

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

“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	Patricia Fantulin
	Brian McCourt	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	Richard Formicola

Excused: Nabil Eliya

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*

Dr. Cirasella was happy to report that a letter was received from Louis DeLisio, Bergen Executive County Superintendent, that the County Dept. of Education reviewed our district reopening plan against the NJDOE checklist of mandates and found that our plan contained all the required elements. Our team has worked tirelessly to ensure we would re-open with all required elements completed and we have. I was in all the schools today and things went very smoothly. The Administrative team and I met with staff to remediate any concerns they had. There are State of NJ requirements and recommendations from other sources on the reopening plan. With the future being unknown, we are committed to adhering to the health and safety guidelines outlined in our plan. We will seek guidance from the local health department and other state agencies when difficult decisions must be made.

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

There were no questions asked by the public.

BOARD MOTIONS

- Motion - Ms. Criscenzo, seconded - Mr. McCourt...
1. Approve the District Goals for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the attached appendix. APPENDIX
BM-1

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 – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...
1. Approve 10 additional summer hours for Karen Corcoran, Certified School Nurse at the High School.
 2. Approve a child care leave for Employee No. 0717 in accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”).
 3. Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 0473, effective September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.
 4. Approve the appointment of Andrea Perricelli as a BSI Math teacher in the elementary schools. She will be paid a salary of \$51,000.00 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
 5. Approve the appointment of Courtney Woods as a 1st grade maternity leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$49,000.00 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2020 through January 13, 2021.

6. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the attached appendix.

A-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Rescind Board Motion A-13 of the August 18, 2020 Agenda to appoint Nicole Furbacher as an Instructional Aide in the High School for the 2020-2021 school year.
- S-2. Approve a child care leave for Employee No. 1241 in accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”).
- S-3. Approve a child care leave for Employee No. 0368 in accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”).
- S-4. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment at the high school for each of the following teachers. They will be paid an additional salary as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA contract, which will be prorated effective September 1, 2020 through November 20, 2020:

Jessica Lee	AP Calculus	\$3,300.00
Kaitlin Sullivan	Geometry CP	\$2,450.00
Danielle Vandenberg	Pre-Calculus CP	\$3,787.50
Lawry Stein	Pre-Calculus H	\$3,775.00

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve Bergen County Special Services to provide hospital instruction for the 2020-2021 school year to students receiving medical or rehabilitative care at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, NJ at the rate of \$65.00 per hour.
2. 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 September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions.
3. Approve the contract with Maryanne Kroll to provide Physical Therapy for a classified student at the High School twice a week at the rate of \$100.00 per session.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the proposal from A.N.A. Contracting, Warren, NJ for emergent roof repair to Godwin School in the sum of \$26,950.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

S-5. Approve the following new Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. Restart and Recovery Plan | Policy Section 1648 | S-5a |
| b. Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act | Policy Section 1649 | <u>S-5b</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

No Report

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

- One request for workshop on next agenda

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

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

- Ready for school opening
- Sprayers lent by BCSS until we receive ours
- Videos sent by Mr. Collins, possibly make viewable for the community

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

No Report

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

- There will be a meeting soon

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

- Maybe schedule a meeting for October

J. Student Representative- (Samantha Padovano)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of September 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.

Emails were received from members of the public stating they were upset with the technology problems and not being able to see the meeting live.

Discussion by the Board on how to proceed due to technical issues and any consequences of violating OPMA. Seeking attorney advisement.


Mr. Formicola thanked the Administration for all that was done for the opening of school.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary