

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education

Midland Park, New Jersey

June 7, 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: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

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.

Ms. Kelly Besito, MPHS Senior, is the Artist of the Year and her artwork will be on display in the Board of Education office.

Board Members are to be at the High School for Graduation at 6:30 pm.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

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. 0422163102 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. 0422163103 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. 0419163104 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.
 - d. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041816231 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.
 - e. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041516232 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.
 - f. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041816233 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 June 21, 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 chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Approve the change in summer Custodial/Maintenance workers, to be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 21, 2016 through August 31, 2016, as follows:

Delete: Sean Ullmer
Add: Connor Fogelstrom

Roll Call: all Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Melissa Quackenbush	Conversations Around Curriculum & Instruction	Parsippany, NJ	\$20.00	June 17, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, 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)

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To approve the following block motion:

SF1 Approve the renovations to the Midland Park High School Media Center, as per the specifications submitted by Solutions Architecture and for those specifications to be sent to the State Department of Education for review and approval.

SF2 Approve GL Group to perform the renovations work to the Midland Park High Media Center in the amount of \$109,000, as per Proposal #EDS16-017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

There was a committee meeting tonight and there will be a meeting with the association next week.

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

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA - (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

No Report.

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:

- Students are preparing for their final exams.
- Seniors will begin their final this Thursday, and underclassmen will begin next week.
- The last day for seniors is tomorrow, and they look forward to future senior events.

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

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 21, 2016, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

The following people were inducted into the Education Hall of Fame:

Mrs. Christine Nunziata
Mrs. Katherine Piscitello
Mr. Sam Schaper

Presentation to the Bergen County Teacher Recognition recipients:

Mrs. Heidi Cassells
Dr. Raina Parvanov-Dawson
Ms. Maureen Donatien
Mr. Michael Kilgallen

Presentation to Aidan MacLean, Student Representative to the Board of Education
Dr. Thomas thanked Aiden for his hard work and his service.

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Lorie Mena spoke with the Board and the public:

Ms. Mena has a few concerns, as follows:

-The use of PARCC and Biology Curriculum at the elementary level.

Ms. Mena read several testimonies given/provided at the State Board of Education meetings relating to implementing the PARCC test as a graduation requirement; and pertaining to a valid and accurate assessment of individual students. Moreover, there were concerns about “teaching to test.”

-Another concern is that the Science Curriculum in the elementary level does not prepare students for 9th Grade Biology. They are deficient because they have numerous chapters dealing with Earth Science and very few chapters in Biology. Thus, rendering students unprepared in their knowledge of Biology.

Ms. Connie Cervati spoke on behalf of the two teachers inducted into the Education Hall of Fame. Ms. Cervati taught with Ms. Nunziata and Ms. Piscitello and commented that both of these teachers were the finest caliber of educators that she has ever worked with.

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

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