

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 10, 2015

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 2015 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
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

Maryalice Thomas

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.

The President expressed how excited everyone is for the Girls' Soccer Team.

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

1. Approve the submission of the Midland Park School District’s New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2015-2016 school year, which is attached as an appendix.

SR-1

Roll Call: All Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on November 24, 2015.
No one chose to speak at this time.

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the revisions to the Emergency Management Plan.

Roll Call: All Yes

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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

1. Approve the appointment of Ann Marie Bruder as the Director of Special Services. She will be paid a salary of \$128,000, prorated, effective January 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve a paid maternity leave for Danielle Bache, Godwin School Principal, effective February 1, 2016 through approximately February 5, 2016; a paid child care leave, effective February 7, 2016 through March 5 2016 and an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective March 6, 2016 through April 29, 2016.
3. Approve the appointment of Jaclyn Fitzmaurice as a math teacher at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$47,000 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated, effective November 23, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
4. Approve the following addition to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Paul Marino Brain Busters co-advisor	\$199.50
	Jason Whelpley Brain Busters co-advisor	\$199.50
5. Approve the appointment of Sarah Grimaldi to provide ABA home therapy for a classified elementary school student. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, not to exceed 10 hours.
6. Approve the appointment of Erin McGee as a .5 Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$12,625.00 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Instructional Aide salary guide), prorated, effective November 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
7. Approve the appointment of Joseph DeMott as a Maintenance worker. He will be paid a salary of \$38,617.00 (including maintenance stipend) (Step 11 of the Maintenance salary guide), prorated, effective November 11, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
8. Approve Katie Dougherty to observe 3rd grade classes in Highland School for the month of November for a total of 15 hours, as part of her Bergen Community College Education course requirement.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-9. Approve an increase in position for Karen Kantrowitz, Spanish teacher in the elementary schools, from a .6 position to a .7 position. She will be paid a salary of \$36,995 (MA Step 7 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective November 18, 2015 through November 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

S-10. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Agreement is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report.

D. Policy Committee- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

E. Legislative Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

The following items were reported:

- a. S2881 – on Monday Governor Christie signed legislation that bans the state from implementing financial sanctions against schools for their test participation rates –an action that the state’s education commissioner had previously said could be used in “egregious situations.”
- b. A-3079 – on Monday Governor Christie signed a law that shields students in kindergarten through second grade from any potential expansion of standardized testing.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

The following items have either been completed or work has begun:

- Restroom plumbing issues resolved at Godwin school.
- Closet doors fully installed in 7 classrooms at Godwin School.
- MPHS gym floor screened and coated.
- Restroom plumbing issues at MPHS are resolved.
- Remove inter-write boards in Godwin School. New smart boards to be installed.
- Installed white boards at MPHS.
- Working on heating issues in the high school.

- New LED sign in front of MPHS has started.
- Score board has been started at MPHS.
- Leaf season clean-up at all schools.

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

No Report.

H. Public Relations Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following events are scheduled:

- November 11- Combination – General meeting
- We are half way through the Mixed Bag Designs Fund Raiser

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The following events are scheduled:

- November 9-13 – Book Fair
- November 11 – Book Fair Evening Session 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Highland Library)
- November 13 – School Spirit Day
- November 13- Box Top Collection
- November 17-18 – 12:30 Dismissal
- November 19 – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Talking about upcoming projects

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The following events are scheduled:

- Wine and Food Tasting – November 13 – 7:30-11:00 at the MPFD
- Lord & Taylor Shopping - November 14 - \$5.00 Voucher – 15% of Day Pass - 2-25% single item coupon.
- 5-Below – December 4 – December 6 – MP PAPS receive 10% at your purchase when using a coupon.
- Holiday Plant Sale – Orders need to be placed by 11/17

- Musical FundRaisers – A. Raffle - \$5.00 – Go Pro / \$100.00 Gift Card/
- Flavored Coffee Sale- Orders Due by 11/16 – Form on line.
- Drama – November 20 and the 21st.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Barn nights have started.
New Director starting.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed:

- 3/5 – Gala Event
- Grants to Teachers
- Donation to the Varjian Scholarship
- MPTV – Red Carpet – Asking for staff members to help for this event.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

Discussed field uses and field renovations.
Football team needs to practice –will ask to use field in front of the high school.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported:

- A fundraiser for the Bardzell family is currently being organized. An alumni has also created a “Go Fund Me” page.
- The first semester comes to an end and many students have taken quarterlies for the first time.
- The fall drama will be presented on November 20 and 21st.

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

We are waiting for Reorganization to occur and then we will set up a meeting.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

There wasn't any additional business that needed to be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time no one chose to speak about old issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of November 24, 2015, 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. Schiffer, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

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