

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
JANUARY 21, 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

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

A moment of silence was held in memory of Mrs. Susan Steccato, parent and community member.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pilot Program update

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 – Mr. Triolo...

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

December 3, 2019  
December 17, 2019

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. **Approve the revised 2020-2021 Budget Preparation Calendar, 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 – Ms. Criscenzo...

1. Approve the increase in salary for the following teacher, effective February 1, 2020:

Shawn Savage          BA Step 5 (\$51,000) to MA Step 5 (\$54,000)

- +2. **Approve a paid sick leave of absence for Employee No. 0711, effective retroactive from December 24, 2019 through approximately February 6, 2020.**
- +3. **Approve an extension in the paid sick leave of absence for Employee No. 0069, effective February 3, 2020 through March 1, 2020.**
- +4. **Approve the appointment of Samuel McLean as a part-time Custodian. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective January 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020.**

- +5. **Approve Cassandra Smith, Godwin School teacher, as the instructor for the 2020 Kindergarten Readiness program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective July 6 – 23, 2020.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the appointment of Virginia Calero as the Payroll & Benefits Coordinator for the district. She will be paid a salary of \$64,000 prorated, effective on or before March 16, 2020 through June 30, 2020, as per the employment contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 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. December 2019 direct pays in the amount of \$479,499.23.
- b. December 2019 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$48,571.63.
- c. December 2019 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$8,175.88.
- d. Second December 2019 payroll in the amount of \$623,719.03.
- e. First January 2020 payroll in the amount of \$662,035.44.
- f. January 2020 claims in the amount of \$440,109.79

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period December 1 – 31, 2019, as per the attached appendix.

B-3

- +4. **Approve the transfers between accounts for the period December 1 – 31, 2019, as per the attached appendix.**

B-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion - , seconded - ...

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Morgan Altemus	NJ Middle Level Conference 2020	Union, NJ	\$157.12	3/13/2020

- +2. This resolution was pulled from the agenda.

- +3. Approve the Consumer Science Course of Study, as follows:

Middle School Culinary Program

High School Culinary Program

- +4. Approve the revised elementary curricula, as follows:

Grade K-2 ESL

Grade 3-6 ESL

Grade K-2 Physical Education

Grade K-2 Health

Grade 3-4 Physical Education

Grade 3-4 Health

Grade 5-6 Physical Education

Grade 5-6 Health

Grade K-2 Math

Grade 3 Math

Grade 4 Math

Grade 5 Math

Grade 6 Math

Grade K-2 Reading

Grade 3 Reading

Grade 4 Reading

Grade 5 Reading

Grade 6 Reading

Grade K-2 Writing

Grade 1-2 World Languages - Spanish

Grade K-2 Social Studies

Grade 3 Social Studies

Grade 4 Social Studies

Grade 5 Social Studies

Grade 6 Social Studies

Grade K-2 Science

Grade 3 Science

Grade 4 Science

Grade 5 Science

Grade 6 Science

Grade K-3 Music

Grade 4-6 Music

Grade 3-5 Art

Grade 6 Art

Grade 3-5 Theatre

Grade K-2 Dance

Grade 3-5 Dance

- +5. Approve the revised middle school and high school curricula, as follows:

Grade 9-12 ESL

Grade 7 World Cultures

Grade 8 Ancient World History

Grade 9 Modern World History

Grade 10 U.S. History 1

Grade 11 U.S. History 2

Grades 7-8 French, French 2, 3 and 4H

Grades 7-8 Spanish, Spanish 1, 2, 3 and 4

Grades 7-12 Physical Education

**Grades 7-12 Health**  
**Grades 7-8 Science**  
**Grade 9 Biology**  
**Grade 10 Chemistry**  
**Grades 11-12 Physics**

**Visual & Performing Arts:**

- **Digital Photography 2**
- **Middle School Choir**
- **Middle School Band**
- **High School Band**
- **High School Choir**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the first reading of the following revised Bylaws and Policy, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. Recording Board Meetings            | Bylaws Section 0168 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. Co-Curricular Activities (Mandated) | Policy Section 2430 | <u>D-1b</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

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

No Report

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

- The next meeting will be in February

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

No Report

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

- The meeting was very productive, we will be sharing the information shortly

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (J. Canellas)

- Meal train is still open
- Blue Moon Community Night – 3/9

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell’Aglia)

- Read-A-Thon
- Talent Show at Highland School – 1/31
- Talent Show at Godwin School – 2/7
- Planning movie day – 2/19
- Food truck fundraiser – 5/8
- Teacher Grants
- Working on fundraisers & events

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

- Hoops Mania
- Hall of Fame dinner – 3/28

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- Band concert was on 1/13
- Band trip to Chicago
- Drowsy Chaperone – 2/27-29
- Fundraisers
  - Kings cards
  - Raffles

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Denim & Diamonds fundraiser - 2/29
- Bling Shopping event – Touchstone – 1/30

Board of Recreation – (N. Eilya)

- Basketball is starting
- Community Day is 10/3
- Summer Camp registration starts in March
- Easter egg hunt

Continuing Education Program – (P. Triolo)

- There are some spots left for the ski trips

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

- Girls basketball is 8-5 (1<sup>st</sup> in their division)
- Boys basketball is 8-4
- Interact Fashion Show is this Sunday, 1/26 at the Brick House
- Quarter 2 ends this Friday, 1/24, next week is mid-terms
- Final report cards will be sent out on Friday, 1/31
- Quarter 3 officially begins on Monday, 1/27
- Gus Bickert beat the winter track school record for shot put with a 45 foot throw
- MB moved from SS3 to SS2

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

Motion – Mr. Eliya, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of February 4, 2020, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

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 – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary