

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education

Midland Park, New Jersey

September 1, 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

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| Present: | James Canellas | Sandra Criscenzo |
| | Richard Formicola | Brian McCourt |
| | Robert Schiffer | William Sullivan |
| | Timothy Thomas | Peter Triolo |

Maryalice Thomas

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.

Dr. Thomas commented that the Staff was in school today and she had met the new teacher's last week. We are looking forward to the new school year and the return of the students.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Dr. Cirasella stated that she was looking forward to a great opening day for the students and the welcoming of full-day Kindergarten.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on September 15, 2015.

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda.

No one had any questions or comments at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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. Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a paid leave of absence for Linda Carr, Special Education teacher in the Highland School, effective September 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015.
2. Approve the appointment of Megan Conklin as a Special Education leave replacement in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$45,500 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015.
3. Approve the appointment of Lauren Hackett as a 1st grade maternity leave replacement in the Godwin school. She will be paid a salary of \$45,500 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
4. Approve the appointment of George Lambert as a Special Education leave replacement in the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$52,850 (MA Step 7 on the MPEA salary guide), effective October 28, 2015 (or sooner) through June 30, 2016.
5. Approve the appointment of Michael Velez as a Health & Physical Education teacher in the Highland School. He will be paid a salary of \$46,825 (BA Step 6 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
6. Approve the revision in Board Motion A-22 of the August 18, 2015 Agenda to reflect the correct salary for Michael Winters, elementary school teacher. He will be paid a

salary of \$58,200 (MA + 30 Step 7 on the MPEA salary guide) for the 2015-2016 school year.

7. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix.
8. Approve the following addition to the list of Fall Coaches at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year:

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| <u>Stipend</u> | | |
| Add: Nicole Marino | Volleyball Assistant Coach | \$3,952 |

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

9. Approve a paid maternity leave for Meghan Martinez, elementary school teacher in the Godwin School, effective approximately October 26, 2015 through November 22, 2015; a paid child care leave, effective approximately November 23, 2015 through December 18, 2015; and an unpaid leave of absence as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately December 21, 2015 through March 11, 2016.
10. Approve the appointment of Lori Ranges as a one on one Aide for the After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2015-2016 school year.
11. Approve the following Truck Drivers for the Marching Band during the 2015-2016 school year:

Ronald Agresta
Mark Halliwell
James Hartmann
Susan Opderbeck

12. Accept the resignation of Jean Pennington as a Building Aide in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to August 27, 2015.
13. Approve the appointment of Vinnette Komjain as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$14.25 per hour, effective September 3, 2015 through June 21, 2016 (or the last day of school).
14. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-14

Roll Call: All Yes

- B. Finance-(R. Schiffer, Chairperson)
Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

1. Approve the continued contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Wilma Bogertman, as a Non-Public Nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective September 1, 2015 through the end of Eastern Christian’s school year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the new textbook: Financial Algebra: Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications – Grades 11-12.
2. Approve the new course title: “Math and Marketing”.
3. Approve the new and revised curricula, as follows:

Jr./Sr. High School

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| Dynamics of Health Care | new | Lisa McNerney |
| Robotics – Principles of Technology | new | Nancy DeRitter |
| Digital Journalism | revised | Andrew Anderson |
| Dramatics | revised | Andrew Anderson |
| French III | revised | Yana Seminara |
| French IV Honors | revised | Yana Seminara |
| Spanish III | revised | Susana Caldelas |
| Spanish IV Honors | revised | Maggie Ptak |
| Exploratories – Grade 7 – Reading | revised | Joann Manicone |
| Exploratories – Grade 7 – Writing | revised | Maureen Kelley |
| Exploratories – Grade 7 – Math | revised | Emily Walker |
| Exploratories – Grade 7 – Technology | revised | Jason Whelpley |
| Exploratories – Grade 8 – Reading | revised | Joann Manicone |
| Exploratories – Grade 8 – Writing | revised | Maureen Kelley |
| Exploratories – Grade 8 – Math | revised | Katherine Kuperus |
| Exploratories – Grade 8 – Art | revised | Jack Ferriday |
| Math Marketing: Financial Algebra – Grades 11-12 | new | Melissa Quackenbush |

Highland Elementary

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| Computers – Grade 6 | revised | David Hershberger |
| Exploratories – Grade 6 – Creative Math | new | Shawn Savage |
| Exploratories – Grade 6 – Writing Workshop | new | Anne Edwards |
| Exploratories – Grade 6 – Problem Based Learning (PBL) | new | Michael Kilgallen |
| Exploratories – Grade 6 – STEAM | new | Steve Ferro |
| Music Technology – Grade 6 | new | Jeffrey Peters |

Godwin Elementary

Kindergarten Enrichment
Physical Education K-2
Health K-2
Art K-2

new
revised
revised
revised

Carole Steel
Brian DeCarlo
Brian DeCarlo
Joan Brennan

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the out-of-district placements and/or transportation of special education students for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix. C-4
5. Approve the out-of-district placements and/or transportation for the students attending the Bergen County Technical School in Teterboro, Bergen Academy in Hackensack and the Academies at Englewood for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix. C-5

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

There was a walk-through of all the 3 school buildings today and all the schools look great. We will have another walk-through on Wednesday.

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

FS-1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marie Cirasella, the Midland Park Board of Education approves the submission of the following school facilities projects to the New Jersey Department of Education for review and approval:

School
Midland Park Highland School
(State Project #3170-070-15-2000)

Project
Office to Classroom Renovation

Midland Park High School
(State Project #3170-050-15-4000)

New Pole Barn for Maintenance Garage

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The packets of information have been mailed out to our students homes.
The orders for the Fall Plant sale are due in September 14.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The packets of information are ready to be mailed.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The following have been scheduled:
Marching Band Car Wash –September 12.
The first competition is September 19 at Northern Highlands.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Back to School scheduled for September 9, 2015.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

There is a 5K run scheduled for September 12, 2015.

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 and J. Canellas)

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Nothing to add at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 15, 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.

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary