

***-MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 22, 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
	William Sullivan	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	
	Maryalice Thomas	

Excused: Brian McCourt

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.

Dr. Thomas reported on the following items:

- Cultural Awareness Week
- Moment of Silence for those affected by the terror attacks in Belgium.
- Congratulations to actors in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*- Great Performances
- Congratulations to all the inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

+1. Approve the following resolution:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 021116397 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. 020916398 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. 020916399 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

Open to the Public:

To discuss 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.

Mr. Nabil Eliya wished to discuss Field Use. Mr. Eliya questioned how the decision is made for field rental. Dr. Thomas replied that priority is given to Class A- groups directly related to the schools and the operations of the schools, including pupil and teacher groups and Continuing Education programs of the school district. The 2nd would be users and organizations indirectly related to the schools, including the P.T.A., P.T. O., Home-School Association, and other school-parent related organizations. The third would be outside private vendors.

Mr. Eliya stated that he requested a field for Sunday's - AJAX Soccer will have 5 games but not sure when these games are. Now field is being rented to other teams.

Ms. Garvey answered that the field use forms are processed as they are submitted.

Mr. Canellas commented that AJAX and Summer Heat are both outside vendors that are handled equally.

Mr. Eliya commented that over-use of the field without proper maintenance will result in damaging the new fields.

Dr. Thomas stated that between the Athletic Director, the Superintendent and the Building & Grounds Supervisor they will have a plan in place to ensure that the fields will be maintained.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

February 2, 2016

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

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

February 23, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years 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 – Ms. Fantulin . . .

To approve the following block motion:

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

Remove Katherine Kuperus as Pep Club Co-Advisor, effective March 24, 2016

Remove Katherine Kuperus as 7th & 8th Grade Class Advisor, effective March 24, 2016

Change Andrew Anderson from Pep Club Co-Advisor to Pep Club Advisor, effective April 4, 2016

Add Paul Marino as 7th & 8th Grade Class Advisor, effective April 4, 2016

- 2. Approve the appointment of Penny Kotsianas as a guidance intern at the high school for three days a week during the 2016-2017 school year.

- +3. Approve the appointment of the following teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from March 14, 2016 through April 15, 2016:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Subject, and Hours per week. Rows include Paul Marino (US History I CP, Creative Writing, 1 hour per week), Deborah Marks (Chemistry CP, 1 hour per week), Kori Meerholz (English II CP, Geometry CP, 2 hours per week), and Yana Seminara (PE 10, French III, 1 hour per week).

- +4. **Accept the retirement resignation of Laurie Troisi as an elementary school teacher in the Highland School, effective June 30, 2016.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +5. **Accept the resignation of Katelyn Naranjo as an elementary school teacher in the Highland School, effective June 30, 2016.**
- +6. **Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Jamie Scura, a Kindergarten teacher in the Godwin School for the 2016-2017 school year.**
- +7. **Approve an unpaid sick leave for Alberta Dykstra as a Bus Aide, effective March 23, 2016 through May 31, 2016 (or sooner).**
- +8. **Approve the appointment of Cris Ann Frank as a substitute Bus Aide. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective April 4, 2016 through June 30, 2016.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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 February 29, 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. February 2016 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$72,866.62.
- b. February 2016 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$35,210.07.
- c. March 2016 claims in the amount of \$445,901.84.

3. Approve the February 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$503,570.02.

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Second February 2016 payroll in the amount of \$575,852.60.
- b. First March 2016 payroll in the amount of \$596,636.25.

5. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period February 1 – 29, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-5
6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period February 1 – 29, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the use and rental of the Lower Sunset field to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for La Crosse on Sundays from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m., as follows:

April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12, 2016

8. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., as follows:

April 19, 21; May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24, 26, 2016

9. Approve the use and rental of the High School gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on Wednesdays from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., as follows:

May 11, 18, 25, 2016

10. Approve the use and rental of the High School gym and parking lot to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for a Basketball Camp for three weeks during the summer, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., as follows:

July 11-15; July 18-22; July 25-29, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. Approve the use and rental of the High School rear field and Cafeteria to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for a La Crosse Camp for one week during the summer from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., as follows:

July 18 – 22

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +12. **Approve the continued attendance of HS in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, as a non-resident placement, effective retroactive from March 19, 2016 through June 21, 2016, at a monthly fee of \$100, as per Board Policy Section 5111.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +13. Approve the appointment of Joanne Veneziano as an Educational & Behavioral Consultant for one classified elementary school student (as needed) at the hourly rate of \$120.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +14. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approve a tentative school district budget for the 2016-2017 school year, as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$21,586,333	\$19,079,363
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 475,138	
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 915,675	\$ 911,236
TOTALS	\$22,977,146	\$19,990,599

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +15. Establish the following Travel Allowances and related expenses for district employees and trustees in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:A-7.3:

2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017
Maximum	Actual	Maximum	Actual	Maximum
\$40,000	\$30,490	\$45,000	\$37,780	\$40,000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +16. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Midland Park Board of Education approves the following school facilities project.

School: Midland Park High School
Project: New Storage Building
Contractor: CB Structures, Inc., 202 Orlan Rd., New Holland, PA 17557
Bid Amount: \$97,358.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +17. Approve the transfer between accounts in the amount of \$6,857, as follows:

From: 11-000-252-600-00-35
To: 12-000-252-730-00-35

For the purchase of:	Barracuda Backup Server 390 from CDW-G-	\$3,195
	Cisco Network Switch from Core BTS-	\$3,662

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas thanked the Administrators for all their hard work on the Budget and for keeping our District fiscally sound.

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

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Eurico Antunes	SC-OTC-001 Security Center 5.3	Moonachie, NJ	\$790.00	*3/28-29/16
Melissa Quackenbush	ABA @ HS Foundation	New Providence, NJ	\$206.80	5/3, 5/10, 5/17/2016

*This workshop was approved on Feb. 23, 2016. The dates have been revised.

+2. Approve the requests for new textbooks, as follows:

Felke-Morris, Terry. Basics of Web Design: HTML5 & CSS3. Chandler, AZ: Pearson, 2015

Farrell, Joyce. Java Programming 8th Edition. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2016

Bishop, Sherry. Adobe Dreamweaver Creative Cloud Revealed. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2015

Ehrlich, Ann; Schroeder, Carol. Introduction to Medical Terminology 3rd Edition. Stamford, CT: Cengage Learning, 2014

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+3. Approve the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for school years 2016-17 through 2018-19, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+4. 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 March 14, 2016 through approximately April 15, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

+5. **Approve the list of Winter 2016 Curriculum Writing and stipends, as per the attached appendix.** C-5

+6. **Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Pre Summer 2016 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Dr. Cirasella commented that there is a meeting scheduled for April 5.

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

No Report.

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

The following items were discussed:

- Update of Referendum Items will be on our website.
- Many repairs going on in our different buildings.
- Media Center planned renovations will be on display at the next meeting.

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

Meeting tonight and we will be exchanging dates to begin the process.

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

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

Cultural Awareness Week is this week – March 21-3/25/16.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

Family Scoop Night will be rescheduled.
Spring Spirit Sale.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Spring Sports are beginning.
The Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner was a very nice evening.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Thoroughly Modern Millie proved to be an exceptional performance. Mrs. Halliwell and the students did a fantastic job.
Fund raiser-calendar sale.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Facility approved in Midland Park – Quest Life Skills Training to Special Education adults and Ms. Bruder is aware.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

The following items were reported on:

Voting on Trustees

Gala outsold Blue Jean Ball. Funds raised will be announced at next meeting.

Now we will work on the 5K run.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

The summer catalogue will be forthcoming.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported on:

-Students will attend a trip to the United Nations this Thursday. The trip is open to juniors and seniors.

-Cultural Awareness Week is this week, and students are loving it.

-The third quarter will be ending soon after the break so students will study for quarterlies.

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

We will be meeting in May.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

Mr. Canellas spoke about Mr. Schiffer's long standing relationship with the Board – He was a Board Trustee for 28 years and has given much time and service to the children and adults both on and off the field. In light of all that he has done, I propose the following motion:

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

In recognition of Mr. Schiffer’s 28 + years of service to the Midland Park Board of Education and the impact he has had on our students both in the classroom and on our athletic fields, I move that we name the athletic field located in back of the high school, which includes the Varsity Baseball, Soccer, and Softball Fields, Robert Schiffer Field.

Roll Call: All Yes

K. New Business

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 5, 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.

Ms. Elaine Seals questioned when the school calendar will be revised.

Dr. Cirasella replied that it will be revised at the April 5th Board Meeting.

Ms. Lorie Mena stated she has two daughters in the district and is concerned with the PARCC Exam and its impact on graduation. Mrs. Mena read a document she had prepared which included information from a letter sent by Dr. Cirasella to parents about PARCC. Mrs. Mena questioned the validity of PARCC Tests saying “Not State approved, NJ Department of Education violated law when imposing new graduation requirements. New Jersey is the only State using PARCC as an Exit Exam.”

Ms. Mena continued that she is disturbed by lies and the bullying from the Department of Education. Midland Park Schools and children deserve better. She asked that the Board stand up against PARCC.

Mr. Eliya asked if the Board of Education would decide if the district participates.

Dr. Thomas responded the district is directed by the State and would be out of compliance if the test was not given.

Ms. Fantulin commented that when she attended the NJSBA Meeting she saw mixed feelings. She reminded everyone that there is a meeting at Highland School for parents to attend in order to obtain more information.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary