

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Triolo 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 2022 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’ Aglio
 Patricia Fantulin Richard Formicola
 Maryalice Thomas Brian McCourt

Peter Triolo

Excused: James Canellas
 Nabil Eliya

OTHERS PRESENT

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Mr. Peter Triolo

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

Tonight's presentation will focus on Highland School's Veteran's Memorial Project. Principal Peter Galasso is with us tonight to share more information about this very moving program.

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

1. Approve the submission of the Midland Park School District's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District Performance Review for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix.

Roll Call: All Yes

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

- Fall drama is this weekend, 11/18-20. There is singing, dancing, live instrument performances, monologues and famous scenes from TV shows and movies. The cost is free, donations are accepted and appreciated
- Guidance counselors are starting a four year opportunity for the 8th grade students to discuss and plan out a student's high school career to benefit them the most in support of their future goals
- Food drive run by Student Senate, Interact and National Honor Society
- Fall sports have come to a close and winter sports registration has begun
- Carolyn Biswurm was selected to be on the NJ Girls Soccer Coaches Assoc. All-State Soccer Team. She played on MPHS girls soccer team this past fall
- Upcoming events are the Fall drama, this weekend and Fall Sports Awards on 11/30

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. McCourt, seconded – Dr. Thomas...

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

October 4, 2022
October 18, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglia...

2. Approve the tentative 2023-2024 Budget Preparation Calendar, as per the attached appendix.

BM-2

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 – Mr. McCourt...

1. Approve the extension of two extra days for the following teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified middle school student, effective retroactive from October 13, 2022 through November 9, 2022:

Subject	Teacher	Hours/Week
English 8 H	Tara Spendley	1.5
Ancient World History 8	Paul Marino	1.5
Exploratory 8 TV Workshop	Lisa Hayne	1
Health 8	Lisa McNerney	.5
PE 8	Jeff Hackett	.5
Art 8	Hayley Devereaux	.5
Algebra I H	Lawry Stein	1.5
Science 8	Herbert Farnese	1.5
French 8	Yana Seminara	1.5

2. Approve the following teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid at the rate of \$36.77 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from October 26, 2022 through December 9, 2022:

Subject	Teacher	Hours/Week
Band	David Marks	1
US History II CP	Nancy Stewart	2
English III CP	Terri Wecht	2
Music Theory	Donna Halliwell	.5
Dramatics	Lisa Hayne	.5
Ceramics 1	Julie Dorlon	.5
Physics CP	Deb Marks	2
PE 11	Hackett	.5

3. Approve the increase in position for Catherine Prinsell, .6 School Psychologist to a .8 position, effective November 16, 2022 through January 16, 2023.
4. Revise Motion A-2 of the October 18, 2022 Board Agenda to approve a paid maternity leave for Employee 1632, effective November 29, 2022 through approximately January 9, 2023; a paid child care leave, effective approximately January 10, 2023 through January 23, 2023; and an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately January 24, 2023 through June 22, 2023.

5. Approve Alexandra Kilkenny, 1st Grade leave replacement teacher, for compensatory services to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$43.26 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for the following hours:

November 30 - 2 hours
 December 1 - 2.5 hours
 December 2 - 2 hours

6. Approve the following teachers to provide supplemental instruction for at-risk students in the Academic Support Lab at the High School during the 2022-2023 school year. They 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:

Deborah Marks Griselda Valdeón Teresa Wecht

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

7. Approve the following teachers to teach the Academic Support Lab at the Godwin School, effective December 6, 2022 through March 31, 2023. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour for thirty one-hour class sessions each, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract to be paid 100% through the ESSER III Beyond the School Day funds:

Kristie Gambutti Suzanne Kelly

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the following additions to the list of Athletic Coaches at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Charles Ferraro	Varsity Head Wrestling Coach	
Add:	Kasey Damiano	Middle School Girls Basketball Coach	\$3,021
	Matthew Jimenez	Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,021
	Mackenzie Conroy	Indoor Track/Field Coach	Volunteer
	Kasey Damiano	Girls High School Basketball Coach	Volunteer

9. Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Joann Manicone &	High School Bowl	\$639.50
	Nancy Stewart LoPresti	Co-Advisors	\$639.50

10. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1241, effective December 21, 2022, or sooner.

11. Approve the appointment of Christine Hirsch as a 5th grade maternity leave replacement in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$63,250 (MA Step 11 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective approximately January 16, 2023 (or sooner) through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell’aglio...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of October 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglío...

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. October 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$763,656.90.
- b. October 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$49,071.36.
- c. October 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$41,374.95.
- d. Second October 2022 payroll in the amount of \$721,772.09.
- e. First November 2022 payroll in the amount of \$698,971.54.
- f. November 2022 claims in the amount of \$418,809.39.

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

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

B-4

5. Approve the Resolution to Amend the Midland Park Board of Education 403(b) Retirement Plan, as per the attached appendix:

B-5

6. Approve the Carry Over Funds for the IDEA Grant for the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Preschool	\$3,845.00
Basic	\$4,000.00

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglione...

- S-1. Approve the award of contract for the final two phases of the Door Replacement, as follows:

Project to C&M Door Controls through TIPS Contract 211001

Godwin School Base Bid	\$ 32,108.42
High School Base Bid	\$293,129.63
Alternate Bid- Door 12	\$ 8,967.62
Alternate Bid- 19B/40 Exterior Doors	<u>\$ 21,208.88</u>
Total	\$355,414.55

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the recommendation for the placement of a non-classified high school student on home instruction, for a maximum of ten hours per week, effective retroactive from October 26, 2022 through December 9, 2022.
2. Approve the recommendation for the extension of two extra days for the home instruction of a non-classified middle school student, effective retroactive from October 13, 2022 through November 9, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

- S-2. Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Dr. Thomas...

Approve the recommendation for the placement of a middle school classified student to be placed on bedside instruction for a maximum of 10 hours per week, effective retroactive from November 9, 2022 through approximately January 16, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following revised Policies:

a. Quorum Policy Section 0163

b. Professional Responsibilities Policy Section 3270

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

Dr. Cirasella provided information on four new and revised statues and state guidelines:

- Bill A1516, will establish requirements related to school counselor certificate and employment, completing professional development in relevant areas and training in the delivery of social-emotional learning.
- Bill S588/A4149, requires the State Board of Education to create a new content area in the NJSLS for “Information Literacy.” This content area would describe knowledge and skills that enable students to use information effectively, including digital, media and technological literacy.
- Bill A4646 requires the State Board of Education to review the NJSLS social studies standards to ensure the inclusion of recent historical events, including Sept. 11, 2001.
- Bill A1791, requires the NJDOE to establish a “Career and Technical Education Scholar Awards” program, recognizing outstanding students in this area on an annual basis. The NJDOE is to work with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on this initiative.

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

Motion – Ms. Dell’Aglia, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

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

11/4/2022 – CTC Academy, Oakland, NJ – 9:04 a.m.

11/7/2022 – Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ – 11:00 a.m.

11/7/2022 – Windsor School, Pompton Lakes, NJ – 8::00 a.m.

11/7/2022 – Midland Park Jr/Sr. High School, Midland Park, NJ – 9:39 a.m.

11/7/2022 – Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ – 2:22 p.m.

11/8/2022 – Highland School, Midland Park, NJ – 8:15 a.m.

11/9/2022 – Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ – 7:55 a.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

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

- NJSBA Convention in AC from 10/24-26
- Several PR and Tech presentations to attend
- Will do a write up and distribute it to the committees and Board

I. Town Council – (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)

- Working on setting up our next meeting

J. Diversity Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (R. Formicola)

- Holiday apparel sale
- 50th Anniversary apparel sale
- Speaker on vaping for students and parents
- Career day will be in March

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

- Book fair is going on now
- Preparing for a parent social, Panther Bowl on 11/19

Booster Club – (N. Eliya) Mr. Formicola gave the update

- The wreath sale did very well

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas) Mr. Triolo gave the update

- Fall drama
- Marching band did incredibly well in Syracuse

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

- HIB presentation was very interesting and thought provoking

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Spring Gala, 3/11
- New apparel sale and golf umbrella sale is on line

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

- Selling tickets to Radio City Music Hall show with the Rockettes
- Preparing their Spring Catalog, looking for people to teach classes

L. Old Business

No Report

M. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of December 13, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

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. McCourt...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator