

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 4, 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	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

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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

- Education Hall of Fame candidates
- Information was sent out via email on Coronavirus an district’s response, please contact the school with questions

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. 1216193151 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: All Yes

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the February 4, 2020 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas

1. Approve the list of Board of Education Standing Committees for the 2020 elective year, as per the attached appendix.

BM-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Action Items:

- 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 – Ms. Criscenzo...

1. Approve an unpaid Family Leave Act for Employee No. 0785, effective retroactive from February 1, 2020 through May 8, 2020.
2. Approve the appointment of Julian Diaz as a part-time Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective on or about February 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
3. Accept the retirement resignation of Carol Berninger, Godwin School Secretary, effective February 29, 2020.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve Kathleen McKinless as an aide for the Continuing Education After School Program one day a week at the rate of \$22.16 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.

- S-2. Approve Denise Connelly as a substitute aide for the Continuing Education After School Program one day a week at the rate of \$22.16 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the three-year Lease-Purchase Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and DeLage Landen Public Finance LLC for the purchase of 3 servers, supporting equipment and software upgrades. This purchase is through NASPO Contract #87720 with Core BTS, effective July 1, 2020 in the amount of \$16,532.72 per year.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the revised elementary curricula, as follows:

Grade Kindergarten, Art

Grade 1, Art

Grade 2, Art

Roll Call: All Yes

2. This item was pulled from the agenda.

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

3. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Michael Gaccione	Legal Issues III & Community Centered Education Based Athletics	North Haledon, NJ	\$268.45	2/11/2020
Eileen Ietto Kathleen Lepage	SLPs: Enhance Therapy Effectiveness for Auditory Processing Disorder, Memory Deficits, ADD & Language Processing	Fairfield, NJ	\$286.91 \$279.00	2/12/2020
Michael Gaccione	DAANJ Conference: NJSIAA Information Sessions; Vendors & Professional Development	Atlantic City, NJ	\$928.12	3/16 – 20, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of February 25, 2020 agenda items

- B. Finance Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)
- Started discussing the budget tonight, we will meet again on 2/25
- C. Curriculum Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
- Non-district enrollment
 - Trips will be approved
- D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
- Review of policies on next agenda
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)
- There were a number of education related bills signed into law at the last session ending on 1/13
 - Paul's Law – seizure action plans
 - A heat and humidity policy for conducting sports practices during times of higher heat and humidity
 - Emergency Action Plans for sports related injuries
 - Strengthening gifted and talented education, beginning Sept. 2020
 - Promoting school meals law. Mandates the US Dept. of Agriculture to Develop promotional materials for parents
 - Enrolling immigrant students, which states a district may not enroll students if they do not have the name and address of a parent on file with the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
 - Establishes the Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage to survey, design, encourage and promote the implementation of Latino and Hispanic cultural and education programs in public schools
 - Approximately twenty more bills are on the Governor's desk for his consideration, these include
 - Establish a Career and Technical Education Month, and a Financial Literacy Month
 - Student Depression Screenings
 - School Security Audits
 - Expanding Access to School Meals
 - Regulating online educational services providers
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
- Next meeting will be on 2/25
- G. Negotiations Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)
- Next meeting will be on 2/11
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (C. Dell'Aglio, Chairperson)
- We met tonight, we will meet again on 2/25
 - There were ideas that overlapped Technology and Public Relations
 - Dr. Cirasella will be following up

- I. Town Council- (R. Formicola, P. Triolo)
- Next meeting will be on 2/25
- J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)
- The girls basketball team is 10-6, they sadly lost to Cresskill by 2 points in OT
 - The boys basketball team is 10-7
 - Track meet yesterday, 2/3, against Ocean Breeze, Staten Island
 - Counties are next week
 - Sectionals are in two weeks
 - The Art Club painted a mural at the elementary school

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of February 25, 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. Eliya, seconded – Mr. Canellas...
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary