

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 15, 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	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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report.

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.

- The following items were discussed:
- Article in the Suburban News on Dr. Cirasella
 - Back-to-School Nights.
 - 1:1 Chromebook roll outs

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella commented that it was a very exciting day at the high school with the 1:1 Chromebook rollout.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on August 18, 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. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Michael Winters as a substitute After Care Homework Aide for the After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2015-2016 school year.
- +2. Approve the termination of Donald Turner, as a Maintenance worker for the district, effective October 6, 2015.**
- +3. Approve the appointment of Elizabeth Chase, as a Guidance Counselor at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$47,000 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective September 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**
- +4. Approve the appointment of Joseph DeMott as a part-time Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved rate of \$19.95 per hour, effective September 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**
- +5. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2015-2016 school year:**

Joseph DeMott

Custodian

- +6. **Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Before School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective September 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016:**

**Thalia Ghalam
Jenna Passero**

- +7 **Rescind motion A12 from the June 23, 2015 Board Agenda approving Eric Ferro to provide Extended School Year services to a high school classified student, not to exceed 24 hours.**
- +8. **Approve the appointment of Therese Seiders, for Supplemental instruction (Math and English) for Semester 1 at the high school. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$39.04 per hour for 2 hours per week, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.**
- +9 **Revise motion A19 from the August 18, 2015 Board Agenda to approving one additional lab per week for Nancy DeRitter, from September 1 through September 11, 2015.**
- +10 **Approve the following revisions and additions to the list of Advisors and Clubs at the high school for the 2015-2016 school year:**

Delete:	Nina Fasciano	Chairperson – I &RS Committee
Add:	Jason Whelpley	Chairperson - I &RS Committee
Add:	Nina Fasciano	Committee Member – I & RS
Add:	Michelle Janus	Poetry Club Advisor

- +11 **Revise motion A3 from the June 9, 2015 Board Agenda approving a child care leave for Rosemary Ferullo Filev. The revised motion is to approve a paid child care leave for Rosemary Ferullo Filev, Special Education teacher at the high school, effective September 1, 2015 through September 23, 2015; an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective September 24, 2015 through December 15, 2015 and an unpaid child care leave, effective December 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**
- +12 **Accept the resignation of Joseph Bounassi as a Custodian in the high school, effective October 1, 2015.**
- +13 **Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Administrators and Supervisors Association, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, which is attached as an appendix: A-13**

Roll Call: All Yes

- B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of August 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. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. August 2015 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$33,842.44.
 - b. August 2015 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$450.00.
 - c. September 2015 claims in the amount of \$812,982.13.
3. Approve the August 2015 direct pays in the amount of \$1,135,652.16.
4. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. Second August 2015 payroll in the amount of \$124,300.49.
 - b. First September 2015 payroll in the amount of \$587,975.68.
5. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period August 1 – 31, 2015, as per the attached appendix. B-5
6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary, as follows:
 - a. The period July 1 – 31, 2015, as per the attached appendix. B-6a
 - b. The period August 1 – 31, 2015, as per the attached appendix. B-6b
7. Approve the decommissioning of the following elementary school items:
Elmo - Inventory #3100 – Godwin School
Cart - Inventory # 005157 – Highland School

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +8. Designate the following additional depository for school funds for the 2015-2016 school year:**

US Bank

- +9. Approve the amended financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period June 1 – 30, 2015, as per the attached appendix B-9**

+10. Approve Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training Workshops offered by Region II for the 2015-2016 school year.

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
Christina Gouraige	Behavioral Interventions for School Refusal: Coordinated Interventions for Family, School & Clinic	New Brunswick, NJ.	\$157.31	9/22/2015
Christina Gouraige	Suicide Prevention in the School Setting: Identification & Intervention	New Brunswick, NJ	\$157.31	10/9/2015
Kira Harder	Special Education Law in NJ	Parsippany, NJ	\$199.00	10/15/2015
Christina Eromenok	NJ Assoc. of School Social Workers – Fall Workshop	Monroe, NJ	\$162.20	10/19/2015

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)

It was reported that the score board at the high school is progressing.

Kudos to employees and the contractors for having the buildings ready for opening of school.

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)

Combination – General Meeting is scheduled for 9/16/2015.
The Fall plant pick-up is scheduled for 9/17/15.

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

The following events have been scheduled:

- Back-to-School Nights
- Movie Night – Friday night

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

There is a General Meeting scheduled for 9/16/2015.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

Band competes this weekend in Ramapo and Brentwood.
Musical tryouts were mentioned.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Back-to-School Nights.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The 5K turn-out was fantastic. Many members of the community, teachers, administrators, and students participated.
Involved in and working on teacher grants.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported:

The school year has begun and students have returned to class.
Today, the high school students attended an assembly detailing the Code of Conduct for the Chromebooks. Then, the Chromebooks were distributed to the students. Tomorrow, the middle schoolers will receive their Chromebooks.

Mr. MacLean stated that he was personally excited for the Chromebooks, although it is too early to tell how the students feel about said Chromebooks.
Juniors will once again be eligible for parking providing their birthday is on or before October 1.

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

Thank you for the cooperation with the events on Saturday.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

No Report.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session after the public meeting tonight. No action will be taken. In addition, to go into closed session before the meeting of October 6, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To adjourn into closed session at 8:20.

Roll Call: All yes

Motion – To reconvene into Open Session

Roll Call: All Yes

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Fantulin asked what the process is for determining the Board of Education's annex for office space. She asked what was considered and what was ruled out.

Dr. Thomas stated that the Board received direction from our Architect and other professionals and based on this information allowed us to formulate a plan. Ms. Garvey explained that many different ideas were discussed and researched, such as purchasing the house on Prospect Street, renting space, and adding to existing buildings. None were as efficient or cost effective as renovating the upper level of the maintenance garage.

Ms. Fantulin questioned when the fascia would be addressed at the high school. Ms. Garvey answered that project will be reviewed for next summer.

Ms. Fantulin commented that our district website needs some updating. It is hard to find out when there are practices and the information currently displayed is from the past year. There wasn't any information when looking for summer assignments.

Dr. Cirasella stated that we are migrating to a new web host which is taking 3-4 weeks. The best place to ask these questions would be to the building Principal instead of waiting for a Board meeting. We are trying to proceed as quickly as possible.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary