

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education

Midland Park, New Jersey

February 23, 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	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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.

Dr. Thomas explained that Dr. Cirasella has not been in school due to a medical issue. We hope that she will return soon.

The following items were mentioned:

- A Mr. Varjian Day had been proclaimed at the University of Wisconsin for February 23, 2016.
- Special Budget Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Quackenbush, Mr. Capuano and many of our teachers presented a Grades 7-12 1:1 Chromebook Program Update.

Open to the Public:

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.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

January 5, 2016

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, Fantulin, Formicola, Sullivan, Thomas, Canellas, Dr. Thomas)
2 Abstain (McCourt, Triolo)

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

January 19, 2016

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Criscenzo, Fantulin, Formicola, Sullivan, Thomas, Triolo, Canellas, Dr. Thomas)
1 Abstain (McCourt)

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +1. **Approve the appointment of Christine Schefter as a special education maternity leave replacement at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$47,000 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective March 2, 2016 (including three transition days) through June 30, 2016.**
- +2. **Approve one additional lab period per week for Nancy DeRitter, science teacher at the high school. She will be paid at the approved rate, as per the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from January 25, 2016 through June 30, 2016.**
- +3. **Approve the following high school teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid as per the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from February 22, 2016 through March 18, 2016:**

Gail Traitz	AP Calculus, PE 12	2.5 hours per week
Deborah Marks	AP Biology, Band	2.5 hours per week
Michelle Janus	English IV, Holocaust Studies	2.5 hours per week

+4. Approve the list of Spring Coaches at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-4

+5. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year:

Delete: Terry Alnor/Steven Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director-Instrumental	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Steve Polanin	Musical Assistant Director-Instrumental	\$546

+6. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2015-2016 school year:

Joanna VanVliet Building Aide

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2016, 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. January 2016 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$33,209.13.

b. January 2016 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$32,533.42.

c. February 2016 claims in the amount of \$476,627.10.

3. Approve the January 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$345,407.86.

4. Approve the following block motion:

a. Second January 2016 payroll in the amount of \$588,428.77.

b. First February 2016 payroll in the amount of \$575,606.43.

5. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period January 1 – 31, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-5
6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period January 1 – 31, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-6
7. Approve a grant in the sum of \$1,000 from the Midland Park Performing Arts Parents for the band trip to Nashville, TN for the students to attend the Grand Ole Opry on April 9, 2016.
8. Approve a grant in the sum of \$1,625 from Explore Learning Reflex Educator Grant Program, awarded to Barbara Makela, Godwin School teacher, for an adaptive online system for the 2nd grade Math BSI program.
9. Approve the donation from the Midland Park High School Booster Club for the purchase of the new digital sign, in the sum of \$1,000, as per Board Policy 7230.
10. Approve the resolution to continue membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group, as per the attached appendix. B-10
11. Approve the resolution for the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group Fund Membership, Indemnity and Trust Agreement, as per the attached appendix. B-11

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

- +12. Approve the proceeds from the Musical Raffle in the sum of \$3,420 to be given to the Performing Arts Parents for deposit into the Internal Musical Account.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

- +13. Approve the Interpretation Services Agreement between Viva Your Voice, Inc. and the Midland Park Board of Education at an hourly rate of \$75.00, effective February 24, 2016 through June 30, 2016.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Melissa Quackenbush	Mindful Moves for Teachers	Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ	\$100.00	1/25, 2/3, 2/10, 2/22, 2016
Christine Carr	Winners Best books and How to Use Them	Whippany, NJ	\$217.60	5/20, 2016
Michael Gaccione	DAANJ & NJSIAA Workshop and Course	Atlantic City, NJ	\$576.88	3/21–25, 2016
Eurico Antunes	SC-OTC-001 Security Center 5.3	Moonachie, NJ	\$790.00	4/11-12, 2016

2. Approve the following New Course/Program Proposal at the high school:
 - a. Medical Terminology - Grades 11-12
 - b. Introduction to Web Design - Grades 9-12
 - c. Computer Programming I (Honors) - Grades 10-12

3. Approve the non-resident enrollment of Mia Eliopoulos, daughter of Constantine Eliopoulos, high school teacher, in the 1st grade class in the Godwin School for September 2016, as per Board Policy 5111.

- +4. **Approve the non-resident enrollment of Marc Caldelas, son of Susanna Caldelas, high school teacher, in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, retroactive to September 3, 2015, as per Board Policy 5111.**

- +5. **Approve the proposed holiday schedule for twelve month employees for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. C-5**

- +6. **Approve the submission of the ESEA Accountability Action Plan – 2015 Participation Rate to the New Jersey Department of Education.**

- +7. **Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a non-classified high school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from February 22, 2016 through March 18, 2016.**

- +8. **Approve the following resolution:**

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2016-2017 school year, due to the fact that there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible students in the Midland Park School District.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

1. Approve the following revised Mandated policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying | Policy Section 5512 | <u>D-1a.</u> |
| b. Petty Cash | Policy Section 6620 | <u>D-1b.</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

The following items were reported on:

-Currently there are 139 Bills in the legislature’s committees that affect education. Approximately, 84 of these bills have some relevance to Midland Park. Of these, 7 had been primed for a final vote in the legislature before their reorganization took place. All of these have been reintroduced and returned to committee.

Also, returned to committee in both houses is the recess bill that Governor Christie vetoed. At this point, Governor Christie has a perfect record with zero vetoes overridden, but the legislature now has 52 votes in the 80 member lower house. They need to convince two Republicans in order to override a future veto, rather than the four they needed in the last legislative session. The Senate needs three Republican votes for an override. They have already achieved that last fall in a gun control bill.

The bill A2469/S1144 requires daily recess for children in grades K-5. Midland Park has a strong recess program, but the bill is still notable because it limits the disciplinary use of withholding recess to two days per week and it would not allow us to have children take enrichment in place of recess.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

The front showcase has been completely finished – this is a donation from the class of 1964.

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

We anticipate a meeting in early March and then we will have a meeting with the Association thereafter.

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

The following items were reported on as completed:

1. Installed new computer lab in Highland School Room-18
2. Upgraded the 3-Original Domain Servers to Windows Server 2008, then we can continue to function for a few more years.
3. Created a Virtualized Network Environment for the PARCC Proctor Cache Servers.
4. Upgraded All Domain Access Points to latest Cisco IOS.
5. Upgraded all Desktop and Notebook computers, in order to meet new PARCC standards.
6. Installed additional Video Security Server in order to speed up camera access and provide additional storage space.
7. Deployed Electronic/Web-based Report Cards for grades K-5.

These are just a few examples besides the normal day to day operations/updates.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed:

- March – starting new fundraiser, collector's addition t- shirt
- A combined meeting has been scheduled for 3/16/2016.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

The following events have been scheduled:

- Friday night 2/27 Brain Night will take place.
- On 3/8 a Parent Social is scheduled.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Two items were reported:

- Booster – Senior Night
- Hall of Fame is scheduled for March 19, 2016.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following items were discussed:

- Donation from Fundraiser
- Different fundraisers being considered.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Our new Special Education Director, Ann Marie Bruder, has commented that it has been a wonderful month in Midland Park. Also, she stated that she is taking some time to familiarize herself with the staff, students, and our current programs.

We had a Special Education Parent Group Meeting on January 25th. It was an opportunity for the parents and I to meet and address any concerns and to discuss parent training options for next year.

Also, Ms. Bruder has been involved with Ms. Quackenbush and Mr. Cata in providing training for the teachers working in the collaborative classrooms which will take place on March 4, 2016. This is a districtwide training for teachers K-12.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

The GALA takes place in less than two weeks, on Saturday night, March 5, 2016 at Macaluso's in Hawthorne starting at 7 p.m.

They will be selling raffle tickets for prizes and a cash 50/50.

The Education Foundation is looking for Trustees to chair their various committees.

Mr. Capuano made a powerful presentation to the Education Foundation describing how he hopes to update the Media Center. He spoke about making things multi-functional and easier to re-arrange for small group, large group and even classroom use. I believe the Foundation was impressed with the presentation. The space is going to serve students better.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported on:

- Students receive forms for graduation signs.
- Students continue to hear from colleges.
- Students select classes.

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

There is a meeting with the Borough Town Council scheduled for 3/1/16 at 7:30.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

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

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 8, 2016, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas spoke about naming the new stadium field the “Robert Schiffer” field in honor of a Board member who dedicated years of service to the Midland Park School District. Discussion ensued. It was asked that this topic be an item on the next agenda.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No one chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary