

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

### Board of Education

### Midland Park, New Jersey

October 20, 2015

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 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Richard Formicola	Robert Schiffer
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

Maryalice Thomas

Excused:	Brain McCourt
	William Sullivan

#### 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.**

Most of the Board and the Administrators are attending the Workshop next week. There will be an on-going training and many updates.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Report on Student Performance on the NJ Standardized testing

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

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

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 021915368 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.**
- b. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 021215365 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.**
- c. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 021215366 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:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.  
No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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

September 1, 2015  
September 15, 2015

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. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

- +1. **Approve the appointment of Brett Carroll, as a Health & Physical Education teacher in the high school, effective October 21, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**
- +2. **Approve the appointment of George Lambert, as a Special Education teacher in the high school, effective October 21, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**
- +3. **Accept the retirement resignation of Linda Carr, Special Education teacher in the Highland School, effective November 1, 2015.**
- +4. **Approve the appointment of Carolyn Walsh as a Special Education teacher in the Highland School, effective October 21, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**
- +5. **Approve the appointment of Megan Conklin as a maternity leave replacement for Jill Klaussen, effective October 21, 2015 through January 29, 2016.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +6. **Approve the following sixth period teaching assignments at the high school. The teachers will each be paid 5% of their base salary, effective October 21, 2015 until such time as a replacement is hired:**

Jessica Lee	Discrete Math	Period 4
Danielle Vandenberghe	Discrete Math	Period 7
Emily Walker	Personal Finance	Period 1

- +7. **Approve the increase in position for Gail Traitz, Math teacher at the high school, from a .2 position to a .4 position. She will be paid a salary of \$19,040 prorated, effective October 21, 2015 until such time as a replacement is hired.**
- +8. **Approve a paid maternity leave for Kimberly Paulhus, School Nurse in the Godwin School, effective approximately January 4, 2016 through January 15, 2016, an unpaid maternity leave, effective January 16, 2016 through January 27, 2016 and an unpaid child care leave, effective approximately January 28, 2016 through February 24, 2016.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +9. **Approve the following addition to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year:**

<b>Add:</b>	<b>Maureen Donatien</b>	<b>Student Senate Advisor</b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
			<b>\$2,288 prorated</b>

Roll Call: All Yes



- a. Second September 2015 payroll in the amount of \$570,030.89.
- b. First October 2015 payroll in the amount of \$616,835.82.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- 5. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2015, as per the attached appendix **B-5**
- 6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period September 1 – 30, 2015, as per the attached appendix. **B-6**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

- 7. Approve the following resolution and attached appendices: **B-7**

**Whereas**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

**Whereas**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Midland Park Public Schools are consistent with these requirements, and

**Whereas**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Midland Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Midland Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +8. **Approve the acceptance of the Midland Park Public Education Foundation Grants, with gratitude, for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix.** **B-8**
- +9. **Accept the New Jersey Department of Education Non-Public Security Aid Entitlement funding for the 2015-2016 school year, as follows:**

**Green Twig School                    \$200.00**  
**(to be used to purchase a security camera)**  
**Eastern Christian School    \$3,975.00**

(to be used on outside lighting, a front door intercom and walkie talkies).

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +10. **Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Ramsey Travel Basketball Association, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, for Basketball games on Sundays, November 1, 15 & 22, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- +11. **Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, for Goats AAU Basketball Tournaments on Sundays, December 6, 11, 13, 20, 27, 2015 and January 3-31 and February 7, 2016 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.**
- +12. **Approve the use and rental of the Midland Park Jr/Sr High School Gym to Ramsey Travel Basketball Association, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Basketball games on Sundays, December 6, 2015 through March 1, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nancy LoPresti	AP US History Workshop	Robbinsville, NJ	\$231.75	Nov. 6, 2015
Kira Harder George Lambert	Community-Based Instruction	Morris Plains, NJ	\$203.35 \$203.35	Nov. 12, Dec. 21, 2015; Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 15, April 26, May 2, 2016
Christine Carr	NJASL 2015 Fall Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$168.40	Nov. 15-17, 2015
Maureen Kelley	NJASL 2015 Fall Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$151.37	Nov. 16, 2015
Carole Steel	Gifted Programming & Services	Piscataway, NJ		Nov. 19, 2015

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. **Approve the following proposal for a new club:**

**Brain Busters (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one high school classified student to Essex Valley School, West Caldwell, NJ, effective October 21, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

- E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

The Referendum work is continuing and is going quite well.

- G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

- H. Public Relations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

- I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

- General meeting is scheduled for 11/11/15
- Breakfast for teachers is scheduled for next week.

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

The following items/events are scheduled for this:

- Coffee Connection -10/21
- Invent on Convention - 10/22
- Author visit – 10/22
- Panther Bowl – 10/24
- Edible Arrangements Fund Raiser – October 16-28
- General Meeting – 11/28
- Costume Parade -- 11/30

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The Marching Band Performance is at Kingston and Syracuse.  
Raffle Tickets

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The barn program has begun.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed:  
Grant Awards  
Raised over \$20,000 from 5k run  
Gala at Macaluso's

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

No Report.

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

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

No one had any issues to discuss at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of November 10, 2015, 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.

Mr. David Gorman stated that he read an article on the contract with Administrator's and asked which positions are part of that contract?

Dr. Thomas answered the Principals and Supervisors.

He further asked if health care was being paid fully by the District.

Dr. Thomas replied that this is a mistake, all employees contribute.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary