

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Garvey, 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."

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REORGANIZATION MOTIONS**

**APPENDIX**

- A. Presentation of the Annual School District Election (official count) held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015:

For Members of the Board of Education

<u>3 three-year terms</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Robert Schiffer	641
Timothy Thomas	674
William Sullivan	799
Patricia Fantulin	736

- B. Administration of Oath of Office to Patricia Fantulin, William Sullivan and Timothy Thomas

**ROLL CALL**

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

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Excused: Brian McCourt  
Peter Triolo

C. Election of Officers:

1. Ms. Criscenzo nominated Dr. Thomas for Board President and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

No other nominations were put forth.

Roll Call: All Yes

2. Mr. Sullivan nominated Mr. Canellas for Vice President and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

No other nominations were put forth.

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Criscenzo, Fantulin, Formicola, Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Thomas)  
1 Abstain (Canellas)

Ms. Garvey turned the meeting over to Dr. Thomas

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

To approve the following block motion:

- D. Approve the appointment of Stacy C. Garvey as the Board Secretary.
- E. Approve Continuation Under "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."
- F. Adoption of present Board policies.
- G. Approve the Board Committees as per the attached appendix. RM-G
- H. Approve the District Affirmative Action Plan.
- I. Approve the K-12 Curricula as outlined in the Course of Study Guides, as per the attached appendix. RM-I
- J. Reaffirmation of the following negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and the:
  1. Midland Park Education Association
  2. Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association
  3. Individual staff members:
    - a. Superintendent of Schools
    - b. School Business Administrator
    - c. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent
    - d. Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator

- e. Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
- f. Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
- g. Computer Technician
- h. District Technology & Data Coordinator

K. Designate the following as Depositories for School Funds:

Columbia Bank  
State of New Jersey Cash Management  
US Bank  
NJARM

Roll Call: All Yes

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

L. Designate the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies:

AXA Equitable  
AIG Valic  
Metropolitan Life

M. Designate the following administrator for Chapter 125 flexible spending accounts services:

Ameriflex

N. Designate the School Architect:

Solutions Architecture

O. Designate the School Attorney, as per the attached appendix.

RM-O

Fogarty & Hara

P. Designate the School Auditor:

Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP

Q. Designate the school Financial Advisor:

Phoenix Advisors, LLC

R. Designate the School Insurance Brokers:

FIRM, Inc. – Liability  
Brown & Brown Advisors – Benefits Coordinator Consultant

S. Designate the Indoor Air Quality Consultant:

ER&M, Inc.

T. Designate the newspapers for Official Notices:

North Jersey Media Group (The Record)  
The Ridgewood News

U. Approve the following appointments, effective January 1, 2016:

Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer	Melissa Quackenbush
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Stacy Garvey
Substance Awareness Coordinator	Craig Rush
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	Scott Collins
Custodian of Records	Stacy Garvey
ADA Officer & 504 Committee Coordinator	Anne Marie Bruder
Asbestos Management & PEOSA Coordinator	Environmental Remediation & Management
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Stacy Garvey

V. Approve the authorization to award contracts up to a bid threshold of \$40,000 and to set the quote threshold at \$6,000.

W. Approve the following officials to sign checks:

Board President  
Board Secretary  
High School Principal  
Elementary School Principal

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Formicola, Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Thomas)  
1 Abstain (Fantulin)

Annual discussion of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics  
The Board Members read each Code and reviewed with the public.

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

X. Adopt the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, as per the attached appendix. RM-X

Roll Call: All Yes

#### BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presentation of the audit for the fiscal year 2014-2015 by Donna Japhet, Auditor from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### *Midland Park Public School District 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 REPORT

PARCC testing presentation.

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 111215387 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.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 111315386 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.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 111515388 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.

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 113015389 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.

5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 113015390 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.

6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 120415391 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 January 19, 2016.

**Open to Public-** Comments only for action items on the agenda.  
There weren't any comments at this time.

### **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 – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

1. Approve the appointment of Patricia Hart as Interim Principal at the Godwin School. She will be paid \$500 per diem four days per week, effective February 1, 2016 through May 27, 2016, including transition days in January, as needed.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance - (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Accept the Audit for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the Bergen County Special Services School District and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

## LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

Mr. Formicola reported on the following jobs as jobs completed:

- Set up new computer room second floor Highland School.
- Repaired several heating issues in Midland Park HS and Godwin School.
- Hallway floors burnished and waxed – District wide during the holiday break.
- Changed out all roof top unit air filters at Highland School.
- Set up and break down choral risers and chairs for the concerts during the holidays.
- Installed new motor and pump at the MPHS boiler room.

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

Ms. Garvey will let the Association know that the Committee has been appointed and that we will need to meet first as a committee and then we will be able to have a meeting with the Association.

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

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee - (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report

Elementary School PTA - (R. Formicola)

Upcoming Events:

Talent Day

P.J. Day

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Upcoming Events:

Chili cook-off – January 30, 2016

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Upcoming Events:

Working on musical

Band Concert is on January 20, 2016

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Working on the Gala Event

Looking for donations for Raffles and Baskets.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt )

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

The new catalogue has been mailed out.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items have been reported:

- Students expressed concern over the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period class switch, because some students leave 8<sup>th</sup> period for a job. On those particular Friday's, they would be unable to attend their job.
  
- The new sign at the front of the school has been completed.

Borough Town Council – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

Congratulations to the new Mayor and Council – we will reach out to them in order to set up meeting.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 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**

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary