

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 3, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Stacy Garvey and she read the following statement:

“Both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting were 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.”

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MOTIONS

APPENDIX

A. Presentation of the Annual School District Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

For Members of the Board of Education

<u>3 three-year terms</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Richard Formicola	1,372
Sandra Criscenzo	1,350
Joseph Meli	791
Brian McCourt	1,296

B. Administration of Oath of Office to Richard Formicola, Sandra Criscenzo, Brian McCourt

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

C. Election of Officers:

1. Mrs. Criscenzo nominated Mr. McCourt for Board President. Mr. Formicola seconded the motion.
2. Mrs. Criscenzo nominated Mrs. Fantulin for Board Vice President. Mr. Formicola seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 9 Yes

The Board Secretary turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board President Mr. McCourt.

Mr. McCourt thanked Mr. Triolo for his hard work over the past two years. I was happy to have worked next to you for the past couple of years.

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

To approve the following block motion:

- D. Approve the appointment of Stacy C. Garvey as the Board Secretary.
- E. Approve Continuation Under "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."
- F. Reaffirm the present Board policies.
- G. Reaffirm the standing Board Committees.
- H. Reaffirm the District Affirmative Action Plan.
- I. Reaffirm the K-12 Curricula as outlined in the Course of Study Guides, as per the attached appendix. RM-I
- J. Reaffirm the District Student Code of Conduct Manuals.
- K. Reaffirmation of the following negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and the:
 1. Midland Park Education Association
 2. Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association
 3. Individual staff members:
 - a. Superintendent of Schools
 - b. School Business Administrator
 - c. Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
 - d. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent
 - e. Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator
 - f. Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services
 - g. Assistant to the Business Administrator
 - h. Payroll & Benefits Coordinator
 - i. District Technology & Data Coordinator
 - j. Computer Technician
 - k. Computer Media Technicians

- L. Designate the following as Depositories for School Funds:
- Columbia Bank
 - State of New Jersey Cash Management
- M. Designate the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies:
- AXA Equitable
 - AIG Valic
 - Lincoln Investment Planning
 - IPX Fidelity & Vanguard
 - Metropolitan Life
 - Security Benefit
 - National Life Group
 - Aspire Financial
- N. Designate the following administrator for Chapter 125 flexible spending accounts services:
- Ameriflex
- O. Designate the following third-party administrator for 403B plans:
- US OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services
- P. Designate the following providers of optional employee funded disability, accident and/or cancer care plans:
- American Family Life Assurance of Columbus, 'AFLAC'
 - Prudential Insurance Company of America
- Q. Designate the School Architect:
- Solutions Architecture
- R. Designate the School Attorney:
- Fogarty & Hara
- S. Designate the School Auditor:
- PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP
- T. Designate the school Financial Advisor:
- Phoenix Advisors, LLC
- U. Designate the School Insurance Brokers:
- FIRM, Inc. – Liability
 - Brown & Brown Advisors – Benefits Coordinator Consultant

V. Designate the Indoor Air Quality Consultant:

ER&M, Inc.

W. Designate the newspapers for Official Notices:

North Jersey Media Group (The Record)
The Ridgewood News

X. Approve the following appointments, effective January 1, 2023:

Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer	Danielle Bache
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Stacy Garvey
Substance Awareness Coordinator	Craig Rush
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	Scott Collins
Custodian of Records	Stacy Garvey
ADA Officer & 504 Committee Coordinator	Anne Marie Bruder
Asbestos Management & PEOSA Coordinator	Environmental Remediation & Management
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Stacy Garvey
School Safety Specialist	Nicholas Capuano

Y. Approve the authorization to award contracts up to a bid threshold of \$44,000 and to set the quote threshold at \$6,600.

Z. Approve the following officials to sign checks:

Superintendent
Board President
Board Secretary
High School Principal
Highland School Principal

AA. Recognize the following district support organizations:

Elementary PTA
High School PTA
Midland Park Athletic Booster Association
Midland Park Performing Arts Parents
Midland Park Public Education Foundation

BB. Annual discussion of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics and adoption of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, as per the attached appendix.

RM-BB

CC. Approve the use of the following cooperative purchasing groups:

Educational Data Services
Hunterdon County Services Commission
Union County Services Commission

Morris County Services Commission
Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission
Essex Regional Educational Services Commission

At this time each Board member read out loud each of the ten Code of Ethics.

Roll Call: All Yes

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 wished our district community a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1105223169 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: All Yes

Open to Public – **COMMENTS** only for action items on the January 3, 2023 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

- The Madrigals went caroling to houses and parties in town on 12/17
- On 12/20, the MPHS Boosters had their Pack-the-House event and the varsity basketball team won against Waldwick in OT. The stands were full
- On 1/9-13, the 8th grade is having a drug and alcohol education series and speakers will present on the damaging effects of substances
- This Thursday, 1/5, Mrs. Manicone organized an alumni Q & A panel with last year's seniors speaking about their first semester experiences at college. It will be held in the Media Center as part of the senior seminar, a class offered at MPHS
- On 1/5, there is a volleyball fundraiser for the junior and senior prom
- HS winter sports are underway and middle school winter sports begin next week

BOARD MOTIONS

- Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola...
- 1. Approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings, as per the attached appendix: BM-1

Roll Call: All

Action Items

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 Ellaina O'Connor as the Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services and the Child Study Team. She will be paid a salary of \$60,000 prorated, effective January 23, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
- 2. Approve the retroactive payment for Kathleen Tracey, Substitute School Nurse, for working on December 14, 2021 and December 20, 2021. She will be paid at the rate of \$175 per diem.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin...

- 1. Approve the submission of the application for the Compensatory Special Education and Related Services Program Grant.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- 1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Julie Dorlon	2023 – AP Professional Learning Opportunities	On-line	\$150.00	2/1-8/2023

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of January 17, 2023 agenda items

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

No Report

- C. Curriculum Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
No Report
- D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
No Report
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)
No Report
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell'Aglio, Chairperson)
No Report
- G. Negotiations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
 - We met tonight, will follow up with a report
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
 - Passed on the committee report to the general Board about some of the items discussed at the NJSBA convention. Included in that is a suggestion to adopt Thought Exchange. Referred to the finance committee to see if it could be financed.
- I. Town Council- (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)
 - Tentative date for a meeting, 1/10

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of January 17, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Canellas commented on Declan's comment regarding bringing some alumni back. He suggested an Alumni Association be formed. It would benefit the schools and the students to get that perspective and possibly a revenue generating initiative. Mr. McCourt thought that was a good idea.

Dr. Thomas asked about committee assignments. Mr. McCourt stated that he will be working on them and will be reaching out to the board members.

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 adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator