

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 12, 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	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	

Excused:	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt (arrived 8:10)

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 its students with a comprehensive, adoptive 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation of School Self-Assessment Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

Open to the Public:

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

APPENDIX

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

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

June 3, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Sullivan)

June 7, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the Superintendent of Schools' Merit Goals for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. BM-2

3. Approve the School Business Administrators' Merit Goal for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. BM-3

Roll Call: All Yes

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2016-2017 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. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Janny Paulino as a part-time Bus Driver, effective retroactive from June 30, 2016 through June 30, 2017. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate.
2. Accept the resignation of Karen Eldridge as a Building Aide at the high school, effective July 7, 2016.
3. Rescind the May 24, 2016 Board appointment of Nicole Onorato as a Special Education teacher in the Godwin School, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

4. Authorize the payment in the amount of \$2,729.00 to Stacy Garvey, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for attainment of the 2015-2016 Merit Goals, as approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.
5. Approve the appointment of Yaris Chase as an elementary school teacher in the Highland School. She will be placed on MA Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
6. Approve the appointment of Emily Cooper as a Special Education teacher in the Highland School. She will be placed on BA Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
7. Approve the appointment of Lisa Hayne as a Broadcasting teacher in the high school. She will be placed on MA Step 12 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
8. Approve the appointment of Rosalyn Kessler as a Certified School Nurse in the Highland School. She will be placed on MA Step 10 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
9. Approve the appointment of Christian Lawlor as a Health & Physical Education teacher in the Highland School. He will be placed on BA Step 2 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
10. Approve the list of Fall coaches at the high school for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-10
11. Approve the appointment of Timothy Hamilton as full-time Instructional Aide in the Highland School. He will be placed in Category V, Step 4 of the Secretarial/Instructional Aide salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
12. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-12

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- S-13. Approve the appointment of Melissa Quackenbush as the Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer, effective July 13, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- S-14. Approve the increase in position for Maureen O’Hara, elementary school teacher in the Highland School, from a .8 position to a full-time position, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- S-15. Approve the increase in position for Barbara Makela, elementary school teacher in the Godwin School, from a .7 position to a .8 position, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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 June 30, 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. June 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$436,331.83.
- b. June 2016 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$140,200.47.
- c. June 2016 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$33,105.95.
- d. June 2016 supplemental claims in the amount of \$272,063.78.
- e. Second June 2016 payroll in the amount of \$539,682.75.
- f. Supplemental June 2016 payrolls in the amount of \$131,7954.81.
- g. July 2016 claims in the amount of \$281,453.02.

3. Approve the appointment of Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech & Language services, on an as needed basis during the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Approve the proposal for Franny Renshaw to provide School Behavior Consultation Services during the 2016-2017 school year.

5. Approve the resolution for the Forum School Lunch Program, as per the attached appendix. B-5

6. Approve the use and rental of the lower Sunset Field at the high school to A-Game Soccer, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for a soccer program on the following dates and times:

Monday – Friday, August 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-7. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the approved referendum projects have commenced which unveiled the need for additional work in the area of asbestos abatement; and

WHEREAS, district projects cannot move ahead without this additional abatement work being completed for the health and safety of the students and staff, and for the opening of school in September; and

WHEREAS, the additional work has brought unforeseen expenditures that are above the budget of the referendum;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the use of Capital Reserve funding to offset the cost of the additional work and \$88,500.00 be transferred from the Capital Reserve Account to the Capital Projects Account

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Karen Corcoran	Annual School Health Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$209.60	10/18/2016
Teresa Mallon Jason Whelpley	Next Generation Science Standards Related Workshops	Princeton, NJ	\$384.78 \$384.78	10/25-26/2016

2. Approve the following new textbook for French 4 H/5 AP, grades 11 & 12:

Jacqueline King Donnelly. 2014, EMC Publishing: T'es Branche'? #3:
875 Montreal Way, St. Paul, MN, 55102

3. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips, which are included in the Fall 2016 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-4. Approve the following new textbook for Statistics CP:

Allan G. Bluman. 2014, McGraw-Hill Education: Elementary Statistics
2 Penn Plaza, New York, NY, 10121

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Governor Christie has proposed an amendment to the state constitution that allots equal state aid to every student in New Jersey. Currently, of the \$9.1 billion dollars in NJ State Aid about 5.1 billion Goes to 31 school districts and the remaining \$4 billion goes to the other 546 districts that are left, which includes Midland Park. Currently New Jersey uses a weighted formula that provides more per-pupil funding for special education students, children from low income families and those who are learning English as their second language. Special Education would still be allotted additional monies, but the formula would no longer favor students from low income families or English language learners.

If this amendment goes on the ballot and the voters approve it, the new formula would give 76% of school districts increased aid. Midland Park would be one of these districts.

There is a lot of controversy surrounding the proposal because it would hit urban districts hard. Camden would see its funding cut by more than 78%.

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

Field use for the fall season as follows:

- Wednesday and Sunday will be closed to rest --- the track will be open.
- Priority is the Midland Park schools
- Second is Recreation
- Third – other Midland Park organizations
- Fourth - other

The best way to maintain our investment and not have it destroyed by over use.

Will revisit use if they become available. Athletic Director and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor will be monitoring to ensure no field is being overused.

Sprinklers – we are using as much as allowed by restrictions.

- A Solar Energy Services Presentation was done by VERTERRA. Midland Park should be able to generate enough kWh to install solar through a Power Purchase Agreement- estimated to save approximately \$32,000. In the first year. We will present more information on this subject at the next meeting.

Midland Park High School

- Memorial Hall demolition and framing complete
- Boiler room upgrade going very well
- All of the old uni-vents have been removed from classrooms.
- Gas line complete to new roof top unit location.
- Restroom demolition and rough plumbing complete.
- Removal and replacement of vinyl flooring has begun.
- Media Center demolition/new entrance and windows have been cut in. Framing of new walls has begun.

Highland School

- Restroom demolition complete.
- restroom rough plumbing going well
- new playground construction to begin August 1st.

Godwin School

- All uni-vents have been removed from classrooms as well as hallway radiators.
- Boiler room upgrade is going well.

- Restroom demolition is complete and rough plumbing has started.
- New drop ceiling/lighting first floor hallway has been scheduled.
- New Playground construction to begin August 1st, 2016.

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

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Brian McCourt . . .

- S-1. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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)

Park Players started and the performance will be at the end of the month.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

The ESY program is going well.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

5K walk/run committee is moving ahead –expect to exceed attendance next year and fun run for the children.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

Fall calendar of events have been proposed.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

No Report.

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

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

Nothing at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of August 16, 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 before the Board.

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

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