

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
April 5, 2016

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, 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 2016 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. 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. In addition, all questions must be presented to the Board of Education during the public session and prior to the adjournment of the meeting."

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Patricia Fantulin	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	
	Maryalice Thomas	

Excused: Peter Triolo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

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

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0225163101 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
 - b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 030416230 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
 - c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0304163100 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

Roll Call: All Yes

The District conducted water testing and everything has come back fine in our schools.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on April 19, 2016.

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda.

District policy states that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item prior to its vote by the full Board will have an opportunity to do so without prior notice.

No one decided to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

1. Approve the following school facilities project:

School: Godwin and Highland
 Project: Clock and Bell System
 Contractor: Bingham Communications
 Amount: \$47,425
 19% BELOW PEPPM CONTRACT PRICING

ROLL CALL: ALL YES

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Shilpa Palawat	Strengthening Your WL Instruction with the Three A's	Fairfield, NJ	\$248.30	April 21, 2016

2. Approve the adjustment in the 2015-2016 academic calendar to reflect schools closed on May 26 & 27, 2016, with the last day of school on June 20, 2016, as a result of the three unused emergency closing days.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

No motions

D. Policy Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Twelve policies have been reviewed and they will be on future agendas.

E. Legislative Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

Ms. Criscenzo reported that plans for the renovations to the Media Center will be posted on our website and large renderings will be displayed around the building.

G. Negotiations Committee- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Waiting to hear about scheduling the first meeting date.

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

PARCC – April 7 at Highland School.

Elementary School PTA - (R. Formicola)

The following items were reported on:

Field Day

Super Hero tee shirts for moms

PARCC - 4/7 Highland

Panther Prowl –4/20

Dan Santat is an author who visited Godwin and doing book signing for students.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Winter Sports Award Dinner is April 6th, 2016.

Spring Sports started today

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Dr. Thomas reported that The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) has recognized Midland Park for the third consecutive year as a Best Community for Music Education. We're delighted that Midland Park Schools have been again recognized by the NAMM Foundation and we commend and congratulate our administrators, teachers, students, and parents for their collaborative efforts to sustain music education programs which enrich academic and extracurricular experiences for our students.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Planning for the Extended School Year program

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

Van-der-Mere Field – Bids opening 4/6

Soccer goal still on Highland Field.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

Programs started.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

Students are preparing for their Advanced Placement exams n
The 3rd quarter comes to an end this Friday, and the fourth and final one begins.

Borough Town Council – (M. Thomas and J. Canellas)

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

No one chose to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 19, 2016, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.
No one decided to speak at this time.

Motion - Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary