academy, Englewood, effective May 4, 2023 to August 31, 2023.**
11. **Approve the resolution for award of bid for Art Classroom Renovations at the Midland Park High School to Alltec Inc., as per the attached appendix.**

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Stacy Garvey	NJASBO Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,000	6/6 – 8/2023

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (N. Eliya, Chairperson)

No Report

G. Negotiations Committee - (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report

I. Town Council – (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)

No Meeting on May 23rd.

J. Diversity Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

- Thank you to Administration for putting together the report of diversity initiatives, it is a very comprehensive listing of programs for our students.
- Meeting on 6/5

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (C. Dell’Aglia)

- Pocketbook bingo was a great success
- Grants

Elementary School PTA- (P. Fantulin)

- Teacher/Principal Appreciation Week- Theme for every day
- PTA meeting next week
- 6th grade orientation 5/24
- Field day meeting/General Meeting
- Field day 5/26
- 3rd grade parent orientation
- Spirit day 6/2

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

- Season ending
- Track team had a successful weekend
- Golf Team having a great season

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

No Report

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- New executive board

- Teacher grants- \$10,000 going out
- \$2500 to a senior on awards night

Board of Recreation – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (N. Eliya)

- Park Players summer camp
- Summer camp K-6 grades
- After care talent show
- K-9 Demo by Bergen County Sheriff Dept
- Italy trip 2024
- Kindergarten readiness program
- Sports camp
- Child care program staff needed

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session after regular meeting to discuss individual staff contract negotiations. No action will be taken when we return to open session.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of June 6, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Dr. Cirasella announced that at the next meeting on 6/6, we will be honoring the Teachers of the Year, Education Hall of Fame inductees, Retirees and Mr. Stokes, Athletic Director of the Year.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

To go into closed session

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:56 p.m.

Meeting was called back to order at 9:10 p.m.

Motion – Mrs. Fantulin, seconded – Mr, Canellas ...
Motion to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy Garvey".

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary