

## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**

**Board of Education  
Midland Park, New Jersey  
February 26, 2019**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Formicola 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 2019 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Christine Dell’Aglia	Nabil Eliya
	Patricia Fantulin	Brian McCourt
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo

Richard Formicola

### **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 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.**

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner confirmed the students graduation standard.

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011519242 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: 8 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Dell'Aglio, Eliya, Formicola, McCourt, Thomas, Triolo)

1 Abstain (Fantulin)

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. Canellas...

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

January 7, 2019

January 22, 2019

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Criscenzo, Dell'Aglio, Eliya, Formicola, McCourt, Thomas, Triolo)

1 Abstain (Fantulin)

- 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. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

1. Approve Cassandra Smith, Godwin School teacher, as the instructor for the 2019 Kindergarten Readiness program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective July 8 – 25, 2019.
2. Approve the list of Spring Coaches at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +3. **Approve the tenured appointment of Amy Tamburri, elementary teacher in the Highland School, effective retroactive to February 5, 2019.**
- +4. **Approve Jaclyn DeMagistris to teach Math Enrichment at the Middle School (period 4) for three days per week. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from February 25, 2019 through June 30, 2019.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. **Approve the appointment of Amanda Ackerman as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Special Education maternity leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$56,000 (MA Step 8 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated, effective March 11, 2019 (or sooner) through June 30, 2019.**
- +6. **Approve the following addition to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year:**

	<u>Stipend</u>
<b>Add: Steven Bartosik     Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental</b>	<b>\$586.25</b>

- +7. **Approve the appointment of Nareka Jones as an Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$25,000 (Category V, Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective February 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019.**

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

- 1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2019, 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. January 2019 direct pays in the amount of \$369,839.75.
- b. January 2019 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$94,670.21.
- c. January 2019 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$27,767.53.
- d. Second January 2019 payroll in the amount of \$608,679.69.

e. First February 2019 payroll in the amount of \$624,708.10.

f. February 2019 claims in the amount of \$346,001.12.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period January 1 – 31, 2019, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period January 1 – 31, 2019, as per the attached appendix.

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5. Approve the resolution to continue membership in NESBIG and approve the Trust and Indemnity Agreement for 3 Years, as per the attached appendix.

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**+6. Approve the increase in the 2018-2019 Midland Park Continuing Education budget by \$95,000 to go into the following expense account:**

**13-602-100-511-03-70 – Transportation**

**(to be reflected in the Income Account - Net Tuition, trips – 13-1990-03)**

**+7. Approve the amended IDEA FY 2019 Entitlement Grant funds as follows:**

**Basic: \$242,398**

**Preschool: \$ 21,057**

**And approve the IDEA FY 2018 Entitlement Grant Carry Over funds for eligible non-public school students, as follows:**

**Basic: \$ 8,801**

**+8. Approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education approves the participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program to provide health benefits for school district employees for calendar year 2019 at the established rates.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

S-1 Approve the Addendum to the Agreement between Insight Workforce Solutions, LLC and the Midland Park School District, as per the attached appendix.

Roll Call: All Yes

The Finance Committee met tonight for the 1<sup>st</sup> review of the Budget, we will be reviewing over the next few weeks and will bring forward to the Board.

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

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Michael Gaccione	DAANJ State Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,023.12	3/11-3/15/2019
<b>David Hershberger</b>	<b>Digital Citizenship</b>	<b>Mahwah, NJ</b>	<b>\$155.64</b>	<b>3/28/2019</b>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. **Approve the following resolution:**

**Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, due to the fact that there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible students in the Midland Park School District.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +3. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified student in the Bergen County Special Services Brownstone School, Saddle Brook, NJ, effective retroactive from February 20, 2019 through June 30, 2019.**
- +4. **Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0115, in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class in the Godwin School, for September 2019, as per Board Policy 5111.**
- +5. **Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0115, in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class in the Highland School, for September 2019, as per Board Policy 5111.**
- +6. **Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 1296, in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class in the Highland School, for September 2019, as per Board Policy 5111.**
- +7. **Approve the non-resident enrollment of a child in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade class in the High School, for September 2019, as per Board Policy 5111.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

**+1. Approve the reading of the following revised and/or new Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:**

<b>a. Unsafe School Choice Option</b>	<b>Policy Section 2415.06</b>	<b><u>D-1a</u></b>
<b>b. Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>Policy Section 2422</b>	<b><u>D-1b</u></b>
<b>c. Educational Program Evaluation</b>	<b>Policy Section 2610</b>	<b><u>D-1c</u></b>
<b>d. Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing</b>	<b>Policy Section 4219</b>	<b><u>D-1d</u></b>
<b>e. Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students</b>	<b>Policy Section 5111</b>	<b><u>D-1e</u></b>
<b>f. Administering an Opioid Antidote</b>	<b>Policy Section 5330.04</b>	<b><u>D-1f</u></b>
<b>g. Student Discipline/Code of Conduct</b>	<b>Policy Section 5600</b>	<b><u>D-1g</u></b>
<b>h. Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses</b>	<b>Policy Section 5611</b>	<b><u>D-1h</u></b>
<b>i. Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees</b>	<b>Policy Section 5612</b>	<b><u>D-1i</u></b>
<b>j. Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses</b>	<b>Policy Section 5613</b>	<b><u>D-1j</u></b>
<b>k. Transgender Students (NEW)</b>	<b>Policy Section 5756</b>	<b><u>D-1k</u></b>
<b>l. School District Security</b>	<b>Policy Section 7440</b>	<b><u>D-1l</u></b>
<b>m. Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses</b>	<b>Policy Section 8461</b>	<b><u>D-1m</u></b>
<b>n. Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs</b>	<b>Policy Section 8561</b>	<b><u>D-1n</u></b>

Roll Call: All Yes

**E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)**

- For the 2020-2021 school year, our curriculum for middle school and high school will include instruction of the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and the LGBT as part of the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

**F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)**

- At the meeting tonight an update was given on:
  - Solar panels for the 3 schools
  - Godwin School new main entrance
  - Field usage

**G. Negotiations Committee - (P. Triolo, Chairperson)**

No Report

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

- The newsletter is going to the printer shortly

I. Town Council – (R. Formicola, P. Triolo)

- The next meeting is on 3/12

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (J. Canellas)

- Rosario's fundraiser
- Mental Health Wellness Day is 3/11

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglia)

- Successful Talent Show
- \$3,000 in Grants for teachers
- Library Grant – Escape Room
- Grant from Columbia Bank for the SRO police car
- Read Across America
- Pocketbook Bingo
- Food Festival

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

- Hoop Mania tickets are on sale
- HS basketball playoffs

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- Beauty and the Beast musical is scheduled for the weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Flower sale fundraiser

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

- Supporting the Mental Health Wellness Day program on 3/11

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Casino night - 3/9
- Grant information was sent out
- Looking for trustees for next year

Board of Recreation – (N. Eliya)

- At the 1/14 meeting, new members to the Board were elected
- Registration for baseball and softball is open
- Basketball is underway
- New liaisons for all sports

Continuing Education Program – (P. Triolo)

- Spring courses began, with over 100 courses to choose from including various trips
- Before and after school programs are also offered

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

No Report

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of March 5, 2019, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Mr. Formicola invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary