

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
MARCH 17, 2020**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Formicola at 5:30 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 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

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

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

February 4, 2020

February 25, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S.1 Authorizes the Superintendent to hire staff and approve other Board actions with retroactive Board approval at the next scheduled public Board meeting.

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. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the following High School students as Aides for the Girls Volleyball program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for 8 sessions from March 25 – May 20, 2020 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the High School:

Julia Calderone

Emilie Ghalam

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

	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Kimberly Craven Spring Track Assistant Coach	\$4,818

- +3. **This item was pulled from the agenda.**

- +4. **Approve the termination of Employee No. 1497, as a Bus Aide, effective retroactive to March 11, 2020.**

- +5. **Approve the appointment of Veronica Terrana as an Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$28,100 (Category V Step 6 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective April 13, 2020 (or sooner) through June 30, 2020.**

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

1. Resolution to Approve the Tentative 2020-2021 School Year Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the Tentative 2020-2021 School Year Budget, as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$22,929,658
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 323,275
Special Schools (Fund 13)	\$ 807,100
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$24,060,033
SPECIAL REVENUE (Fund 20)	\$ 482,278
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 937,475
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	 \$25,479,786

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve- Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$300,000 for other capital project costs to create a Life Skills Classroom at the High School and for lintel renovations at Highland School. The total costs of these projects represent expenditures for renovation elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the CCCS;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$20,983,476 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$937,475 to support Debt Service, for the 2020-2021 school year budget. Included in the General Fund Tax Levy is the need for a Banked Cap Adjustment in the amount of \$153,163 to be included in the base budget and used to support current programs as well as the purchase of new math textbooks at the elementary level and on-line textbooks at the secondary level. These purchases will be completed in the 2020-21 budget year.

2. Establish the following Travel Allowances and related expenses for district employees and trustees in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:A-7.3:

<u>2018-2019</u>		<u>2019-2020</u>		<u>2020-2021</u>
Maximum	Actual	Maximum	Current	Maximum
\$40,000	\$17,781	\$40,000	\$24,368	\$30,000

3. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of February 29, 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.

4. Approve the following block motion:

- a. February 2020 direct pays in the amount of \$820,731.35.
- b. February 2020 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$65,204.16.
- c. February 2020 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$39,419.67.
- d. Second February 2020 payroll in the amount of \$624,884.54.
- e. First March 2020 payroll in the amount of \$660,693.63
- f. March 2020 claims in the amount of \$445,179.52

5. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period February 1 – 29, 2020, as per the attached appendix.

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6. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period February 1 – 29, 2020, as per the attached appendix.

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7. This item was pulled from the agenda.

8. Approve the rental and use of the High School Rear Field and Gym to A-Game Soccer, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Girls Summer Soccer Camp from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon on Friday, the week of August 3 – 7, 2020.

+9. Approve the increase in the 2019-2020 Midland Park Continuing Education Budget by \$50,000, as follows:

Account # 13-602-100-890-03-70 – Misc. Expenditures

+10. Approve the rental and use of the High School Gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Youth Basketball games from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 28, 30; May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28; June 2, 4, 2020

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

+1. **Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Raina Parvanov	Making Best Use of Google Classroom in Science	Newark, NJ	\$288.86	5/14/2020
Dawson JoAnn Polhemus			\$288.86	

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

No Report

Special Education – (P. Triolo)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Denim and Diamonds event we a big success. Estimated earnings between \$20,000 - \$25,000
- We are working on applications for new Trustees and executive Board positions for 2020-2021
- 3/10 was the last day for seniors to apply for a scholarship, as of 3/9 there were 11 applicants
- The 2020 5K discussion has started, the date is set for 9/12

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of April 14, 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.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy Garvey".

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary