

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 2, 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Brian McCourt (arrived 8:05)	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

Maryalice Thomas

Excused:	Richard Formicola
	James Canellas

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 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.

The President read a note from Anthony Tutschek who attends Waldwick High School and is in the Waldwick High School Band. He wanted to thank the Board and the District for the loan of a Sousaphone this year. He stated the loan of this instrument enabled him to march with the band and helped him to become a better musician than the previous years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Midland Park Board of Education, Dr. Cirasella is seeking nominations to the Education Hall of Fame. The Education Hall of Fame is open to all former Midland Park employees who have been retired at least three full years and made significant contributions to the improvement of the Midland Park school system over at least a five-year period of employment. A nomination requires at least two separate endorsement letters per candidate.

Nominations must be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 250 Prospect Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432 by February 12, 2016.

Dr. Cirasella expressed her congratulations to Danielle Bache on the birth of her child.

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolutions:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 120215228 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. 121415392 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. 121415393 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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on February 23, 2016.

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

There were no items brought to the Board for discussion.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2015-2016 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 – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

1. Approve the appointment of Christine Taylor as a math teacher maternity leave replacement at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$45,000 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated, effective April 4, 2016 (including three transition days in March) through June 30, 2016.

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the award of Waste and Recycling Removal and Disposal to Interstate Waste Services of NJ, Inc., effective February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, as per the attached agreement.
2. Approve the use and rental of the high school gym to The North Jersey Mineralogical Society for the North Jersey Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on the following dates and times:

Friday, April 1, 2016 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. for set up

Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the show

Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the show

3. Approve the Rutgers Summer Enrichment Program sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held at Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School on Thursdays, effective June 30, 2016 through July 28, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. – 9:45 p.m.
4. Approve the Kindergarten Readiness program, offered by Midland Park Continuing Education. The class will be held Monday through Thursday, July 11 - 28, 2016 from 9:00 – 11:15 a.m. in the Highland School.

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Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the proposed academic calendar for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

E-mail discussion – 2 Policies will be brought forward for the next Agenda.

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

The following bills were discussed:

- A-4148-provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for a pupil if they participate in an activity honoring veterans or active military members.
- A-1455 requires that all newly manufactured school buses must have motion sensors in the front and rear of the bus. The technology will let drivers know when there is a pedestrian in their blind spots.
- A-2597 provides that beginning with the class of students who enter ninth grade in the 2016-17 school year, Advanced Placement computer science courses may satisfy a part of either the mathematics or science credits required for high school graduation.
- A-311 requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth the same number of credits in calculating grade-point average.
- S-2923 requires school districts to provide notification to parent or guardian of upcoming administration of state assessments or commercially – developed standardized assessment.
- A-4924/S-1687 permits students made homeless after a terrorist act or a natural disaster, can stay enrolled in their home district for two years.
- S-451 establishes the creation of a special education ombudsman within the Department of Education. This regulator will provide information and support to parents, students and educators on special education rights and services.
- A-1466 allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school.
- A-4415 – Establishes State Seal of Bi-literacy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency in speaking, writing and reading in one or more languages in addition to English.
- HIP Taskforce created to review current statutes and language.

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

Bids will be going out for Referendum Projects at the end of this month.

Letters of commendation for Mr. Collins and his staff for the efficient snow removal over the January 23rd and January 24th weekend storm.

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

Meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

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

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

General meeting Tuesday in the Highland Media Center.

Elementary School PTA - (R. Formicola)

It has been reported that eight teachers at Godwin and two at Highland were awarded Curriculum Grants totaling \$8,000.

The following events are scheduled:

- General meeting Tuesday in the Highland Media Center. The guest speaker is Dr. John Greg. He will be discussing concussions.
- Godwin has scheduled a Talent Show this Friday. Last Friday Highland School had their Talent Show. There was a huge turn-out and it was a fabulous show.
- On February 26th a Brain-show is scheduled at Highland School Gym, at 7:00 pm. Families will participate in this show.
- School Spirit Day is scheduled for February 5.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following events were discussed:

- The chili cook-off fund raiser on January 30 was a huge success.
- Hall of Fame inductions are scheduled for 3/19/2016.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Winter concerts are forthcoming and these concerts showcase great talent and are fabulous events.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

A meeting was scheduled with the new Director of Special Services. She has a tremendous amount of experience and we are happy to have her here in Midland Park. Another meeting for the community and parents of Special Education Students to meet our new Special Services Director will be scheduled.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

On March 5, the Special Gala will take place.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

The following items were discussed:

Bids are being collected for the VanderMere field renovations /lighting.

Sunset field may need a net -next door neighbor cut down trees.

Spring field use.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

Programs are up and running.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported on:

- Interact Fashion Show was a success.
- 11th/12th Grade UN trip
- 2nd marking period has ended.

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

A meeting will be forthcoming.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There wasn't any old items to discuss, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin OR Mr. Triolo

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 23, 2016, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.
No one chose to address the Board.

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary