

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**December 18, 2018**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by James Canellas at 8:00 p.m. and Mrs. Green read the following statement:

“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 2018 elective year. A notice was also posted inside 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.”

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Brian McCourt	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo
	Richard Formicola	James Canellas

Excused:	Sandra Criscenzo
	Patricia Fantulin
	Timothy Thomas

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff:	Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
	Lisa Green, Confidential Secretary to the BA/BS

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adaptive education aligned to 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills needed for success in college and career. The district maximizes all resources to empower students to realize their individual worth and responsibility, with the expectation they achieve the New Jersey state standards at all grade levels.**

Mr. Canellas welcomed everyone to the action meeting and made the following comments:

- Tonight marks the end of two of our Board Members time on the Board. I want to express how thankful we are for their service all these years and the children have been lucky to have them serve also. A plaque was given to the Board member who was in attendance. Mr. Canellas read the plaque to Mr. Sullivan.

- The staff was wished a happy holiday season.

Open to the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

November 6, 2018

November 20, 2018

Roll Call: All Yes

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

## APPENDIX

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2018-2019 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. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Sullivan...

1. Approve the placement of Deborah Castaldi as a student teacher from Dominican College in Danielle Kirsch's class in the Highland School from March – May 2019.
- +2. **Approve the appointment of Jennifer Mensing as a special education teacher leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$50,500 (BA Step 8 of the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective December 19, 2018 through June 30, 2019.**
- +3. **Approve the placement of Erich Richter as a student teacher from William Paterson University in the Social Studies classes in the high school from January – May 2019.**
- +4. **Approve the termination of Employee No. 1601, effective January 18, 2019.**
- +5. **Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1311, effective approximately March 10, 2019 through April 6, 2019; a paid child care leave, effective approximately April 7, 2019 through May 4, 2019 and an unpaid leave of absence, effective approximately May 5, 2019 through June 29, 2019.**
- +6. **Approve the addition to the list of Winter Coaches at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year, as follows:**

**Add: Christopher Finn     Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach     Volunteer**

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of November 30, 2018, 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. November 2018 direct pays in the amount of \$466,669.39.
- b. November 2018 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$38,213.36.
- c. November 2018 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$36,627.76.
- d. Second November 2018 payroll in the amount of \$610,299.96.
- e. First December 2018 payroll in the amount of \$625,265.46.
- f. December 2018 claims in the amount of \$511,800.13.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period November 1 – 30, 2018, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1 – 30, 2018, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the proceeds from the Musical Raffle in the sum of \$6,675.00 to be given to the Performing Arts Parents for deposit into the Internal Musical Account.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

6. Approve the Rutgers Summer Reading Skills program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held at the high school on Tuesdays from July 30 – August 27, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. for Grades K – 12.

- +7. Approve the rental and use of the Highland School Gym to Hoop Heaven for Basketball games, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

- +8. Approve Aileen Purcell as a Yoga Therapist to work with the physical education teachers for the purpose of implementing a Yoga program in the Highland School gym classes to support SEL. She will be paid at the rate of \$180 per day for 5 days in January, to be paid through Title IV funds.
- +9. Approve Christine Grogan as a Coordination/Parent Training/Home Programmer for a classified elementary student, effective retroactive from November 2018 through June 26, 2019 at the rate of \$120 per hour for 4 hours per week.
- +10. Approve the following consultants to provide home services for two classified elementary students, effective retroactive from December 10, 2018 through April, 2019:

Tara Stinelli, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, at the rate of \$50 per hour for 2 hours per day, 5 days per week

Melissa Bengal, Speech Therapist, at the rate of \$110 per hour for ½ hour per day, 3 days per week

Elizabeth Stich, Speech Therapist, at the rate of \$110 per hour for ½ hour per day, 3 days per week

Joan Moscarello, Occupational Therapist, at the rate of \$110 per hour for 1 hour per day, 3 days per week

Jennifer Sepulveda, Physical Therapist, at the rate of \$110 per hour for 1 hour per day, 3 days per week

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

- +11. Accept the donation of an adjustable Weight Bench, valued at \$300, from Snap Fitness, Ringwood, NJ for use in the High School Weight Room, as per Board Policy 7230.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nicholas Capuano	Techspo '19	Atlantic City, NJ	\$749.13	1/31/19- 2/1/2019
+Catherine Prinsell	High Impact Strategies to Reduce Chronic Misbehavior	Parsippany, NJ	\$199.99	1/25/2019

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following new textbook for World History Honors, Grade 9:

Jackson J. Spielvogel. McGraw-Hill Education: World History and Geography, Columbus, OH 43240

- +3. **Approve the recommendation for the continuation of a non-classified high school student on bedside instruction, retroactive from November 1 – 21, 2018.**
- +4. **Approve the recommendation for two classified elementary students to receive home services, effective retroactive from December 10, 2018 through April, 2019.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

- E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Sullivan...

- +1. **Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports on the following dates and locations:**

**9/28/18 CTC Academy, Oakland, NJ, 2:35 p.m.**

**10/31/18 Windsor Learning Center, Pompton Lakes, NJ, 8:25 a.m.**

**11/30/18 Bergen County Special Services, Crossroads, Paramus, NJ, 11:55 a.m.**

**12/4/18 Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ, 2:30 p.m.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

- We are waiting for the last image from Godwin School.

I. Town Council – (J. Canellas, R. Formicola)

No Report

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (P. Triolo)

- New committees will be formed.
- There will be a meeting in a couple of weeks.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

- December 20 is the Holiday Shop
- There is a half day on Friday, the class parties are scheduled.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

- NCAA Basketball Hoop for Madness fundraiser.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

- Play rehearsals are going on now.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

- Although there was no report, Mr. Sullivan spoke about the new liaison coming on and what a rewarding experience it was to work with Special Education.

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

- The last three meeting were cancelled.

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

- Tickets sales are going on for the up-coming events.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

- Spirit week is this week.
- The basketball season has started.
- The first indoor track meet was last Friday.
- The students are looking forward to the break.

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. McCourt...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of January 7, 2019, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Sullivan thanked the Board for the plaque and thanked the Board Members, past and present, and that it was a pleasure working together.

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Green  
Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary