

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
January 19, 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: Brain McCourt

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.

Midland Park Education Association- accepting letters for Hall of Fame nominations. Due by February 12th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
1. Rescind motion SR-6 on the January 5, 2016 Board Agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 120415391 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.

2. Approve the following resolution:

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Roll Call: All Yes

Dr. Cirasella commented on the SWATting incidents and the Midland Park's Shelter in place. Also, commented on the reaction to incidents in neighboring districts –discussed with the public. There were 11 SWATting INCIDENTS in New Jersey. We received a call from the Midland Park Police Department and we reviewed Emergency Management Protocol. Our staff was on a ready alert, just in case. We were preparing if we received a phone call. We received information from the County to provide to the staff in case a call would be received. As I did today, once I received information that I can share, I will. However, there are times when I can't provide information. Mr. Formicola commented that you will see information on Facebook- really should come from a District e-blast or on our website.

Dr. Cirasella responded that the community should go to our website and not Facebook. The information that is posted on this site may be inaccurate.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No items were brought to the Board for discussion.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

- Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

December 15, 2015

December 28, 2015 (*will be handed out Tuesday night*)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the tentative 2016-2017 Budget Calendar, as per the attached appendix. BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

1. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016:

Sarah Berninger	from BA Step 11 (\$54,500) to MA +30 Step 11 (\$67,200)
Anne Edwards	from MA Step 7 (\$52,850) to MA +30 Step 7 (\$58,200)
Constantine Eliopoulos	from MA Step 4 (\$48,925) to MA +30 Step 4 (\$54,000)
Jessica Lee	from MA Step 6 (\$52,100) to MA +30 Step 6 (\$57,100)
Phyllis Stepien (.8)	from MA Step 6 (\$41,680) to MA +30 Step 6 (\$45,680)
Gail Traitz (.2)	from BA Step 7 (\$ 9,520) to MA Step 7 (\$10,750)
Emily Walker	from BA Step 5 (\$46,725) to MA Step 5 (\$49,250)

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the employment contracts for the following individual staff members, effective February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, as per the attached appendices:

- a. Eileen Pomianek, Assistant to the Business Administrator A-2a
b. Laura Rosini, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator A-2b

3. Approve the appointment of Kenneth Jones as a full-time Custodian. He will be paid a salary of \$30,071 (Step 4 on the MPEA Custodial salary guide, including night stipend), prorated effective January 25, 2016 (or sooner) through June 30, 2016.
4. Approve a paid leave of absence for Maher Boules, Custodian, effective approximately February 5, 2016 through February 29, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

- S-5. Approve the appointment of Ashley Delaney as a special education teacher maternity leave replacement in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$45,000 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective February 11, 2016 (or sooner) through June 30, 2016
- S-6. Approve the appointment of Shilpa Palawat as a .5 French teacher in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$22,500 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective February 3, 2016 (or sooner) through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 2015, 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following block motion:

a. December 2015 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$49,444.67.

b. December 2015 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$22,289.17.

c. January 2016 claims in the amount of \$575,484.94.

3. Approve the December 2015 direct pays in the amount of \$634,891.07.

4. Approve the following block motion:

a. Second December 2015 payroll in the amount of \$559,722.55.

b. First January 2016 payroll in the amount of \$552,545.12.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period December 1 – 31, 2015, as per the attached appendix. B-5

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period December 1 – 31, 2015, as per the attached appendix. B-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 7. Approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$12,249.04 for the purchase and installation of four Smart Boards at the Godwin School, as per the attached appendix: B-7

From account # 11 190 100 610 01 00 \$ 3,881.52

11 190 100 610 01 09 \$ 8,367.52

To account # 12 000 240 730 01 24 \$12,249.04

- 8. Approve the amendment to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) FY 15 grant application, as follows:

Title I Part A \$14,644

Title II Part A \$31,045

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- 1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nicholas Capuano Marie Cirasella	TECHSPO'16	Atlantic City	\$1,489.50	Jan. 28-29, 2016
Sarah Grimaldi	High Impact Strategies for Oppositional, Uncooperative & Aggressive Behavior	Online Course	\$199.99	3 – 6 hours
Anna Parke	Concussion Across the Spectrum of Injury	New York, NY	\$209.24	Feb. 26, 2016
Karen Corcoran	NJSSNA – Leaders in Children’s Illness	Iselin, NJ	\$232.63	April 9, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2 Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one middle school classified student on bedside instruction, retroactive from January 6, 2016 through approximately February 1, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The following items were discussed:

- The Governor signed A-2893/S-1940, which exempts payments for utility services from school districts and local government certification requirements.
- The Governor signed S-2453/A-3805 requires earlier mandatory polling hours for school elections – moved the latest time from 9 pm to 8 pm; requires discretionary additional polling hours be consistent with current primary and general elections.
- The Governor signed A-4386/S-3042 which permits candidates for the school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on the ballot and even determine the order that their names appear.
- S-1594 requires that a public school district provide a daily recess period of at least 20 minutes for students in grades K-5.
- S-447 requires that the Department of Education maintain an electronic database of legal decisions concerning special education in New Jersey on its website.
- S-2727 establishes in the Department of Education a 16-member task force to study and evaluate issues associated with school district regionalization.

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

The committee met tonight and will have a report at the next meeting.

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

We will be scheduling a meeting shortly.

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

Events scheduled:

- PTA scheduling a speaker for the next meeting
- Grants for senior applications begin on 3/1

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

- Spirit Day is scheduled for January 21, 2016.
- Talent Show

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

On Saturday, January 30- Chili Cook-off

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

We have started looking at which fund raisers should be brought back for 2016.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

There is a Meet-N-Greet scheduled with the new director on January 25, 2016.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Events scheduled/For Your Information:

- Hockey night
- Nomination season
- Gala is on 3/5/2016
- April is Open House
- Columbia Bank to make donation toward new playground.
- Looking for Website Master
- Need a co-chair for the 5K

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

The program was mailed out for spring.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported:

- Seniors begin to independently organize designing and ordering their class apparel.
- As the second marking period comes to a close, students prepare for quarterlies.
- The Seniors are beginning to hear back from the colleges.

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

An e-mail is anticipated shortly which will set up a meeting.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

No one chose to speak at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 2, 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 address the Board

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary