

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
DECEMBER 17, 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	Patricia Fantulin
	Brian McCourt	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	Richard Formicola
Excused:	Nabil Eliya	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Mr. Richard Formicola

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- The High School was named to the 10th Annual AP District Honor Roll. We are proud of our Administration, Teachers, Staff and Students. An eblast was sent out along with this being listed on our school website.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

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

November 5, 2019
November 19, 2019

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. **Approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings as per the attached appendix. BM-2**

Roll Call: All Yes

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

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.

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

1. Approve the following job descriptions for Club Advisors at the High School, as per the attached appendices:

- a. A-V Club A-1a
- b. 7th & 8th Grade Intramurals A-1b

2. Approve the following job descriptions for Club Advisors at Highland School, as per the attached appendices:

- a. Math Club A-2a
- b. Musical Director A-2b
- c. Assistant Musical Director A-2c
- d. School Newspaper A-2d
- e. Photography Club A-2e
- f. 6th Grade Science Club A-2f
- g. Stage Crew A-2g
- h. Student Council A-2h
- i. Yearbook Club A-2i

- +3. Approve the following appointments to the list of Coaches at the High School for the Winter season during the 2019-2020 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Christopher Finn	7/8 Grade Wrestling Coach	\$2805.30
Matthew Messner	Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach	Volunteer
Joseph Parsons	Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach	Volunteer
James Reardon	Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach	Volunteer

- +4. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 0949, effective approximately January 24, 2020 through February 20, 2020; a paid child care leave, effective February 21, 2020 through approximately April 2, 2020 and an unpaid child care leave of absence as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately April 3, 2020 through September 3, 2020.
- +5. Approve the appointment of Sara Reiner-Cuomo as a special education leave replacement in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$53,250 (MA Step 4 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective January 2, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
- +6. Approve the appointment of Pamela Del Grande as a first grade leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$52,250 (MA Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective January 17, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
- +7. Approve the appointment of Ashley Sherman as a first grade leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$52,250 (MA Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), prorated effective February 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
- +8. Approve the appointment of Jaclyn DeMagistris as an Instructional Aide leave replacement in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$26,100 (Category V, Step II on the MPEA Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective February 14, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the paid sick leave of absence for Employee No. 0069, effective retroactive from December 3, 2019 through approximately February 3, 2020.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

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, 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. November 2019 direct pays in the amount of \$433,221.23.
 - b. November 2019 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$49,564.69.
 - c. November 2019 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$37,574.46.
 - d. Second November 2019 payroll in the amount of \$615,391.72.
 - e. First December 2019 payroll in the amount of \$625,827.23.
 - f. December 2019 claims in the amount of \$587,604.93.
3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period November 1 – 30, 2019, as per the attached appendix. B-3
4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1 – 30, 2019, as per the attached appendix. B-4
5. Approve the increase in the 2019-2020 Continuing Education budget by \$40,000 to go into the following expense account:

13 602 100 320 03 74 - Prof. Svcs. – Trips, Shows (to be reflected in the income account – Net Tuition, trips – 13-1990-03)
- +6. **Approve the rental and use of the Highland School Gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for youth basketball games to be held on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on the following dates:**

January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020
- +7. **Approve the use of various rooms in the High School for the Rutgers Summer Reading Skills program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 9:15 p.m. on the following dates:**

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes
- C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglio...
1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
+Gwen Hendrick	Leveled Literacy Primary System Intensive Training	Mahwah, NJ	\$406.30	1/6&7/2020
Tarra Lawlor Therese Seiders	Strategies to Reduce Impulsive Behaviors, Increase Focus & Develop Working Memory	West Orange, NJ	\$289.19 \$289.19	1/15/2020
Eurico Antunes +Nicholas Capuano	Techspo 2020	Atlantic City, NJ	\$747.40 \$702.32	1/30&31/2020
Patricia Zarpaylic	Staff Development for Educators	Atlantic City, NJ	\$272.70	2/24/2020
Crystal Fernandez Patti Sicree	PECS Level 1 Training	New York, NY	\$447.13 \$538.56	3/19&20/2020

2. Approve the “The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials”.

3. Approve the revised curricula, which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards:

- Kindergarten Reading
- Grade 2 Reading
- Grade 2 Mathematics

+4. Approve the following college and university partnership with Bergen Community College for dual enrollment for Midland Park High School students during the 2019-2020 school year:

- Digital Journalism
- Advanced TV Production
- French 4
- Spanish 4

+5. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Agreement is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

+6. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Spring 2020 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following revised Policies:

a. Parent Organizations

Policy Section 9210

b. Media Relations

Policy Section 9400

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- The following bill is to be addressed by the State Senate's Health Committee in the coming weeks. Bill S2173 would eliminate a student's ability to use a religious exemption to waive vaccination rights and attend public, private or state colleges.

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

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

+1. **Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report on the following date and location:**

10/25/19 Midland Park High School, Grades 7-12 (PE/Health classes)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-2. Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report on the following date and location:

12/12/19 Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ, 2:10 p.m.

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

- Next meeting 12/19

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

No Report

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

- Next meeting is scheduled for 1/14/20

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (J. Canellas)

- Sign up for newsletter
- 10th Grade mom having surgery – providing a meal train

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

- Read-A-Thon
- Teacher grants
- Holiday store

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

- Winter sports are getting ready to start

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- New newsletter – sending it through email

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K is on 9/12/20
- Denim & Diamonds fundraiser 2/29/20

Board of Recreation – (N. Eliya)

- Two seats are open

Continuing Education Program – (P. Triolo)

- Approves courses for Spring 2020, will have some information for the next meeting

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of January 7, 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.

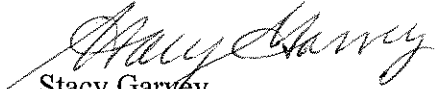
Mr. Formicola invited the public to address the Board,

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Triolo...
To Adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary