

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 7, 2020**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Garvey at 8:00 p.m. and she 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.”

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MOTIONS

APPENDIX

- A. Presentation of the results of the Annual School District Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2019:

For Members of the Board of Education
3 three-year terms

	<u>Votes</u>
Keith DeBlasio	598
Arnold J. Detrick	590
Sandra Criscenzo	898
Brian McCourt	826
Richard Formicola	819

- B. Administration of Oath of Office to Sandra Criscenzo, Brian McCourt and Richard Formicola

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

C. Election of Officers:

1. Mr. Canellas nominated Mr. Formicola for Board President and Peter Triolo for Board Vice President. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion.

No other nominations were put forth.

Roll Call: 9 Yes

The Board Secretary turned the meeting over to the elected Board President Mr. Formicola.

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

To approve the following block motion:

- D. Approve the appointment of Stacy C. Garvey as the Board Secretary.
- E. Approve Continuation Under "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."
- F. Reaffirm the present Board policies.
- G. Reaffirm the standing Board Committees.
- H. Reaffirm the District Affirmative Action Plan.
- I. Reaffirm the K-12 Curricula as outlined in the Course of Study Guides, as per the attached appendix. RM-I
- J. Reaffirm the District Student Code of Conduct Manuals.
- K. Reaffirmation of the following negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and the:
 1. Midland Park Education Association
 2. Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association
 3. Individual staff members:
 - a. Superintendent of Schools
 - b. School Business Administrator
 - c. Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
 - d. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent
 - e. Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator
 - f. Assistant to the Business Administrator
 - g. Payroll & Benefits Coordinator
 - h. Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services
 - i. District Technology & Data Coordinator
 - j. Computer Technician
 - k. Computer Media Technician

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

To approve the following block motion:

L. Designate the following as Depositories for School Funds:

Columbia Bank
State of New Jersey Cash Management

Mr. McCourt asked if we have any other bank on record. Ms. Garvey responded no, that we no longer have a need. With limited amount of funding available for investment and the completion of the referendum, only use the depositories listed.

M. Designate the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies:

AXA Equitable	Metropolitan Life
AIG Valic	Security Benefit
Lincoln Investment Planning	National Life Group

N. Designate the following administrator for Chapter 125 flexible spending accounts services:

Ameriflex

O. Designate the following third-party administrator for 403B plans:

US Omni

P. Designate the following providers of optional employee funded disability, accident and/or cancer care plans:

American Family Life Assurance of Columbus, 'AFLAC'
Prudential Insurance Company of America

Q. Designate the School Architect:

Solutions Architecture

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

To approve the following block motion:

R. Designate the School Attorney:

Fogarty & Hara

S. Designate the School Auditor:

Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP

T. Designate the school Financial Advisor:

Phoenix Advisors, LLC

U. Designate the School Insurance Brokers:

FIRM, Inc. – Liability
Brown & Brown Advisors – Benefits Coordinator Consultant

V. Designate the Indoor Air Quality Consultant:

ER&M, Inc.

W. Designate the newspapers for Official Notices:

North Jersey Media Group (The Record)
The Ridgewood News

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

To approve the following block motion:

X. Approve the following appointments, effective January 1, 2020:

Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer	Danielle Bache
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Stacy Garvey
Substance Awareness Coordinator	Craig Rush
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	Scott Collins
Custodian of Records	Stacy Garvey
ADA Officer & 504 Committee Coordinator	Anne Marie Bruder
Asbestos Management & PEOSA Coordinator	Environmental Remediation & Management
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Stacy Garvey
School Safety Specialist	Nicholas Capuano

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

Y. Approve the authorization to award contracts up to a bid threshold of \$40,000 and to set the quote threshold at \$6,000.

Z. Approve the following officials to sign checks:

Superintendent
Board President
Board Secretary
High School Principal
Highland School Principal

AA. Recognize the following district support organizations:

Elementary PTA
High School PTA
Midland Park Athletic Booster Association
Midland Park Performing Arts Parents
Midland Park Public Education Foundation

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

BB. Annual discussion of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics and adoption of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, as per the attached appendix.

RM-BB

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

CC. Approve the use of the following cooperative purchasing groups:

Educational Data Service
Educational Services Commission
Hunterdon County Services Commission

Roll Call: All Yes

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*

Report of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) for Reporting Period 1, 2019-2020.

Approve the following resolution:

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1118193150 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 January 7, 2020 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the appointment of Margaret Owens as an Anti-Bullying Specialist at the High School. She will be paid a stipend of \$566.44, prorated for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, as per Schedule F of the MPEA contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- S-1. Approve the recommendation for the placement of a new high school classified student to continue attending New Bridges BCSS, Paramus, NJ, with a 1-1 Aide, effective retroactive to January 6, 2020 through June 25, 2020.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of January 21, 2020 agenda items

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

No Report

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

- Start moving on first draft for the Budget

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

- Staff workshops
- New Calendar
- Culinary program is going out to bid
- Revised Curriculum

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

- 1st reading of Bylaw Recording Meeting and Co-Curricular Activities

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report

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

- We have started the process of negotiations but had to cancel the last meeting
- We will be rescheduling and moving things forward

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

- Looking at the progress with Facebook.

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

- Meeting 1/14

J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)

- Musical rehearsal began for the Drowsy Chaperone
- Band winter concert – 1/15
- The girls basketball team is 5-3

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of January 21, 2020, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel 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 – Ms. Crisenzo...
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary