

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 6, 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: 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 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

Mr. Triolo stated that normally we would have the Superintendent report however, Dr. Cirasella is ill, we wish her the best and hope she is back swiftly.

No Report

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the September 6, 2022 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Student Representative - (Declan Feehan)

- First day of classes for students was today, it felt great to be back
- Special congratulations to Stephania Grenados has been selected to the College Board National Recognition Program
- New chromebooks to be distributed in about two weeks for grades 8-12. 7th grade has them already
- New air conditioning was installed in the classrooms, made a huge difference
- There are 3 new courses: college algebra for seniors, film studies for grades 9-12 and a new STEM exploratory for 8th graders
- Junior and Senior seminar are both running this year. Super helpful courses that help prepare upperclassmen for the next chapter
- New valedictorian plaque installed outside of the guidance office to honor all of the seniors who have earned that role since the origin of Midland Park High School in 1957
- All fall sports are up and running. This includes football, volleyball, boys and girls soccer, girls tennis, cross country, cheer, marching band, etc.
- Upcoming events are: 5K this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. as well as a kids fun run at 9:45 behind the high school and back to school night for parents is on September 15 and 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

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 – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

1. Approve the retroactive appointment of the following teachers to participate in Child Study Team meetings during the summer. They will be paid at the rate of \$60.95 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:

Emily Donovan
Gwenn Hendrick
Erin Holmes

Cristina Horuzy
Eileen Ietto
Paul Marino

Diana Ragone
Therese Seiders

2. Approve the retroactive appointment of Sophie Boland as a school field trip nurse. She will be paid at the daily rate of \$165 for a total of \$660 for the following High School trips:

Holocaust Trip	May 26 & 27, 2022
Chicago Marching Band Trip	June 10 & 11, 2022

3. Approve the appointment of Dr. Shernett Alexander as a Biological Science teacher at the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$91,000 + \$1,000 for her Doctorate (MA +30 Step 17 on the MPEA salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the increase in salary for the following teacher, effective retroactive to September 1, 2022:

Lawry Stein	MA Step 17 (\$82,500) to MA +30 Step 17 (\$91,000)
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5. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment for Julie Dorlon to teach Art at the High School. She will be paid an additional salary of \$6,350, as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract, which is 5% of her base salary per semester, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
6. Approve the appointment of Patricia Trava, as a part-time, long-term non-certified substitute Nurse at the Highland School. She will be paid a per diem rate of \$400, effective September 14, 2022 through June 22, 2023.
7. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1890, effective retroactive to September 1, 2022.
8. Approve the appointment of Antonia McNaught as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$30,450 (Category V Step 9 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective September 13, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the appointment of Felicia Robinson as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$30,450 (Category V Step 9 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective retroactive to September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
10. Approve the appointment of Katelyn Moro as an Instructional Aide in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$25,300 (Category V Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated effective, September 19, 2022 (or sooner) through June 30, 2023, pending emergent hiring approval by the Interim County Superintendent of Schools.
11. Approve Felicia Robinson as a Counselor for the Before and After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education during the 2022-2023 school year.

12. Approve Mark Schaefer as a Truck Driver for the Marching Band during the 2022-2023 season.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve the Partnership Agreement between the Midland Park School District and West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc. to provide a licensed clinician to assist at-risk students for thirty-five hours per week at the cost of \$76,600, to be paid entirely through ESSER funds, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
2. Approve the Annual Contract for Non-Public Nursing Services for the 2022-2023 school year with the County of Bergen, Department of Health Services and the Midland Park Board of Education/Eastern Christian School.
3. Approve the contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Stephanie Ingis as a Non-Public Nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective retroactive to August 30, 2022 through the end of Eastern Christian’s School year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions.
4. Approve the Amendment to the SHIP Program Agreement between Midland Park Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Goats Basketball, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education to be held from 5:15 – 9:15 p.m. on the following dates:

Mondays: September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022

Tuesdays: September 13, 20; October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Emily Cooper	Visualize, Verbalizing for Language Comprehension & Thinking	On-line	\$1,290.00	10/11-10/14/2022

2. Approve the following revised Kindergarten Curricula, which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards:

Mathematics
Reading
Writing

3. Approve the attendance of Louts AL-Habahbeh, an AFS student from Jordan, living with a Midland Park host family, to attend the High School for the 2022-2023 school year, as per Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of September 20, 2022 agenda items

- B. Finance Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)
 - Usual items on next agenda to be populated
- C. Curriculum Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
No Report
- D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
 - There will be policies to approve on the September 20th agenda
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)
No Report
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)
No Report
- G. Negotiations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
No Report
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
 - We are in the process of revising the survey, mid October the next survey will go out
 - Exploring apps for improving public information for parents
- I. Town Council- (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)
No Report
- J. Diversity Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)
 - We will be starting – we need a meeting on agenda

OLD BUSINESS

- 5K and Fun Run this weekend

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of September 20, 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. Formicola, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

To adjourn the meeting

Mr. Triolo stated that today was the first day of school. Thanks everyone for your attendance and let's have a great school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary