

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 6, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCourt at 8:00 p.m. and Ms. Calero 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Christine Dell’Aglia
	Richard Formicola	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	Patricia Fantulin

Brian McCourt

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff:	Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools
	Virginia Calero, Acting Board Secretary

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 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.

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*

- Dr. Cirasella thanked Hope Rothenberg and Virginia Calero for preparing for the meeting tonight
- Tonight we will honor current and past district staff members on a variety of achievements
- Ms. Bache, Mr. Galasso and Mr. Capuano will speak about each of their employees that were nominated for Teachers of the Year, Retirees, and Athletic Director of the Year
- The honorees who were present at the meeting spoke a few words on their experiences at their perspective schools
- Mr. McCourt acknowledged the Hall of Fame Inductees

The meeting paused for a 10 minute break for refreshments.

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

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.

Roll Call: All Yes

Student Representative to the Board - (Declan Feehan)

- Prom was last Thursday, 6/1, everyone had a lot of fun on the dance floor and the food was great
- Senior Awards dinner was on 6/8 at The Tides, many of the seniors did very well and won scholarships towards their future education

- Underclass awards are on 6/10, as well as the Art Show & Science Fair at the high school at 7:00 with the Spring Athletic awards at 8:00
- Student elections are coming Tuesday, June 13 for the 23-24 school year
- Next week is senior week with the senior dinner at the Liberty House and the senior BBQ
- High School graduation is next Friday
- Finals start next week and then we are done!

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

Action Items and Committee Reports:

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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.

Roll Call: All Yes

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.

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

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 Kearney
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 Mc Nerney	.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)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
No Report
- E. Legislative Committee- (Dr. Marie Cirasella)
No Report
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (N. Eliya, Chairperson)
No Report
- G. Negotiations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
No Report
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
No Report
- I. Town Council- (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)
No Report
- J. Diversity Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)
No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

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.

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. Triolo...
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia Calero
Acting Board Secretary