

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 4, 2018

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by James Canellas at 8:00 p.m. and Ms. Garvey 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	James Canellas

Excused: Brian McCourt

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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 21st 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 stated our small community was hit with tragedy. Two former students were involved in a serious accident. Our thoughts are with their families.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1029183133 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School 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. 1030183134 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the tentative 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Calendar, as per the attached appendix. BM-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed Board of Education Schedule of Meetings from January 7, 2019 through January 21, 2020, as per the attached appendix. BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas stated the reorganization meeting will be on January 7, 2019.

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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 - Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

1. Approve the extension of an unpaid leave of absence for Employee No. 1728, effective January 3, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the revised paid medical leave for Employee No. 1146, effective December 11, 2018 through approximately December 27, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Spring 2019 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of December 18, 2018 agenda items

Mr. Canellas asked if there are any outstanding issues before a change in committees.

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

- Released state aid figures. There was a discussion on state aid.
- Budget Calendar/Public Hearing.

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

- Workshops for Staff.
- Textbook for Geography.
- Ms. Fantulin asked if the teachers help with the selection of books, Marie responded, always.

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

- On November 26th, the Assembly Education Committee advanced a package of bills aimed at protecting New Jersey's students from sexual misconduct and child abuse. The bills include measures that would increase penalties for inappropriate behavior by school employees, require aspiring educators to receive training on sexual abuse and misconduct, strengthen data collection and reporting processes, and create a task force that would make additional recommendations on ways to combat sexual misconduct in schools. All of these bills are likely to reach the governor's desk in the weeks ahead.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

- Waiting for construction to finish to get pictures, will hold for January newsletter.

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

No Report

J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Canellas stated that Ms. Fantulin brought up grant opportunities at a past meeting and asked Dr. Cirasella to review the process in place for attaining grants. She also read a lengthy list of grants the district has received this year and that are in progress. For a small district we are doing a great job but a majority of the time we do not qualify for money.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of December 18, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Mr. Formicola stated the holiday boutique was today at Highland School.

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. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Thomas...
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary