

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 3, 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

BOARD 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.

Mr. Formicola announced that Cristen Shannon became the first female drum major at the University of Pittsburg. She stated that her experience at Midland Park gave her the foundation she needed.

Mr. Formicola made a statement on behalf of the Board – The Board is unanimous that we are not interested in pursuing any regionalization or sending relationships for our high school students at this time. If the opportunity presents itself in the future we will look into it then, but we are happy with what is happening in our district, always keeping in mind what is best for our students.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- Presentation on Action Plan for Improvement – Middle School Mathematics
- First day back for teachers
- Welcome to the students on Thursday
- HIB – changes in mandates

1. Approve the following resolutions:

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

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0617193141 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.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0619193142 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.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0621193143 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.
- d. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0621193144 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 September 3, 2019 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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 increase in salary for the following teachers, effective retroactive to September 1, 2019:

Christian Lawlor	BA Step 4 (\$50,500) to MA Step 4	(\$53,250)
Paul Marino	MA Step 5 (\$54,000) to MA +30 Step 5	(\$58,850)
Jennifer Stalb	BA Step 11 (\$57,250) to MA Step 11	(\$63,500)
Amy Tamburri	MA Step 4 (\$53,250) to MA +30 Step 4	(\$58,250)
Kristy Victory	MA Step 6 (\$54,999) to MA +30 Step 6	(\$59,500)

2. Approve the appointment of Gwenn Hendrick as a Special Education teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$54,000 (MA Step 5 on the MPEA salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
3. Approve a paid medical leave for Employee No. 0069, effective September 1 – 30, 2019.
4. Approve the appointment of Ranisha McClendon as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$25,000 (Category V Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
5. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2019-2020 school year, as per the attached appendix:
6. Approve the following Truck Drivers for the Marching Band during the 2019-2020 school year:

James Hartmann
Susan Opderbeck
Mark Schaefer
Joseph Statuto

Roll Call: All yes

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the Annual Contracts for Services between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division and the Midland Park Public School District to provide services to classified students during the 2019-2020 school year, as follows:
 - Teacher of the Deaf Services:
 - maximum of one session weekly, at a rate not to exceed \$6,600
 - maximum of two sessions weekly, at a rate not to exceed \$13,200
 - maximum of four sessions weekly, at a rate not to exceed \$26,400
 - Auditory Verbal Techniques Services for one session monthly, at a rate not to exceed \$1,650
 - Transition Services at a rate not to exceed \$6,334

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2. Approve the School Contracts between the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Midland Park School District at a cost of \$1,900 for each of two classified elementary school students, effective retroactive from September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
3. Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Mary Oates to provide 38 on-site days of professional development not to exceed \$30,400 during the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Approve the use of \$234,715 of the General Fund Budget and \$97,084 of Title Funding to support the district Professional Development Plan, which represents 1.4% of the district budget.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the new curricula which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards and new QSAC regulations, as follows:
Genius Hour-Grade 8
Personal Finance-Grade 6-8

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of September 17, 2019 agenda items

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

No Report

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

- Staff request for workshop attendance will be on the next agenda.

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

- County meeting 9/15- we will get news at that time

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

No Report

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

- A meeting will be scheduled shortly

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

- A meeting will be scheduled before the next Board meeting

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

No Report

J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, Mr. Triolo...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of September 17, 2019, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Formicola attended the new teacher orientation and stated there are great new teachers that are excited to be here.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Mr. Formicola invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Eliya, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

To Adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary