

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 25, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. McCourt 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 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

Present: James Canellas Sandra Criscenzo
 Christine Dell’Aglia Nabil Eliya
 Maryalice Thomas Patricia Fantulin
 Brian McCourt

Excused: Richard Formicola
 Peter Triolo

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
 Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Mr. Brian McCourt

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

- 2021-2022 School Performance Report Presentation
- Glenn Stokes Named Athletic Director of the Year for the Patriot Division. He is doing an amazing job for our district. Devoted to our students and athletic programs.
- Midland Park received a 22-23 Sportsmanship Schools Award. We are so proud of our student-athletes for the maturity, kindness and composure they demonstrate during athletic contests.
- Midland Park received a 2023 Best Communities for Music Education from the NAMM Foundation. This award is given to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music access and education to all students. We congratulate our administrators, teachers and talented students.

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

Approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0106233171 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. 0307233170 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: Yes 6, Abstain 1 (P. Fantulin)

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

Open to the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

March 7, 2023

March 21, 2023

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. **Approve the landing of the AirMed One helicopter on the rear field of the Midland Park High School on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 1:45 p.m. with a rain date of Friday July 14, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. This landing is in connection with a demonstration exercise for the Midland Park Junior Police Academy.**

Roll Call: All Yes

- 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.

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

1. Approve the appointment of the following staff members to provide summer support for students at risk of not graduating. They will be paid \$60.95 per hour as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA agreement. 100% of the salaries will be paid through Title 1 funds for three days per week, during the month of July:

Emily Donovan	Math
Maureen Kelley	English
Paul Marino	Social Studies

2. Approve a paid disability leave for Employee No. 1310 effective approximately May 5, 2023 through June 20, 2023, an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective September 1, 2023 through November 27, 2023, and an additional unpaid leave of absence as per the MPE agreement until January 31, 2024.
3. Approve Mary Ann Peterfriend as a Special Education leave replacement in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$66,000 (MA +30 Step 9 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective May 8, 2022 through June 22, 2023.
4. Approve a paid medical leave for Employee No. 0895 effective May 15, 2023 through June 22, 2023.

5. Approve the following staff to work as counselors at the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp from on June 26, 2023, through August 11, 2023

McKenzie Cieri
Allison Hallak
Megan DeMarco
Paige Tuozzo
Daniel Kearney
Carolyn McCourt
Sara Fonticoba
Julia Calderone
Vinnette Komjian
Cadence Schmidt
Gabriella DelValle
Marie Theodorides
Sophie Mahoney
Sydney Cieri
Samantha Tuozzo
Sean Olson
Sofia Zammit (CIT/Volunteer)

6. Approve Anthony Cornetta as the Assistant Coordinator at the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp starting June 26, 2023, through August 11, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approved the following staff to work at the Midland Park Continuing Education Park Players Summer Theater Workshop starting on July 11, 2023, through July 28, 2023:

Sara Stern (Volunteer/CIT)
Sadie Cebulski (Volunteer/CIT)
Edward Cebulski (Volunteer/CIT)
Samantha Cebulski (Counselor)
Emma VanKleek (Volunteer/CIT)
Luciano Termini (Volunteer/CIT)

- +8. **Approve a medical leave for Employee No. 1883 effective May 1, 2023 through June 9, 2023.**

- +9. **Approve the following students to volunteer at the Midland Park Continuing Education Youth Track & Field clinic scheduled for June 5, 6, 12, and 13, 2023:**

Jake Abramson	Ava Agrati
Jeremy Amos	Kelly Ballen
Christina Brenna	Tim Bricca-Hall
Jules Butler	Riley Butler
Samantha Cebulski	Eddie Cebulski
Brayden Crean	Charlie Denekamp

**Nick Esposito
Sean Fells
Alexa Hermanns
Julia Kalata
Sadie Mcilveen
Josh Schott
Samantha Stokes
Alexis Williamson**

**Jake Douma
Stephania Granados
Jorge Hernandez
Lindsey Kontos
Christina Saliba
Sophia Southey
Cienna Thimme**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin
Approve the following resolutions

1. BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of March 31, 2023, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, subject to the conditions of P.L. 1701.
2. **Approve the following block motion:**
 - a. **March 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$492,409.25.**
 - b. **March 2023 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$57,191.55.**
 - c. **March 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$49,655.00.**
 - d. **First April 2023 payroll in the amount of \$689,405.63.**
 - e. **Second March 2023 payroll in the amount of \$674,756.13.**
 - f. **April 2023 claims in the amount of \$382,093.21.**
3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period March 1– 31, 2023: B-3
4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period March 1 – 31, 2023, as per the attached appendix: B-4
- +5. **Authorize the Business Administrator to execute the Agreement for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services between the Midland Park Borough School District and Phoenix Advisors, LLC for the 2023-2024 school year.**

- +6. **Approve the following teachers to provide home instruction to a classified high school student, effective retroactive from April 10, 2023 through June 22, 2023, for no more than 10 hours a week. They will be paid at the rate of \$36.77 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:**

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

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia

- S-1 **Approve the agreement with Unit 9 Films, Inc. for the use of the Midland Park High School as a location for the filming of a commercial on April 29, 2023. Unit 9 Films, Inc. is donating \$2500 to the Midland Park High School.**

Roll Call: All Yes

- C. Curriculum Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

1. Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...
Approve an Overnight Trip for the Marching Band Students – Grades 7 – 12 to New York State Field Band Championships at The Dome in Syracuse, NY on October 27, 2023 – October 29, 2023.
- +2. **As the result of two unused emergency closing days, approve the adjustment to the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar to reflect that schools will be closed on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and the last day of school for students and teachers will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023.**
- +3. **Approve the recommendation for a classified high school student to be placed on home instruction, effective retroactive from April 10, 2023 through May 19, 2023.**
- +4. **Approve the recommendation for a classified out of district student to receive home instruction and counseling services through New Pathways Counseling, Inc., at the rate of \$600 per week, effective retroactive April 17, 2023 through June 22, 2023.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

+1. **Approve the following revised Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:**

a.	Citizens Advisory Committee	Policy Section 9140	D-1a
b.	Instructional Supplies	Policy Section 2520	D-1b
c.	Health Services Personnel	Policy Section 5305	D-1c
d.	Student Health Records	Policy Section 5308	D-1d
e.	Health Service	Policy Section 5310	D- 1e
f.	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grand Expenditures	Policy Section 6112	D-1f
g.	Federal Funds – Duplication of Benefits (New)	Policy Section 6115.04	D-1g
h.	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants	Policy Section 6311	D-1h

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+2. **Approve the abolishment of the following Mandated Policies:**

a.	Citizens Advisory Committee	Policy Section 9140
b.	Public Relations	Policy Section 9100

Roll Call: Yes 6, Abstain 1 (C. Dell’Aglío)

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

The New Jersey Dual Enrollment Study Commission, established through legislation signed by Governor Phil Murphy, has released its report calling for expanded access to dual enrollment programs that allow high school students to earn college credit while still in high school. The report acknowledges the importance of expanding access to these programs.

MPHS students have the opportunity to participate in 40 of these classes. MPHS offers 20 AP classes and 20 dual enrollment courses. The impressive number of courses offered for a school of our size is significant and we are proud of the program.

We believe our program can serve as a model for other districts and will be reaching out to the department for further information.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (N. Eliya, Chairperson)

Motion – N. Eliya, seconded – C. Dell’Aglione...

1. Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report on the following date and location:

March 24, 2023 Midland Park High School, Midland Park, NJ, Route #3, N. Capuano
March 27, 2023 Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ, Route #1, D. Bache
March 28, 2023 Highland School, Midland Park, NJ, Route #1, P. Galasso
April 4, 2023 Windsor Prep., Paramus, NJ, Route #2, S. Upton
April 6, 2023 Bergen County Special Services, Paramus, NJ, Route #2, M. Porcurello
April 11, 2023 Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ, Route #2, C. Lee

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

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

No Report

I. Town Council Committee – (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)

- Next meeting on 5/23

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

- The Facebook page posts opportunities to learn about what is happening in our schools
- More information will be gathered and shared with the Board.

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (C. Dell’Aglione)

- Pocketbook Bingo
- Therapy dogs program
- PTA is always looking to do great things for our students

Elementary School PTA- (P. Fantulin)

- Musical at Highland School- Annie
- Jump Rope for Hearts Challenge at Godwin School
- Field day T-Shirts
- Parents’ Night Out
- Open House

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

- Harlem Wizards event

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

- Middle School Chorus – 4/26
- High School Chorus – 4/27

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

- The latest presentation from Special Services is on the website

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- A \$2,500 scholarship will be presented to a seniors
- The reorganization meeting will be in May

Board of Recreation – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (N. Eliya)

- A number of programs for the community
- There are summer programs available

L. Old Business

No Report

M. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of May 2, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas stated that tomorrow is Administrative Assistance Day. The Board should recognize the individuals who keep our district running.

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

No one from the public chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Eliya, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin ...
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary