

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Triolo 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 2022 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	Richard Formicola
	Maryalice Thomas	Brian McCourt

Peter Triolo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff:	Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
	Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

*Midland Park Public School District 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*

District Back-to-School Update, 2022-2023 – Dr. Cirasella presented the Back-to-School Update. Stacy Garvey, Danielle Bache, Nicholas Capuano, Police Chief Michael Powderley and School Resource Officer Jason Tillson also presented.

Mr. Triolo thanked the Administration for a tremendous report and also thanked the staff and community.

### Student Representative - (Declan Feehan)

- First general PTA meeting 10/3
- Commended students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program – Ryan Barbarito, Marcus Catuogno and Grace Mahoney. They are being recognized for their advancement of education in our nation
- Marching Band had a competition at Ramsey HS and placed second
- Football team is still on their winning streak, won against Becton, 41-13
- The rest of the fall sports haven't taken home a big victory but we are only half way through the season
- On Wednesday, 10/12 the students in the HS will be taking the Pre-ACT, PSAT and the SAT
- College and career readiness day for seniors on 10/12, to visit a school of their choice
- Colleges are sending representatives for students to visit
- Week of Respect (Oct 3-7), different events took place everyday
- Financial Aid night, 10/6 at 7:00 pm
- Music in the Park, 10/9 from 1-5 pm

**Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the October 4, 2022 agenda.**

No one chose to speak at this time.

## **BOARD MOTIONS**

### **Action Items:**

#### 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 – Mr. McCourt...

1. Approve the appointment of Juliana Lisi as a Health Aide in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$59,750 prorated, effective October 7, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (pending Criminal History approval).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the revised paid maternity leave for Employee No. 2001, effective approximately October 10, 2022 through approximately October 31, 2022; a paid child care leave, effective approximately November 1, 2022 through approximately November 30, 2022 and an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately December 1, 2022 through February 24, 2023.
3. Approve the revised start date of October 10, 2022, (instead of October 17, 2022) for Roberta Carbah as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade leave replacement in the Godwin School.
4. Approve the appointment of Kayleigh Matthews as a School Nurse to accompany the Marching Band to Syracuse, NY. She will be paid at the rate of \$165 per diem, effective October 28 through October 31, 2022.
5. Approve the appointment of Rasha Alhomsy as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective October 5, 2022 through June 22, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Accept the resignation of Petra Mills as a part-time Bus Aide, effective September 27, 2022.
7. Approve the appointment of the following part-time Bus Aides. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective October 5, 2022 through June 30, 2023, pending criminal history approval:

Genesis Alcequiez  
Ligia Gomez

8. Approve the following students as Aides for the Before and After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2022-2023 school year:  

Daniela Bernal	- 11 <sup>th</sup> grade Eastern Christian High School student
Kiara Gandia	- 11 <sup>th</sup> grade Midland Park High School student

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

1. Approve the participation in the New Jersey School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) to provide health benefits for school district employees for calendar year 2023 at the established rates.

Ms. Garvey updated the Board on the School Employees Health Benefits Program. She stated that the SEHBP rates are increasing by 15.1%. Ms. Garvey asked for our claims history to see if the district could get better rates, but our claims rate was too high. We have to stay with SEHBP for now.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the submission of the Emergency Plan for Virtual or Remote Instruction for the 2022-2023 School Year to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of October 18 , 2022 agenda items**

B. Finance Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

- Usual items on the next agenda

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

- Discarding outdated books that are from the Highland School Media Center
- Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (USMOA) between Education & Law Enforcement Officials

D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

- Review 2 policies – Quorums and Professional Responsibilities, they will be on the October 18<sup>th</sup> agenda

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell'Aglio, Chairperson)

- Approve the 3 year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to be submitted to the County by mid October

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

No Report

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

- A link was distributed to the Board on the revised survey on social media and field improvement, and a PDF of the responses received from the last survey.
- Discussed generating a request to organizational stakeholders

I. Town Council- (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)

No Report

J. Diversity Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

- We met tonight, minutes will be distributed to the BOE
- Created pathways for future discussions

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of October 18, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

**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. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary