

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MAY 2, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCourt at 8:00 p.m. 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
	Patricia Fantulin	Richard Formicola
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo
	Brian McCourt	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

**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 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.*

## Presentation of the proposed 2023-2024 School Budget and Public Hearing.

### Open to the Public

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin...  
Resolution to Approve the 2023-2024 School Year Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the Tentative 2023-2024 School Year Budget, as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$ 25,299,578
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 443,275
Special Schools (Fund 13)	\$ 880,489
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 26,623,342
SPECIAL REVENUE (Fund 20)	\$ 646,867
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 931,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 28,201,359

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve- Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$420,000 for other capital project costs to replace classroom ceilings and lighting, renovations to art room 40 and the guidance office at the high school. Also included is concrete floor replacement in the maintenance building. The total costs of these projects represent expenditures for renovation elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the CCCS;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$22,834,226 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$931,150 to support Debt Service, for the 2023-2024 school year budget. Included in the General Fund Tax Levy is the need for a Health Care Cost Cap Adjustment in the amount of \$448,101 to be included in the base budget.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the following resolutions:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0317233174 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.**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0321233173 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. 0329233172 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. 0410233175 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** *Declan Feehan*

- On April 20th, World Language Honor Society and National Honor Society held their induction ceremonies
- The track team has their senior meet on April 25<sup>th</sup> at home against New Milford and Park Ridge
- The 11<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Islamic Center in town to learn more about their culture as part of our lesson in class
- Both the middle school and high school spring choir concerts were held last week. The winners of the High School Choral Awards were Ella Marron and Emma Vreeland.
- Madrigal Show on May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Horticulture is having its annual plant sale on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- May is Wellness month. There are events going on throughout the month such as assemblies, homework free weekends, no technology days and more.

**Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the May 2, 2023 agenda.**

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Action Items:

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

APPENDIX

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 – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

- S-1. Accept the resignation of employee #2192, effective June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education “SFA” approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2023-2024.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$0.2156 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$3.66 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$0.2156 will be multiplied by total meals.

Roll Call: All Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of May 17, 2022 agenda items**

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

Next meeting there will be workshops for teachers on the agenda for approval

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

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

Met a couple of times before the last few Board Meetings to discuss field conditions.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

We will be meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

- Programs in schools to increase awareness, including co-curricular committees.
- Scheduling a meeting to discuss and culminate information on the many ways we are inclusive and promoting diversity understanding.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of May 16, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

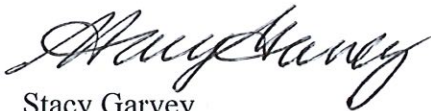
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**- general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary