

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 8, 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	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	
	Maryalice Thomas	

Excused: Richard Formicola

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 the 10th Anniversary Starlight Gala on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 at Macaluso's, was a fabulous event. There were many young parents in attendance which almost guarantees that this Gala will continue. All proceeds from the Starlight Gala go right back into our schools through teacher and district wide grants which are greatly appreciated.

A joint meeting took place with the Mayor, Council which included a few Board Trustees and Administrators. We appreciated that the time was taken to meet in light of the many things that are happening in town. We are looking forward to our next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Dr. Cirasella also wanted to reiterate that the Starlight Gala was a fantastic event. She commented that the Foundation worked so hard and they are so generous with everything that they do for the District and the students. The donation from this event is \$79,665.34; \$39,665.34 will be slated for the 1:1 Chrome Books and \$40,000 will be used for the Media Center Renovation.

In addition, The Education Hall of Fame will meet tonight to review letters on nominations for 2016. We plan to have recommendations for nominations for the Board's consideration at the March 22nd meeting.

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011916229 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. 012816394 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. 012816395 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. 012816396 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 March 22, 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.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

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. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the resignation of Rachel Levy as a .5 Pre-School Special Education teacher in the Godwin School, effective June 30, 2016.
2. Accept the resignation of Michele Maietta as an elementary school teacher in the Godwin School, effective June 30, 2016.
3. Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Jill Klaasen, special education teacher in the Highland School, for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Patricia Sicree, Speech Language Specialist, through January 31, 2017.
5. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs for the 2016 Marching Band Season, as per the attached appendix. A-5
6. Approve the following Aides for the spring 2016 semester of Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8), sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education:

Amanda Croscito
Brooke Farmer
Morgan Furlong (alternate Aide)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-7. Approve the appointment of Francine Grieco as a part-time Bus Driver. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective March 23, 2016 (or sooner) through

June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the continued attendance of EF in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, as a non-resident placement, effective March 1, 2016 through June 21, 2016 (or sooner), at a monthly fee of \$100, as per Board Policy Section 5111.

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
Sarah Grimaldi	Motivating and Managing Disruptive Students	Fairfield, NJ	\$225.00	4/13/16

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following overnight trip proposals:
 - a. Holocaust Trip, Grades 10-12, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. from May 19-20, 2016.
 - b. Outdoor Club Members, Grades 9-12, to Cedar Creek Campground, Bayville, NJ from June 3-5, 2016.
 - c. Take Action Drug and Alcohol Prevention Club Leadership and Prevention Conference to Camp Nyoda Hills, Oak Ridge, NJ from August 22-24, 2016.
 - d. Marching Band Students, Grades 7-12, to the New York State Field Band Championships at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY from October 28-31, 2016.
 - e. French Students, Grades 8-12, to Quebec City and Montreal, Canada from November 7-11, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

A brief presentation highlighting the HS Media Center renderings will be done.
Bids will be going out over the next few weeks for projects from the referendum.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

A General Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2016 and Jane Pollack from the West Bergen Mental Health Center will be the speaker for this meeting.

Elementary School PTA - (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team lost last night to New Milford in the NJSIAA Group 1 Section 1 State Tournament Finals. Midland Park's Varsity Basketball Team had a fabulous season thus reaching the State Finals.

The Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at 6:30 at The Brick House.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following events have been scheduled:

The Annual School Musical is *Thoroughly Modern Millie* is scheduled for March 18-March 20th.

The MPHS Band will be performing in April.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

There is a meeting scheduled for 3/14/2016. A report will be submitted at the next Board meeting.

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 discussed:

- a. The senior's apparel has been ordered after being organized by Jenna Passero and Aidan MacLean.
- b. *Thoroughly Modern Millie* is being performed on 3/18/16, 3/19/16, and 3/20/16.
- c. Cultural Awareness Week is approaching and several students are going on a UN Trip.

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

The meeting was very productive and we are looking forward to hosting our next meeting in May.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

At this point, nothing new needed to be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on dedication for Robert Schiffer.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 22, 2016, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

There will not be a Special Board Meeting on March 15, 2016. The Tentative Budget Meeting will be approved at the March 22, 2016 Board Meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to address the Board at this time.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary