

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 18, 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Christine Dell’Aglia	Nabil Eliya
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo

Excused:	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff:	Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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.

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

- This week (10/17-10/21) is violence awareness week
 - On 10/17, the 8th grade listened to a speech from Mark Schonwetter who shared his experience in the Holocaust
 - On 10/19, the 9th and 10th graders will receive a presentation from the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office about “bias crimes”.
 - On 10/21, grades 11 and 12 will discuss the Holocaust memorial trip
- Clubs are starting to have their bake sale fundraisers and the Art Club sold some of the pumpkins they worked on
- The marching band is preparing for their yearly trip to Syracuse at the end of month
- The Spring musical for 2023 will be Anastasia
- There are two upcoming events: Halloween, 10/31 and the fall drama on 11/18-11/20

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- District Assessment Report – This report was presented by Ms. Garvey, Mr. Galasso and Mr. Whelpley

Mr. Triolo thanked the Administration, Ms. Garvey, Mr. Galasso and Mr. Whelpley for the indebt presentation and answering questions. We really appreciate the review of the data and also the human approach we take with that data to support our students.

- School Self-Assessment under the ABS Act (Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act)
Ms. Garvey reviewed the results of the School Self-Assessment under the ABS Act.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

September 6, 2022

September 20, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the revised Emergency Management Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the submission of the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2021-2022 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 1. Approve an unpaid child care leave for Employee No. 1426, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective December 5 through December 23, 2022.
- 2. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1632, effective approximately December 12, 2022 through approximately January 9, 2023; a paid child care leave, effective approximately January 10, 2023 through February 7, 2023; and an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately February 8, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
- 3. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 2037, effective approximately February 6, 2023 through approximately February 23, 2023; a paid child care leave, effective approximately February 24, 2023 through approximately March 13, 2023; an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately March 14, 2023 through June 6, 2023; and an unpaid leave, effective approximately June 7, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. **Approve the following teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified middle school student, effective retroactive from October 13, 2022 through November 7, 2022. They will be paid at the rate of \$36.77 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:**

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

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. **Approve the following additions to the list of Winter Coaches at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix:**

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- +6. **Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the Highland School for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix.**

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +7. **Approve the appointment of Colvin Sinclair as a Custodian in the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$38,000 (Step 7 on the Custodial salary guide + \$1,200 Night Custodian stipend), prorated effective on or before November 3, 2022 (pending Criminal History clearance) through June 30, 2023.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +8. **Accept the retirement resignation of Anne Schaper as the Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent, effective February 1, 2023.**

Ms. Garvey read a statement on Dr. Cirasella's behalf regarding the retirement motion for Anne Schaper:

It is with a profound mixture of emotions that I include this resolution for your approval. Anne Schaper has been an indispensable member of the district staff for decades. Her institutional knowledge is without peer, her professional posture outstanding, and her administrative support priceless. I could not have asked for a better assistant for the past twelve years. While we are sad to see Anne leave, we are very happy to know she is moving on to a well-deserved retirement. Everyone in the board office, especially me, wishes her the best life has to offer...health, happiness, and precious time to spend with family and friends.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglio...

- S-2. Approve the termination of Employee No. 0362, effective October 19, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, 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 September 30, 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. September 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$435,478.79.
- b. September 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$62,830.05.
- c. September 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$44,035.42.
- d. Second September 2022 payroll in the amount of \$714,483.81.
- f. First October 2022 payroll in the amount of \$688,320.96.
- g. October 2022 claims in the amount of \$494,357.78.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period September 1 – 30, 2022.

B-3

4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2022, as per the attached appendix.

B-4

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglio...

+5. **Approve the resolution rejecting the bids for the RTU Replacement Project and approval for the re-advertisement of said bid project, as per the attached appendix:**

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+6. **Approve the decommissioning of surplus technology inventory, as per the attached appendix:**

B-6

+7. **Approve the use and rental by Goats Basketball/Summer Heat, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, as follows:**

Highland School Gym: November 14, 21, 28, 2022 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

High School Gym: December 4, 11, 18, 2022; January 8, 15, 22, 29;

**February 5, 12, 19, 26 & March 5, 12, 2023
from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

+8. **Approve the use and rental of the High School Memorial Hall by The Broadway Originals Performing Art School, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on December 17 & 18, 2022 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

+9. **Approve the use and rental of the High School Cafeteria by KIDZTOPROS, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for a winter and spring break mini-camp for Grades K-5 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the following dates:**

February 23 - 24, 2023 and April 3 – 6, 2023

- +10. **Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym for Winter Recess Youth Basketball Camp, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:**

February 22, 23 and 24, 2023

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the discarding of 500 books from the Highland School Media Center, which are outdated and in poor condition.
2. Approve “The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials”.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +3. **Approve the recommendation for a non-classified middle school student to be placed on home instruction, effective retroactive from October 13, 2022 through November 7, 2022.**
- +4. **Approve the updated contract, which includes transportation for a classified high school student to Barnstable Academy in Oakland, NJ during the 2022-2023 school year.**
- +5. **Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Susan Jensen	NJ FCS: Growing Better Together	Edison, NJ	\$168.08	10/25/2022
Julie Dorton	AP Professional Learning Opportunities	On-line	\$150.00	11/1-11/8/2022
Carole Steel	Decrease Attention Getting & Tantrum Behaviors PK-2	On-line	\$159.00	Available now

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

+1. **Approve the first reading of the following revised Policies, as per the attached appendices:**

a. **Quorum** **Policy Section 0163** **D-1a**

b. **Professional Responsibilities** **Policy Section 3270** **D-1b**

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution and attached appendices: F-1

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Midland Park School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Midland Park School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 for Midland Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (R. Formicola)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

- Read-A-Thon
- Looking for membership
- Nut free candy for Trunk or Treat

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

- Online registration opened on 10/19
- Wreath sale starts on 10/22
- Looking for Liaisons

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

- Next meeting 11/8

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

- SPAG advisory Parent Group
- Professional development workshop for parents, including transition to college and behavior intervention, dates and times TBD

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Spring fundraiser, tentative date for 3/4

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

No Report

L. Old Business

No Report

M. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of November 15, 2022, 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. Eliya, seconded – Mr. Canellas...
To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary