

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 6, 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:

Open Public Meeting Act 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

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*

- School re-opening report
 - During this challenging time of providing education in a COVID-19 pandemic, we are continuing the process of planning for a second phase of school re-opening. It is important to remember there is no prescriptive for the phases each district must identify for its own re-opening process. Other districts executed a very different Phase 1, each district is using what works for them. Our Phase 2 will be unique to the needs of our district and what we determine to be the best educational plan, keeping student and staff safety as a top priority. There is no timeframe for the onset of Phase 2, we continue to have discussions on how to proceed. We will keep the community apprised of any developments, understanding health guidance, NJDOE direction and governmental mandates. Any questions or concerns with regard to our reopening plans, please contact me or any district administrator.
- Week of Respect/School Violence Awareness Week
 - The week of October 5-9 is designated by the State of NJ as The Week of Respect, a time when we focus on creating/sustaining school environments that was welcoming and supportive to all. We will continue to recognize this annual event in grade appropriate ways. This year, we understand the need to be aware of virtual instances of HIB. We also provide a Week of Respect Newsletter to our community. The newsletter can be found on the ABR link on the district website.
 - School Violence Awareness Week is later in the month on October 18-23. It is the district's clear, consistent message throughout the school year about a positive school climate and student behavioral expectations that will help reduce violence and create a safe and supportive learning environments for all students and staff.
- Discontinue use of disinfecting wipes by students
 - Following the recommendation of the West Bergen Board of Health, we have discontinued student use of disinfectant wipes. Parents are asked to contact their child's principals with any individual concerns, which will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the October 6, 2020 agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan, Crisis Intervention Procedures and Emergency Management Plan.

Roll Call: All Yes

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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 – Mr. Triolo, seconded- Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 2009, effective retroactive from September 21, 2020 through October 8, 2020 and an unpaid medical leave of absence, effective October 9, 2020 through October 16, 2020.
2. Approve the extension of a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 0473, effective retroactive from October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020.
3. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1772, effective approximately October 26, 2020 through November 4, 2020; a paid child care leave, effective approximately November 9, 2020 through December 4, 2020; and an unpaid leave of absence as the NJ Family Medical Leave Act, effective approximately December 7, 2020 through February 26, 2021.
4. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1958, effective October 23, 2020.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-5
6. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at Highland School for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-6
7. Approve the following addition to the list of Fall Coaches at the High School for the 2020-2021 school year:

Add: Jason Annitti	Assistant Football Coach	Volunteer
Paul Cronk	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	Volunteer

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Susan Vander Pyl, as a Non-Public Nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective October 1, 2020 through the end of Eastern Christian's School year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions.

2. Approve the Annual Contract for Non-Public Nursing Services for the 2020-2021 school year with the County of Bergen, Department of Health Services and the Midland Park Board of Education/Eastern Christian School.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Accept the New Jersey Department of Education funding for non-public schools for the 2020-2021 school year as follows and approve the purchases using the entitlement funding.

Textbook Aid \$10,324.00

Nursing Aid \$16,975.00

4. Approve the Participation Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing of Telecommunication Services with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

5. Approve the School Contract between the Midland Park School District and the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for two elementary school students to receive educational services at the rate of \$2,100 per student for the 2020-2021 school year.
6. Approve the Annual Contracts for One to One Assistants between the Bergen County Special Services School District and the Midland Park Board of Education to provide one to one assistants for two students. The rate for each assistant is \$52,000, effective September 3, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
7. Approve Viva Your Voice, Inc., Parsippany, NJ for translation and interpretation services, if needed, during Department of Special Education meetings. Their fee is \$125 per hour during the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the tuition rate for out-of-district students to attend the Midland Park Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, as follows:

Pre/K – \$16,350

Grades 1-5 - \$20,286

Grades 6-8 - \$21,873

Grades 9-12 - \$21,772

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the reading of the following revised Mandated Policy, as per the attached appendix:

a. Gifted and Talented Students

Policy Section 2464 D-1a

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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

9/24/2020 – Windsor Bergen Academy, Ridgewood, NJ, 8:40 a.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of October 20, 2020 agenda items

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

No Report

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

- “The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials” will be on 10/20 agenda

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

- There are a number of policies on 10/20 agenda

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

- Election Day – no in-person staff presence in schools, the state wants schools to be available for last minute polling station needs.
- Virtual Emergency Closing (Snow Days) are still under discussion at the state level
- The proposed legislation will ease the requirements to be a substitute teacher by requiring only 30 college credits and NJASA has requested the teacher candidate

must be at least 20 years of age. This change is to help ease the districts burden when there is a lack of teachers due to quarantining or illness.

- The Flu Immunization Mandate Bill, #S2907- Commencing with the 2020-2021 school year, this bill requires students who attend a public or private school, preschool, child care center or institution of higher education be annually vaccinated as a condition of enrollment and continued attendance.

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

- Lintel project
- Replacement doors at Godwin School
- Various repairs in the school buildings
- Maintaining school grounds

G. Negotiations Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)
No Report

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

- We had a meeting tonight, will have the minutes out tomorrow, 10/7

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

- Next meeting scheduled for 10/27

J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of October 20, 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

The Board appreciates everything everyone is doing. Appreciates the hard work of the Superintendent, Administration and Staff.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...
To Adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stacy Garvey".

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary