

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
April 14, 2020

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 2020 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 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. Formicola thanked the Administration, Teachers and Staff for their outstanding job in a difficult situation. Everyone is working very hard and we appreciate it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- Virtual Learning

Because we were proactive in planning for the possibility of a school closure, and also because we were so far ahead with a 1:1 program, our distance-learning plan continues to be very successful. The Board's commitment to ensuring the provision of individual tech resources for students and staff, helped along by the donations of community partners, such as the MPPEF, enabled us to embrace this new construct with confidence. We are so proud of our administrators, teachers, students, and families for the collaboration. It is important to share that honoring and celebrating our senior class of 2020 is at the very top of our priority list. We have been discussing options for how best to do this in June, of course depending upon the status of the school closures.

- NAMM Foundation Award – 7th Year in a row
- School Performance Reports

NJSLA Science Assessment & School Performance Reports

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

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglio...

1. Approve the cancellation of the April 28, 2020 public meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

March 3, 2020

March 17, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

1. Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2019-2020 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.

B. Finance Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. McCourt, 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 March 31, 2020, 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. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. March 2020 direct pays in the amount of \$755,652.52.
- b. March 2020 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$34,874.17.
- c. March 2020 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$63,358.50.
- d. Second March 2020 payroll in the amount of \$632,228.74.
- e. April 2020 claims in the amount of \$250,458.87.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period March 1 – 31, 2020, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period March 1 – 31, 2020, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

- 5. Authorize the Business Administrator to execute a Letter of Understanding with Pomptonian Food Services regarding Emergency Procurement and Contract Modification due to the Corona Virus.
- 6. Approve the Bergen County Special Services contract for services required under Chapters 192 and 193 of the Laws of 1977 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 7. Approve the Clinical Staffing Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and Home Care Therapies, LLC dba Horizon Health Care, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

8. Authorize the Business Administrator to execute the Agreement for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services between the Midland Park Borough School District and Phoenix Advisors, LLC for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

9. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Midland Park Board of Education (“the Board”) advertised for bids for the Life Skills Classroom Renovation Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board received bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the purported low bidder, Echelon Services, LLC (“Echelon Services”), submitted a defective bid insofar as it included stale DPMC 701 Forms, which lists the total amount of uncompleted contracts, for its electrical subcontractor (form dated September 2019), and its structural steel subcontractor (form dated April 2019), and failed to include the DPMC 701 Form for its plumbing subcontractor, which together, are non-waivable material defects; and

WHEREAS, the next lowest bid for the Project was submitted by Alltec, Inc. (“Alltec”), with a base bid in the amount of \$314,739 together with Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$21,699.00 for a total contract sum of \$336,438; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Alltec is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desire to award the contract for the Project to Alltec.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby rejects Echelon Services’ bid for being materially defective.
2. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Alltec for a total contract sum of \$336,438.
3. This award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

10. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Midland Park Board of Education (“the Board”) advertised for bids for the Phase 2 of the Door Replacement Project at Midland Park Public Schools (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board received bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the low bidder, C&M Door Controls, Inc. (“C&M Door Controls”), submitted the lowest bid for the Project with a base bid in the amount of \$32,000, together with Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$78,700, Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$28,700, and Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$21,700, for a total contract sum of \$161,100 and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by C&M Door Controls is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desire to award the contract for the Project to C&M Door Controls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to C&M Door Controls for a total contract sum of \$161,100.
2. This award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed AIA Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

11. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, **Assembly Bill 3902**, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Midland Park Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 40th Legislative District’s representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

12. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education “SFA” approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2020-2021.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$0.1917 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed

monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$3.66 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$0.1917 will be multiplied by total meals.

The FSMC guarantees the SFA a Breakeven (0 Cost) operation for school year 2020-2021.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- Bill A3904 – allows remote learning days to count towards the 180-day annual requirement
- We have received several Executive Orders
 - Commissioner of Education has been given regulatory powers during the Covid-19 crisis, therefore, state board of education concurrence is no longer needed
 - Graduation/progress requirements have been waived
 - Some aspects of the Education Evaluation Legislation have been suspended. We have been informed to do nothing until further guidance is received
 - Extended School Year summer program are to be conducted virtually. No Instructional Aides should be hired
 - The most important issue is the re-opening of schools. The Governor will address This issue on or before April 17

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

- Look at the fields – They are beautiful right now, it feels like we are in Ireland or Scotland

G. Negotiations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

- We have a tentative agreement in place, the MPEA will be bringing the agreement to their membership

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (C. Dell’Aglio, Chairperson)

- Status quo
- Tabled items on hold

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

- The last meeting was very productive
- Another meeting will be scheduled in the near future

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (J. Canellas)

- Presentation of Families and Students, thanking Administration, Teachers and Staff. Seems we are well ahead of many districts

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell’Aglio)

- PTA has been so supportive
- Happy with what the schools have done and the connections being made.

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- Students in the Musical did a video for Mrs. Halliwell
- Parents are appreciative that the musical hasn’t been forgotten.

Special Education – (P. Triolo)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- So impressed with virtual learning.
- Student liaison
- Scholarships
- Next meeting – 5/11

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of May 5, 2020, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

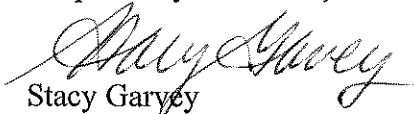
Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Eliya...
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garyey
Business Administrator/Board Secretary