

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 28, 2015

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, at 9:00 a.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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	
	Maryalice Thomas	

Excused:	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo
	James Canellas

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff:	Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
Excused:	Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator
Also Attending:	Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No 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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Fogarty apprised the Board with regard to student (1):

1.
 - a. Due to the results of the second manifestation determination, disciplinary action would not be imposed.
 - b. The HIB case being presented to the Board was related to this incident, however, they are two separate matters.
2. HIB Report to the Board- CODE: 120415391 was presented by the Superintendent.
3. Mr. Fogarty apprised the Board with regard to student (2).
 - a. Mandatory Board Hearing per BOE policy – third positive substance abuse screening.
 - b. Students who are active drug users are not eligible for CST or 504.
 - c. Mr. Fogarty reviewed what the Board’s options are in this regard, i.e., re-admit the student conditional upon following counseling/intervention plan. Mr. Fogarty reviewed the details of the packet sent to the parents.
 - d. Student and parents entered the meeting at 9:23 a.m.
 - e. Student #2 and her parents addressed the Board to compel them to readmit student #2 to MPHS. The Board members asked questions and received answers.
 - f. Student #2 informed parents that the Board will deliberate and that they will receive a phone call with regard to the decision from the Superintendent or Principal and a written decision will be sent in the mail.
 - g. Resolution S1 was prepared by Mr. Fogarty and voted on by the Board.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

APPENDIX

- 1 To approve the following resolution, as per the attached appendix.

S-1

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. McCourt. . .

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 120415391 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the student’s parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.
No one chose to speak.

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded Mr. McCourt . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes
The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Cirasella, Ed. D.,
Superintendent of Schools