

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
DECEMBER 1, 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:

“Both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting were 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 or students.”

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

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*

Pivot to Fully Remote Learning

- The day after the announcement was made that we were pivoting to full remote learning through December 11, there were additional positive results among individuals in our district. The Board of Health was contacted and contact tracing was conducted, the families were advised as needed. Specific families and involved staff were notified.

Winter Sports – NJSIAA Revised Start Dates

- The NJSIAA, the governing body for our state's school sports, has pushed back the start of winter sports. The new start dates for our district are as follows:
 - Season 2: Basketball, Bowling: January 11 (Practice) & January 26 (Competition)
 - Season 2a: Winter Track & Field: February 1 (Practice) & February 16 (Competition)
 - Season 3: Girls Volleyball, Wrestling: March 1 (Practice) & March 16 (Competition)

NJQSAC SOA

- Every year all NJ public school districts, whether they are being held to a full QSAC review or not, must submit a Statement of Assurances (SOA) to the county office by December 15. On this agenda, the score summary for this year's SOA was provided. The district has scored 100% in the DPR areas of Governance, Fiscal Management, Personnel and Operations. The SOA indicates the Instruction & Program score is 40, which is NOT the actual score. The county office must provide the remainder of the score indicators relative to standardized testing. It is uncertain, at this time, what the department will do this year in the absence of benchmark scores. We will keep you posted as new information is received.

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

APPENDIX

1. Approve the submission of the Midland Park School District's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District Performance Review for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the attached appendix.

SR-1

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the December 1, 2020 agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the following procedures for conducting remote Board of Education meetings:

Meetings will be broadcast live on local public access channels, 77 for Cablevision customers and 47 for Verizon customers. Members of the public may pose questions/comments by email to the Board Secretary by 5 p.m. the day of the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the district website by 5 p.m. the next day.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings as per the attached appendix.

BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2020-2021 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 – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the appointment of Kristen Sullivan to provide supplemental instruction for at-risk students for the Academic Support Lab in the High School during the 2020-2021 school year. She will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour through the ESSA Grant (Title I funds).
2. Approve the following new club advisor job description, as per the attached appendix.

School Website Liaison

A-2

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of December 15, 2020 agenda items

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

- Resolutions will be populated for next agenda

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

- New courses for High School on next agenda

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

- 8 policies to review and for vote on next agenda

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

- All playing fields have been slit seeded and over seeded
- Field blankets to be installed on Stadium field this week
- All fields have been aerated and fertilized
- Maintaining baseball and softball fields
- District-wide leaf clean up
- Hung large white board and projector in life skills suite at the High School
- Fixed/replaced several restroom fixtures district wide
- Lintel Project – Highland School: The project is moving along nicely. All demo has been completed. New steel lintels have been ordered as well as the new brick

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

No Report

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (C. Dell'Aglia, Chairperson)

The posting for the Website Liaison position has been done and applicants are being considered.

The B&G video has been edited and is complete. We will be recording the narrative within a day or so and then Zack will edit the two together. We hope to have it ready for an eblast by the end of the week.

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

No Report

J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Ms. Dell'Aglia, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of December 15, 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 submitted.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary