

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 17, 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
	Richard Formicola	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	Patricia Fantulin

Brian McCourt

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.

Report of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) for Reporting Period 1, 2022-2023.

Dr. Cirasella presented the SSDS and HIB Period 1 reports to the Board.

Presentation on Godwin School Guidance Program by Ms. Bache and Ms. Soderman.

- Ms. Bache and Ms. Soderman presented on the Godwin School Guidance Program. Ms. Soderman's position is being funded through the ESSER III grant and she comes to us from West Bergen Mental Health.

Dr. Cirasella thanked Ms. Bache and Ms. Soderman for their presentation. She stated it was wonderful to learn more about the Guidance Program.

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

- The Midland Park School District was ranked 71st in the whole state of New Jersey
- 8th Grade received an drug and alcohol education series with workshops Monday through Thursday, 1/9-12, and on Friday 1/13, there was an assembly: Don't Get Vaped in: Rise above the Vaper
- The band had its annual winter concert on Thursday, 1/12 with selections from popular holiday movies such as Home Alone
- Bergen County High School Choir and Bergen County High School Band started and ended last week and their performance was Sunday, 1/15
- The second quarter ends this Friday and midterms will take place over the course of next week
- Course registration for the 2-23-2024 school year is also taking place this week

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on December 13, 2022.
- +2. **Approve the list of Board of Education Standing Committees for the 2023 elective year, as per the attached appendix.**

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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. Dell’Aglia...

- +1. **Rescind the appointment of Deborah Marks to provide supplemental instruction for at-risk students in the Academic Support Lab at the High School, effective January 20, 2023.**
- +2. **Approve the appointment of Paul Marino to provide supplemental instruction for at-risk students in the Academic Support Lab at the High School. He will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, to be paid 100% through the ESSER III Beyond the School Day funds, effective January 23, 2023 through June 30, 2023.**
- +3. **Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Deborah Marks Detention Monitor, effective January 23, 2023	
Add:	Theresa Wecht Detention Monitor, effective January 23 – June 22, 2023	\$524.00
	Jessa Cabibbo 8th Grade Team Leader	\$473.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. **Approve the increase in salary for the following teacher, effective February 1, 2023:**

Morgan Altemus MA Step 6 (\$54,999) to MA +30 Step 6 (\$59,500)

- +5. **Approve the transfer in position for Virginia Calero, Payroll & Benefits Coordinator to Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent and approve the employment contract, effective February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.**
- +6. **Approve an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act for Employee No. 1915, effective February 6, 2023 through March 31, 2023.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. **Approve the following revised job descriptions:**

- a. Assistant to the Business Administrator
- b. Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator/ Assistant Board Secretary
- c. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent
- d. Payroll and Benefits Coordinator

- S-2. **Approve the following individual employee contracts, effective February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023:**

- a. Assistant to the Business Administrator
- b. Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
- c. Payroll and Benefits Coordinator

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (James Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 2022, 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. December 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$479,018.69.
- b. December 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$50,042.60.
- c. December 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$25,398.23.
- d. First December 2022 payroll in the amount of \$729,045.18.
- e. Second December 2022 payroll in the amount of \$691,959.68.
- f. First January 2023 payroll in the amount of \$675,995.43
- g. January 2023 claims in the amount of \$516,442.98

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period December 1 – 31, 2022:

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4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period December 1 – 31, 2022, as per the attached appendix:

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5. Approve the following resolution for gas procurement through ACES, as per the attached appendix:

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6. Approve the following resolution for electric generation services through ACES, as per the attached appendix:

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+7. **Approve the agreement with Learn Well to provide 10 hours of educational services per week to a classified high school student on bedside instruction, at the rate of \$54 per hour, effective retroactive from January 10, 2023 through approximately March 10, 2023.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas commented that the committee is jumping into budget season along with our Administration. We look forward to getting a peek at the numbers for next year.

C. Curriculum Committee – (Sandra Criscenzo, Chairperson)

Motion – Mrs. Criscenzo, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin...

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Marina Lenihan	Accelerate Progress for IEP Students	Virtual	\$279.00	N/A

+2. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from January 10, 2023 through approximately March 10, 2023.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mrs. Crisenzo stated that the committee met earlier and the notes will be out as soon as possible.

D. Policy Committee – (Maryalice Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (Christine Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

- Dr. Cirasella reported that we were looking to improve the Art instruction program and it was decided that a ceramics art initiative would be something great for the students. A kiln room and an adjacent storage facility has been created at Highland School. A 36 inch kiln has been purchased. The program will be offered to two grade levels in the spring, the grades have not been determined yet. This program has been funded internally with \$40,000. Community partners donated an additional \$25,000. We sincerely thank the Elementary PTA, Tarleton Landscaping and the Midland Park Public Education Foundation, without their help we would have not been able to accomplish this. We would also like to acknowledge all the Administrators who were involved and Mr. Collin’s maintenance and custodial crews.

G. Negotiations Committee - (Richard Formicola, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

S-3. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and The Midland Park Education Association, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Roll Call: All Yes

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (Patricia Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report

I. Town Council – (Brian McCourt, Patricia Fantulin)

- Next meeting, 1/24

J. Diversity Committee – (James Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (Richard Formicola)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (Christine Dell'Aglio)

- Talent show at Highland School on 2/3
- Talent show at Godwin School on 2/10
- Like the Elementary School PTA on Facebook

Booster Club – (Richard Formicola)

- Apparel sale still going on
- Pack the House on 2/3
- Planning a spring event

Performing Arts Parents – (James Canellas)

No Report

Special Education – (Maryalice Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (Sandra Criscenzo)

- Tickets are on sale for their Spring event, looking for donations for baskets

Board of Recreation – (Brian McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (Patricia Fantulin)

- Spring session has begun
- There are fascinating things in the program
- There were packets of the courses all over town, glad to see the Continuing Education Department is out advertising

L. Old Business

No Report

M. New Business

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of February 7, 2023, 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.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Canellas...
To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator