

**Minutes of the Public Meeting
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 25, 2020**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. 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	Christine Dell’Aglio
	Nabil Eliya	Patricia Fantulin
	Brian McCourt	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	Richard Formicola
Excused:	Sandra Criscenzo	

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.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

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

January 7, 2020

January 21, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes

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

1. Approve the list of Spring Coaches at the High School for the 2019-2020 school year, as per the attached appendix:

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- +2. **Approve the following addition to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2019-2020 school year:**

Add:	Zachary Spadaccini	A/V Club Advisor (1/2 year)	<u>Stipend</u> \$486.22
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- +3. **Approve the appointment of Kimberly Craven as a Health & Physical Education teacher leave replacement in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$49,000 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective March 2, 2020 through June 30, 2020.**

- +4. **Approve the appointment of Toni Ann Tuosto as a .5 World Language teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid a salary of \$27,499.50 (MA Step 6 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective March 2, 2020 through June 30, 2020.**

- +5. **Approve the revised paid maternity leave for Employee No. 0150, effective retroactive from January 23, 2020 through February 5, 2020; a paid child care leave, effective retroactive from February 6, 2020 through March 18, 2020; an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective March 19, 2020 through June 17, 2020 and an unpaid leave of absence, effective June 18, 2020 through February 1, 2021.**

- +6. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1632, effective approximately April 22, 2020 through approximately May 19, 2020; a paid child care leave, effective approximately May 20, 2020 through approximately June 16, 2020; an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately June 17, 2020 through November 16, 2020 and un paid leave of absence, effective November 17, 2020 through January 1, 2021.
- +7. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1246, effective approximately April 27, 2020 through approximately May 21, 2020; a paid child care leave, effective approximately May 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2020 through November 22, 2020.
- +8. Approve the appointment of Jaclyn DeMagistris as a Math teacher leave replacement in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$51,500 (MA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective approximately April 27, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
- +9. Approve the appointment of Malissa Lemanski as a .5 ESL teacher. She will be paid a salary of \$26,700 (BA Step 9 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective April 27, 2020 (or sooner) through June 30, 2020.
- +10. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1966, effective March 13, 2020.
- +11. Rescind Motion A-2 of the February 4, 2020 Board Agenda to appoint Julian Diaz as a part-time Bus Driver.
- +12. Approve the appointment of Shannon Linde as the School Nurse for the Band Trip to Chicago from March 13 – 16, 2020. She will be paid at the daily rate of \$165.00 and an evening hourly rate of \$54.90, if required.
- +13. Approve the following Instructor for the Spring Midland Park Continuing Education Program:

Charoline Brown Adobe Photoshop

Roll Call: All Yes

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 January 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. January 2020 direct pays in the amount of \$430,469.39.
 - b. January 2020 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$48,997.53.
 - c. January 2020 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$56,697.78.
 - d. Second January 2020 payroll in the amount of \$641,191.14.
 - e. First February 2020 payroll in the amount of \$636,509.54.
 - f. February 2020 claims in the amount of \$390,106.12.

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

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. **Approve the transfers between accounts for the period January 1 – 31, 2020, as per the attached appendix.**

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5. Approve the IDEA FY 2019 Entitlement Grant Carry Over funds for eligible non-public school students, as follows:

Basic: \$15,876

6. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2020-2021 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

- +7. **Approve the decommissioning of the following musical instruments in the High School:**

Upright Piano – Serial No. 412432
Baby Grand Piano – MP Bar Code No. 007589

- +8. **Approve the rejection of bids received on February 4, 2020 for the Door Replacements – Phase II Project, due to bid exceeding cost estimate of project.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

- S-1. Approve the rejection of bids received on February 21, 2020 for the Culinary Arts Classroom, due to bid exceeding cost estimate of project.

- S-2. Approve the recycling of non-functioning technology equipment, as per the attached appendix.

B. S-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- 1. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0115, in the 2nd grade class in the Godwin School, for September 2020 as per Board Policy 5111.
- 2. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0115, in the 5th grade class in the Highland School, for September 2020, as per Board Policy 5111.
- 3. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 1296, in the 5th grade class in the Highland School, for September 2020 as per Board Policy 5111.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. **Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Patricia Sicree	Play & Language: The Roots of Literacy	Fort Lee, NJ	\$219.99	5/1/2020

- +5. **Approve the proposed Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the attached appendix.**

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- +6. Approve the overnight trip for Take Action Drug and Alcohol Prevention Club Leadership and Prevention Conference at Camp Nyoda Hills, Oak Ridge, NJ from August 18 – 20, 2020.
- +7. Approve the overnight trip for French Students, Grades 8 – 12 to Quebec City, Canada from November 2 – 6, 2020.
- +8. Approve the overnight trip for Ecuador World Challenge, Grades 11 – 12 with approximate departure dates of June 29, 30 or July 1, 2021 for fourteen days.
- +9. 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 2020-2021 school year, due to the fact that there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible students in the Midland Park School District.

- +10. Approve the decommissioning of the following outdated High School textbooks:
 - 42 copies - Grade 9 Biology, Preparing for the NJ Biology Competency Test (ISBN: 978-1-56765-937-5)
 - 40 copies – Grade 9 Biology, Prentice Hall Biology (ISBN: 0-13-166255-4)
- +11. Approve senior citizens from Mill Gardens Assisted Living, Midland Park, NJ to visit Highland School to work with students on community service projects from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:
 - March 31; April 28; June 2 and June 9, 2020
- +12. Approve disabled students from the CTC Academy, Fair Lawn, NJ to visit Highland School to participate in mentoring activities in the gym and media center with the 6th grade students on the following dates:
 - April 28; June 9, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. McCourt asked about the Ecuador trip.
Dr. Cirasella stated that we can now move forward and fundraise like the Holocaust trip.

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

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following revised Bylaws and Policy:

a. Recording Board Meetings Bylaws Section 0168

b. Co-Curricular Activities (Mandated) Policy Section 2430

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

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

- Over 200 work orders have been submitted and completed since the beginning of the school year
- The work was completed while still maintaining the school grounds and completing preventive maintenance on district mechanical equipment

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

- We are looking to schedule the next meeting

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

No Report

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

No Report

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (J. Canellas)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell’Aglia)

- Awarding teacher grants this week
- Preparing for fundraisers

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- The musical, The Drowsy Chaperone, will be performed 3/27-3/29, tickets will be on sale starting 3/13
- Fundraising ideas
- Concern on what next year's musical will be
- Getting ready for candy and bake sales, looking for volunteers to man the tables
- Reviewing the applications for PAPS Scholarships

Special Education – (P. Triolo)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Denim & Diamonds Gala – 2/29

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

- Town day will be different this year. Geared toward adults and children

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

- Programs are up and running
- Developing new calendar

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

- The girls basketball team is 16-9, they are in the semi-finals
- The boys basketball team is 14-9
- Ludovic Guerdat, Gus Bickert and Kennedy Klinzing advanced to the Track State Sectional Championships
- The Concert Band is leaving for Chicago in less than 3 weeks, the weekend of 3/13

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of March 3, 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. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Eliya...
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy Garvey".

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary