

# MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## WORK SESSION AGENDA

**TUESDAY  
June 6, 2023**

**8:00 P.M.  
MEDIA CENTER,  
MIDLAND PARK JR. /SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Call to Order**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **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 2023 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:**

### **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT** *Mr. Brian McCourt*

#### ***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 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.***

### **Hall of Fame Inductions:**

Joan Brennan  
Lee Tracy

### **Teachers of the Year:**

Erin Holmes  
Christine Carr  
Morgan Altemus  
Joann Manicone

### **Retirees:**

Trina Bradley  
Eileen Brown  
Jeffrey Hackett  
Maureen Fister-Donatien  
Anne Schaper  
Carole Steel  
Teresa Wecht

## **Athletic Director of the Year – Patriot Division (1)**

Glenn Stokes

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Approve the following resolutions:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0417233176 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.**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0421233177 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.**

**Student Representative to the Board - (Declan Feehan)**

**Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the June 6, 2023 agenda.**

### **Action Items and Committee Reports:**

#### **BOARD MOTIONS**

1. Appoint Virginia Calero as Acting Board Secretary for June 6, 2023.
2. Recognize and approve the name change of the Midland Park Continuing Education to Midland Park Community School.

#### **APPENDIX**

##### **A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)**

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2022-2023 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.

1. Approve the following staff to work at the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp effective on June 26, 2023 through August 11, 2023:  
Declan Feehan (Counselor)  
Lindsey Kontos (Counselor)

2. Approve the following staff to work at Midland Park Continuing Education Basketball Camp effective on June 26, 2023 through June 30, 2023:  
Adam Sidrow – Head Coach  
John Michael Santulli – Assistant Coach
  
3. Approve the following Aides to work for the Midland Park Continuing Education Before and After School Child Care Program effective June 7- June 22, 2023.  
Daniel Kearne  
Clare Kearney  
Dakota Daniel
  
4. Approve the following staff to work as counselors at the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp effective June 26, 2023 - August 11, 2023  
Alyssa Cornetta  
Linsey Kontos  
Clare Kearney  
Olivia Calderone  
Dakota Daniel  
Felicia Robinson  
Julianna Convertino  
Declan Feehan
  
5. Approve the appointment of Samantha Severance as the Elementary ELL/Spanish teacher at Highland Elementary School. She will be paid a salary of \$52,000 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
  
6. Accept the resignation of employee #2092, as of June 30, 2023.
  
7. Approve the appointment of Nima Durso as a Science teacher in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$79,350.00 (MA Step 10 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
  
8. Approve the appointment of Amelia Rodgers as a leave replacement teacher at the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$54,999 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through November 22, 2023.
  
9. Approve the job descriptions for the following positions, as per the attached appendix: A-9  
Class and Trip Coordinator  
Program Co-Coordinator/Financial Manager  
Youth Program Coordinator
  
10. Approve the appointment of and Employment Contracts for the following employees:  
Magdalena Kauker- Class and Trip Coordinator for the Midland Park Community School  
JoAnn Francolino- Program Co-Coordinator/Financial Manager  
Beth Kasbarian- Youth Program Coordinator
  
11. Approve Margaret Owens as Thrive Club Advisor to be paid in accordance with Schedule F of the MPEA Agreement. 50% of the stipend will be paid through ARP-ESSER Funds.

12. Approve stipend payment to the following ABA trained Instructional Aides, in accordance with the MPEA Agreement :

Godwin School: (Preschool)	LLD	Highland School:
Barrie Facente	Nereka Jones	Susan MacMillian
Janet Fahy	Denise McPhillamy	MaryAnne Blau
Anotonia McNaught	Marissa Gordon	Kathleen McKinless
Victoria Lesione		Lisa Dougherty

13. Approve the following appointments for Home Instruction. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$36.77 per hour. No more than 10 hours per week, effective retroactively from May 22, 2022:

Subject	Teacher	Hours/Week
Physics	Eric Ferro	2
PE 10	Lisa McNerney	.5
English 10	Kori Smith	2
Sociology	Hanora Bellucco	1
Broadcasting I	Lisa Hayne	.5
US History II	Eric Ferro	2
Geometry	Therese Seiders	2

14. Approve the appointment of Kristin Kramer as an English teacher in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$61,000 (MA +30 Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
15. Approve the appointment of Sean Gang as a Physical Education/Health teacher at Godwin School. He will be paid a salary of \$51,500 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
16. Approve the reappointment of Luz Denise Rivera as a Bus Driver (part time). She will be paid an hourly rate of \$29.00 effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
17. Approve the resignation of employee #2207, as of June 9, 2023.

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

- Accept a grant for Computer Science education from Computer Solution of New Jersey Coalition (CS4NJ) for the 2023-2024 school year, in the amount of \$1000.
- Approve the MPCE rental by Kris Gmerek for a Volleyball Clinic at Midland Park Highland School from July 5,2023 - August 15, 2023, Grades 4-8, from M-F - 9am-11am, at a rate of \$70 per hour.
- Approve the list of student scholarships as per the attached appendix. **B-3**

4. Approve the alternative placement of Special Education Student in Fusion Academy, Englewood, effective June 4, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

1. Approve the recommendation for home instruction for a classified high school student, for a maximum of 10 hours per week, effective retroactive from May 22, 2023.

D. Policy Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

E. Legislative Committee- (Dr. Marie Cirasella)

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (N. Eliya, Chairperson)

G. Negotiations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

I. Town Council- (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)

J. Diversity Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of June 20, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-** general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**FOR TUESDAY, June 6, 2023**

6:40	Curriculum Committee Meeting
6:55	Diversity Committee Meeting
7:10	Policy Committee Meeting
7:30	Closed Executive Meeting
8:00	Board Work Session