

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
Board of Education  
Midland Park, New Jersey  
October 15, 2019

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard 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 2019 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

Presentation of School Self-Assessment Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act  
Presentation of District Assessment Report

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

- Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...
1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

September 3, 2019  
September 17, 2019

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...
- +2. **Approve the submission of the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2018-2019 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education.**

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...
- +3. **Recognize the following district support organizations for the 2019-2020 school year:**

**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. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...
- +4. **Approve the tentative 2020-2021 Budget Preparation Calendar, as per the attached appendix.**

BM-4

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 following appointments to provide academic support/intervention as Math teachers for the Academic Support Lab at the Godwin School. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour through ESSA Title I funds during the 2019-2020 school year:

Suzanne Esposito  
Barbara Makela

2. Approve the following appointments to provide academic support/intervention as Reading teachers for the Academic Support Lab at the Godwin School. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour through ESSA Title I funds during the 2019-2020 school year:

Stacy Boufford  
**+Ashley Schwiederek**

3. Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2019-2020 school year:

	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Brianne Taylor                  Poetry Club	\$972.43
<b>+Danielle Vandenberghe Girls Who Code</b>	<b>\$439.27</b>

4. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1560, effective approximately December 29, 2019 through approximately January 25, 2020; a paid child care leave, effective approximately January 26, 2020 through February 22, 2020 and an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately February 23, 2020 through approximately May 23, 2020.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. **Approve the appointment of Lawry Stein as a Math teacher in the High School. She will be paid a prorated salary of \$71,250 (MA Step 14 on the MPEA salary guide), effective December 16, 2019 (or sooner) through June 30, 2020.**

- +6. **Approve the following job descriptions for club advisors at the High School, as per the attached appendices:**

**Girls Who Code**  
**NJ DECA**

**A-6a**  
**A-6b**

- +7. **Approve the following job descriptions for club advisors at Highland School, as per the attached appendices:**

**Ball Room Dancing Club**  
**Dungeons and Dragons Club**  
**Early Bird Club**

**A-7a**  
**A-7b**  
**A-7c**

- +8. **Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2019-2020 school year:**

	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Donna Halliwell                  Musical Director	\$1187.81
Musical Producer	\$ 439.27
Musical Assistant Director – Choral	\$ 600.90

Steve Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$ 600.90
Joanne Cannata	Musical Assistant Director – Choreography	\$ 600.90
Terry Alnor	Rehearsal Accompanist	\$ 893.82

- +9. Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the Highland School for the 2019-2020 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Traci Audino	Ball Room Dancing	\$439.27
Christian Lawlor	Dungeons & Dragons Club	\$439.27
Michael Kilgallen	Early Bird Club	\$439.27

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglione...

- +10. Approve the payment of stipends for Fall Curricula writing, as per the attached appendix.

A-10

- +11 Approve the following appointments to provide academic support/intervention as substitute teachers for the Academic Support Lab at the Godwin School. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour through ESSA Title I funds during the 2019-2020 school year:

Suzanne Kelly – Reading  
Ashley Schwiederek – Math

- +12. Approve the appointment of Jason Whelpley to teach a sixth period teaching assignment at the high school during the 2019-2020 school year. He will be paid an additional salary of \$5,499.90.

- +13. Approve the following staff members to provide home instruction to a middle school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from October 7, 2019 through November 11, 2019:

Brianne Taylor 2.5 hours per week  
Timothy Hamilton 9 hours per week

- +14. Approve the following appointment for the Midland Park Continuing Education Ski Program for 2020:

David Hershberger – Advisor

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +15. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1962, effective retroactive to October 10, 2019.  
+16. Approve the appointment of Judy Bley as a Building Aide in the elementary schools for two hours per day. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective October 16, 2019 through June 24, 2020.



- +6. **Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym to the North Jersey Mineralogical Society, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on the following dates:**

Friday, April 3, 2020 – 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (set up)

Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- +7. **Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Gravity Goldberg, to provide eight days of on-site balanced literacy professional development for Grades K-2, at a daily rate of \$1,800, not to exceed \$14,400 during the 2019-2020 school year.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. **Approve the acceptance of the Midland Park Public Education Foundation Grants for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$10,000.00.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Rosalyn Kessler	Enhancing Your School Nurse Practice	West Orange, NJ	\$296.17	12/18/2019
+Catherine Prinsell	Special Education Law in New Jersey	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	\$249.99	10/16/2019

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

- +2. **Approve the new course/program proposals at the High School:**

**Ceramics 2**

**Digital Photography 2**

**Drawing**

**Painting II**

**Sculpture 2**

- +3. **Approve the new club proposal at the High School:**

**NJ DECA**

- +4. **Approve the new club proposals at the Highland School:**

**Ball Room Dancing Club**

**Dungeons and Dragons Club**

**Early Bird Club**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

- +5. **Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Holocaust Class to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC from May 21 – 22, 2020.**
- +6. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a middle school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from October 4, 2019 through approximately November 4, 2019.**
- +7. **Approve the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Ski Program for four trips to Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ on the following dates:**

**January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020**

**Make up dates: February 6, 11, 13, 2020**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- +1. **Approve the new/revised Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:**

a. <b>Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities</b>	<b>Policy Section 3159</b>	<b><u>D-1a</u></b>
b. <b>Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances –Teaching Staff</b>	<b>Policy Section 3218</b>	<b><u>D-1b</u></b>
c. <b>Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances – Support Staff</b>	<b>Policy Section 4218</b>	<b><u>D-1c</u></b>
d. <b>Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing</b>	<b>Policy Section 4219</b>	<b><u>D-1d</u></b>
e. <b>Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures</b>	<b>Policy Section 6112</b>	<b><u>D-1e</u></b>
f. <b>School District Security</b>	<b>Policy Section 7440</b>	<b><u>D-1f</u></b>
g. <b>Student Transportation</b>	<b>Policy Section 8600</b>	<b><u>D-1g</u></b>
h. <b>Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility</b>	<b>Policy Section 8630</b>	<b><u>D-1h</u></b>
i. <b>Transportation of Special Needs Students</b>	<b>Policy Section 8670</b>	<b><u>D-1j</u></b>

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

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

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

- +1. **Approve the following resolution and attached appendices:**

**F-1**

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Midland Park School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Midland Park School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 for Midland Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports on the following dates and locations:

9/8/19	Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ, 7:50 a.m.
9/17/19	Forum School, Waldwick, NJ, 2:45 p.m.
9/20/19	Crossroads-BCSS, Paramus, NJ, 8:00 a.m.
9/25/19	Windsor Learning Center, Pompton Lakes, NJ, 8:35 a.m.
10/4/19	Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ, 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

- G. Negotiations Committee - (P. Triolo, Chairperson)
- Meeting tonight, started reviewing items
  - Beginning dialog, hoping it will move smoothly
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
- Shifting focus of committee, there will be more focus on Facebook and Twitter and not printed material, hoping to reach as many people as possible
- I. Town Council – (R. Formicola, P. Triolo)
- No Report
- J. Liaison Committee
- High School PTA - (J. Canellas)
- Rosario’s fundraiser – 11/5
  - A+ school rewards
  - In need of volunteers



Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

- Harvest festival – 10/17
- Book Fair – 10/21-25
- Kidstuff book fundraiser
- Emotional learning presentation

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

- Membership is down
- If not a member, will not receive a newsletter
- Venmo account was created
- Hoops Mania
- Grants
- Hall of Fame 3/28/20

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- Music in the Park went smoothly
- Chorus performance – 12/12
- New system – appoint liaison parent for each event and fundraisers
- Fund raisers
  - Dueling piano
  - Kings court
  - Raffles
  - Other fundraisers

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K already proposed for 9/12/20
- Grants
- Community thrift shop fundraiser
- Denim in Diamonds event 3/14

Board of Recreation – (N. Eliya)

- Fall basketball in progress
- Basketball registration is open for winter
- Football team is doing well
- Purchasing highly rated helmets
- 430 kids registered for soccer
- Trunk or Treat
- Tree lighting

Continuing Education Program – (P. Triolo)

No Report

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of November 5, 2019, 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.

Mr. Formicola invited the public to address the Board.

AJ Detrick asked about the presentation held on 6/4 on district fields. He asked if there has been any further discussion on turf and if the maintenance plan discussed was being followed. Dr. Cirasella responded that there has not been discussion by the Board on turf as of yet. Also, Dr. Cirasella and Ms. Garvey reassured Mr. Detrick that the maintenance plan for the fields was being followed.

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

To Adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary