

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
October 4, 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

BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEM

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.

Last Friday night, the Class of 1976 toured the high school. They were very impressed with all of the changes. They were very pleased with the way the school looks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella reported on the following items:

- Week of Respect is slated for October 3-7, 2016
- A Week of Respect Newsletter
- Test Preparation is scheduled for October 18, 2016

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No one chose to speak.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Ravit Gilletti as an LLD teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$54,350 (MA Step 7 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective October 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
2. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs in the Highland School for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-2
3. Approve the revised resignation date of Karen Donohue, as a full-time Instructional Aide from October 12, 2016 to October 21, 2016.
4. Approve the appointment of Janet Fahy as an Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$27,350 (Category V, Step 5 of the Secretarial/Instructional Aide salary guide), prorated effective October 24, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
5. Approve the appointment of Blanca Garcia as a part-time Bus Driver. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective October 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
6. Accept the resignation of Alberta Dykstra as a Bus Aide, effective retroactive to September 21, 2016.
7. Accept the resignation of Joseph DeMott as a Maintenance worker, effective October 7, 2016.
8. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute workers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Alberta Dykstra Bus Aide
Joseph DeMott Bus Driver, Custodial/Maintenance

9. Approve Joanna Cabrera, Bergen Community College student, to observe K-2 teachers for up to 20 hours during the fall 2016 semester.
10. Approve the following appointments as Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education Before/After School Child Care Program. They will work on an as needed basis, effective October 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Jennifer Tetla
Chloe Zuidema

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the following changes to the list of Fall Coaches at the high school for the 2016-2017 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Warren Dolan Assistant Football Coach	\$2,013.53 (prorated amount)
Add:	Brian DeCarlo Substitute Assistant Football Coach	\$287.65 per week (prorated amount)

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. 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 between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Agreement #67-01 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 Agreement.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one high school classified student in the Sage Day School, Rochelle Park, NJ, effective retroactive to September 26, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

1. Approve the first reading of the following new policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS also known as Drones) | Policy Section 7481 | <u>D.1-a</u> |
| b. Management of Pediculosis | PolicySection 8454 | <u>D.1-b</u> |

2. Approve the following revised polices, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. Health Services Personnel | Policy Section 5305 | <u>D. 2-a</u> |
| b. Student Suicide Prevention & Student Suicide | Policy Section 5350 | <u>D. 2-b</u> |
| c. Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds | Policy Section 5514 | <u>D. 2-c</u> |
| d. Student Teachers/Interns | Policy Section 9541 | <u>D. 2-d</u> |

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The following items were discussed:

- No Action regarding any Bills.
- Waiting to see appeal of Governor –if they will reverse Abbott decision.
- At the BCSBA Meeting – Merit Bonuses for Administrators were discussed. It was very informative to hear the types of goals that the County will approve. Many people are upset that the Merit system is still in place and that the cap on Superintendent salaries has not been removed by the State.

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

The following items were reviewed:

Snack Bar Update:

- New exterior lighting and soffit lighting has been installed.
- New soffits and gutters have been installed.
- Two new doors have been installed.
- New stove being delivered today.
- Hot water heater has been repaired.

District Happenings:

- Hung many Smartboards, Inter-write and whiteboards District wide.
- Repaired several A/C Units District Wide.
- Reinstalled Godwin kitchen; stove, steam table, dishwasher and sink
- Repaired leaking faucets and pipes in Highland School.
- Repaired faucets in the high school.

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)

T-Shirt fund raiser.

Elementary School PTA - (R. Formicola)

The following items were reported on:

- 10/5/16 – Pumpkin Patch
- Fall Spirit Week Sale.
- Mr. Adam Lehaupt who is the author of “*I Will Not Eat You*” will be a guest speaker at Godwin School.
- Ms. Wendy Mass who is the author of “*A Mango Shaped Space*” will be a guest speaker at Highland School.
- Fall Spirit Week – Sale of Items

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Status update:

- Refurbished snack stand
- 10/15 – Fall Festival

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

- Cooperation between Boosters and PAPs was tremendous.
- *Music in the Park* is scheduled for 10/9/2016.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Ms. Ann Marie Bruder will be applying for Flutie Grant- support for children with Autism.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Status update:

- The next meeting will be scheduled for 10/10/16.
- Looking at the possibility of teacher applications for grants.
- Spring Fund Raiser

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

No Report.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2016.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 18, 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.

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

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