

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
Board of Education  
Midland Park, New Jersey  
October 18, 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

**BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS**

**Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adoptive education aligned to 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

Dr. Thomas commented on a few items:

There will be a town community shredding which will occur on October 19, 2016.

Congratulations to the Music Department. Music in the Park was fantastic.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation: District Assessment Report.

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

**+1. Approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0916163105 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:

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

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

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

September 6, 2016

September 20, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the revisions to the Emergency Management Plan.

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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 . . .

1. Approve the following job descriptions, as per the attached appendix.

- a. Detention Monitor A-1a
- b. Model United Nations A-1b

2. Approve the appointment of the following co-advisors for the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Ski Program:

David Hershberger  
Jeffrey Peters

**+3. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2016-2017 school year:**

**Delete: Michelle Janus Poetry Club Advisor  
Jo Ann Polhemus Advanced Chemistry Team Advisor**

**+4. Approve the appointment of Dennis Rowley as a Guidance Counselor maternity leave replacement in the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$48,500.00 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated, effective November 14, 2016 through March 31, 2017.**

**+5. Amend the resignation date for Joseph DeMott, Maintenance worker, from October 7 to October 10, 2016.**

**+6. Approve the increase in position for Erin McGee, Instructional Aide, from a .5 position to a .6 position, effective retroactive to October 13, 2016.**

**+7. Accept the resignation of Francine Grieco as a part-time Bus Driver, effective October 24, 2016.**

**+8. Approve the appointment of Katiria Torres as an Alternate Sub for the Midland Park Continuing Education Before/After School Child Care Program, on an as needed basis, effective October 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017.**

**+9. Approve the following students as Aides for the Midland Park Before/After School Child Care Program, on an as needed basis, effective October 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017:**

**Zachary Eldridge  
Jake Kavanagh  
Shiwen Wang**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of September 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. September 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$371,181.15.
- b. September 2016 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$22,126.68.
- c. September 2016 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$28,814.50.
- d. Second September 2016 payroll in the amount of \$583,305.70.
- e. First October payroll in the amount of \$630,926.63.
- f. October 2016 claims in the amount of \$1,541,795.22.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period September 1 – 30, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-3

Roll Call: All Yes

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

**+4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2016, as per the attached appendix.** B-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

**+5. Approve the following Change Orders, as per the attached appendices:**

- a. **Change Order Number: 001**  
**15.183 – Mechanical Upgrades at High School** B-5a
- b. **Change Order Number: 001**  
**15.183 – Mechanical Upgrades at Godwin School** B-5b
- c. **Change Order Number: 001**  
**15.184 – Toilet Upgrades at Highland and Godwin Schools** B-5c
- d. **Change Order Number: 001**  
**15.184 – Toilet Upgrades at High School** B-5d

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. **Approve the lease agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and Verizon Wireless contingent upon any necessary local and or State approvals.**
7. **Approve the following appropriation of the Extraordinary Aid Grant in the amount of \$268,806.00:**

<b>11-190-100-500-00-00</b>	<b>Other Purchased Svcs.</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>11-190-100-610-01-00</b>	<b>Supplies- General Godwin</b>	<b>\$ 11,000</b>
<b>11-190-100-610-02-00</b>	<b>Supplies- General Highland</b>	<b>\$ 11,000</b>
<b>11-190-100-610-03-00</b>	<b>Supplies-General HS</b>	<b>\$ 39,678</b>
<b>11-000-230-100-91-65</b>	<b>General Admin Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 22,111</b>
<b>11-000-240-104-04-40</b>	<b>School Admin Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 86,585</b>
<b>11-000-251-100-91-75</b>	<b>Central Svcs. Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>12-000-222-730-03-28</b>	<b>Equip- Media Ctr HS</b>	<b>\$ 20,903</b>
<b>12-000-400-450-00-00</b>	<b>Construction Project</b>	<b>\$ 52,529</b>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

8. **Approve the use and rental of the gym at the high school to Ramsey Travel Basketball Assoc., sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Basketball games on Sundays beginning December 4, 2016 through March 5, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
9. **Approve the use and rental of the gym at the high school to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for indoor La Crosse on Sundays beginning January 8, 2016 through February 5, 2017 from 12:00 -3:00 p.m.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-10 Approve the acceptance of the Midland Park Public Education Foundation Grants for the 2016-2017 school year, in the amount of \$9,717.95.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the “The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials”.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Ski Program (Ski Club) to Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ on the following dates:

January 10, 24, 31 & February 7, 2017

Make up dates: February 14, 28 & March 7, 2017

- +3. **Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nancy Stewart LoPresti	AP US History	Robbinsville, NJ	\$236.75	11/4/2016
Maureen Kelley	NJASL 2016 Fall Conference: Create, Imagine, Discover	Long Branch, NJ	\$356.45	11/17- 19/2016

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following new policies:

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|---|---------------------|
| a. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS also known as Drones) | Policy Section 7481 |
| b. Management of Pediculosis                            | Policy Section 8454 |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The work in the Auditorium is nearing completion- hope to be finished by the end of the month/ or at the beginning of next month.

- 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)

-There will be a T-shirt sale on October 21, 2016.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

The following events have been scheduled:

- Harvest Festival
- Family Night 10/26
- Trunk or Treat 10/28
- Book Sale 10/28

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following items were reported on:

The MITP wants to thank the Building & Grounds Team for all their help.

The group is very happy to return back home.

They will be in Secaucus at the end of the month.

Musical

Drama

Fund Raiser

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

We are waiting to hear back on Flutie Grant.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Ticket sales for the spring event will be going on sale shortly.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

The following items were reported on:

- The new uniforms were worn for Music in the Park.
- All of our sport teams are doing quite well.
- Week of Respect.
- Violence Awareness Week
- Take Action / Peer Leader
- Drama has been casted.
- Musical – *How to Succeed in Business*
- AP Classes are attending *Richard the Third* at Drew University
- Students are grateful for all the renovations that have been done in the buildings.

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

The next scheduled meeting has been cancelled. A new date will be planned.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

Nothing to discuss at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of November 1, 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 to the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary