

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
DECEMBER 3, 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Christine Dell’Aglia
	Nabil Eliya	Patricia Fantulin
	Brian McCourt	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	Richard Formicola

Excused: James Canellas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Midland Park Public School District 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.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 by Donna Japhet, Auditor from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

- Congratulations to ELA Department and Administration – 2nd in the County for Achievement

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the December 3, 2019 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 and the recommendation contained therein.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor's recommendations, as contained in the Annual Audit for the fiscal year 2018-19.

Roll Call: All Yes

Action Items:

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the list of teachers in the Highland School who will be providing academic intervention and student support in the Academic Support Lab, as per the attached appendix.

A-1

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Fantulin, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the following consultants to provide home services to two elementary classified students. Services for Student 1 begins December 4, 2019 through March 31, 2020 and services for Student 2 begins January 6, 2020 through March 31, 2020:

Louise Gulleyan, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, \$50 per hour, twice weekly
Tara Stinelli, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, \$50 per hour, three times weekly
Melissa Bengal, Speech Therapist, \$110 per hour, once weekly
Elizabeth Stich, Speech Therapist, \$110 per hour, twice weekly
Joan Moscarello, Occupational Therapist, \$110 per hour, twice weekly
Jennifer Sepulveda, Physical Therapist, \$120 per hour, three times weekly
Daniela Carvalho, Physical Therapist, \$120 per hour, three times weekly

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

- S-1. Approve Amanda Parsons, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, to provide Home ABA/Parent Training for a classified elementary school student, at the rate of \$150 per hour, effective December 4, 2019.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the resolution for participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program, as per the attached appendix. C-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

- S-2. Approve a half day of school on Friday, December 6, 2019, with a 12:30 p.m. dismissal for students in Godwin and Highland Schools only, for the purpose of rescheduling parent/teacher conferences which were cancelled on December 3, 2019 due to the emergency delayed opening.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of December 17, 2019 agenda items

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

No Report

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

- New college partnership - including 6 credit courses

- D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
- 2 policies – Parent Organizations/Board Communications and Media Relations/Board Communications
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)
- A number of legislative activities took place on Nov. 14th and 18th, including:
 - A-4147: requires districts to conduct audit of security features of all buildings and communication systems using a standardized checklist and submitting audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and the NJDOE
 - A-5847: requires newly-purchased school buses to be equipped with air conditioning and heating systems
 - A-5862: establishes a pilot program to purchase and install electronic smoking detectors in restrooms and certain public schools
 - S-4115: requires the posting of drinking water lead level test results on district websites
 - S-4200: requires state to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast and lunch; appropriation to be \$4.5 million
 - A-5903: requires districts to establish a “School Meal Fund” to assist students with school meal bills in arrears
 - A-5967: requires the establishment of a School Funding Commission to study the current school funding formula and prepare a report to serve as a basis for a new formula
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)
- State Review for QSAC for the H.S. – 11/25, the review went extremely well. Thank you to B&G Department, Administration and Staff
 - Appreciate B&G crew for snow removal
- G. Negotiations Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)
- Next meeting 12/19
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
- Decided not to do a mailer, instead using Facebook and Twitter. We need a little more time to judge how they are doing
- I. Town Council- (R. Formicola, P. Triolo)
- Looking for a date for the next meeting
- J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of December 17, 2019, 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. Triolo, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...
To Adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary