

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

“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
 Patricia Fantulin Richard Formicola
 Maryalice Thomas Brian McCourt

Peter Triolo

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.

- The Lions Club generously donated \$200 to support the Veterans Memorial at Highland School. The Lions Club has always been very supportive of our schools and programs and we sincerely thank them for this generous donation to a very worthy project.
- Back to School Nights: MPHS had a wonderful BTSN on September 15; Godwin's is September 20; Highland's is September 22. This and other important information may be found on each school's website where monthly calendars and a list of school activities may be found.
- District Back-to-School Update: We will be presenting a district update at the Board meeting of October 4, which will include information on school safety, school and department updates, the revised health and physical education standards, and more. We will also post the presentation on the district website immediately following the meeting.
- Monthly Presentations for Board & Public: We will once again provide presentations for the Board and public this year at board meetings to bring good news about our schools to everyone's attention. The first presentation will be in November and will focus on Godwin School. We hope you can join us for these exciting and informative presentations!

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

- Start Strong testing started today, 9/20 and will continue through Thursday, 9/22. The subjects are: ELA (7-10), Math (7-8), Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and Science (9 and 12)
- New Chromebooks were distributed yesterday, 9/19 for grades 8-12. Very light and modern
- Voting registration went out to juniors and seniors who are 18 and eligible to vote
- Football team had a big win over New Milford (38-7), looking to be a good season, they have won every game so far! Hopefully they can keep up that streak and carry it into the playoffs
- Clubs are starting up again with interest meetings (Spanish Club, Interact Club, Thrive Club), extra curricula's are starting up again now that we are deeper into September
- Fall drama will be holding auditions tomorrow and Thursday. The Fall drama this year is a different layout but will still be excellent
- Seniors turned in their paperwork and have their parking spots and can leave during lunch and their free periods. This is a huge privilege
- Upcoming events are: the marching band car wash this Saturday, 9/24 from 9-12 in the front circle

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

- 1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on August 23, 2022.

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 the increase in position for Suzanne Kelly, elementary teacher in the Godwin School, from a .9 position to a full-time position. Her salary will be increased to \$94,300 (BA Step 22 on the MPEA salary guide + \$1,600 Longevity). This increase is to be paid through ESSER funds and is prorated, retroactive from September 12, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- 2. Approve Drew Strohmeier, Special Education teacher at the High School, to teach one additional lab period per week. He will be paid an additional salary of \$2,310 during the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3. Approve the appointment of James Thumm as a Computer/Media Technician for the District. He will be paid a salary of \$58,000 prorated, effective approximately September 21, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

- 4. Approve the following addition to the list of Coaches at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

Add:	Jenna Abballe	Assistant Volleyball Coach	<u>Stipend</u> \$4,427 to be prorated
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- 5. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix:

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- 6. Approve the appointment of Timothy Hamilton as an Open Gym Student Chaperone for Open Gym Basketball 1-2 evenings per week from mid-September through mid-November. He will be paid at the hourly rate of \$54.90 as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 7. Approve the appointment of the following Truck Driver for the Marching Band for the 2022-2023 school year:

James Trommelen

8. Approve the placement of Gabriella Gomez, a Ramapo College Student, as a student teacher in Mrs. Kirsch's 5th grade class in Highland School two days per week, effective September – December, 2022 and five days per week from January – May, 2023.
9. Approve the placement of Joseph Vega, a Ramapo College Student, as a student teacher in Mrs. Gambutti's 1st grade class in Godwin School two days per week, effective September – December, 2022 and five days per week from January – May, 2023.
10. Accept the retirement resignation of Trina Bradley, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services & Child Study Team, effective February 1, 2023.

Dr. Cirasella stated the district will miss Trina very much and we wish her health & happiness.

11. Approve the appointment of Janet Dribnack as an Aide for the Before and After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education during the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the appointment of Petra Mills as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will be Paid at the approved hourly rate, retroactive from September 6, 2022 through June 22, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve the following resolution:

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

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. August 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$1,218,501.03.
- b. August 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$67,889.65.
- c. August 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$2,206.64.
- d. June 2022 supplemental payroll in the amount of \$276.60.

e. Second August 2022 payroll in the amount of \$158,488.75.

f. First September 2022 payroll in the amount of \$667,644.37.

g. September 2022 claims in the amount of \$467,950.16.

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

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

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

5. Approve the Agreement between Stageworks Theatre Group, Inc. and Midland Park Jr/Sr High School to provide a Producer and to produce the High School Musical at the cost of \$21,382.22.

6. Approve the contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Sheera Howard, maternity leave replacement for Stephanie Ingis as a Non-Public Nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School. Her salary will be paid through Non-Public Nursing funds during the 2022-2023 school year.

7. Approve the resolution between The Region VIII Education Service Center for The Interlocal Purchasing System and the Midland Park Board of Education, as per the attached appendix:

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8. Approve Viva Your Voice, Inc., Parsippany, NJ for translation and interpretation services, if needed, during Department of Special Education meetings. Their fee is \$137.50 per hour during the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the rejection of bids received for the Rooftop Unit Replacements at Godwin School and Midland Park High School and authorize the School Business Administrator to rebid the project, as per the attached appendix:

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10. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and It's a New Day, LLC to provide home based ABA therapy services for a classified student, at a cost of \$75 per hour for one hour per week for 40 weeks; FBA services for up to 8 hours at the rate of \$125 per hour and ABA coordination services for 2 hours per week for 40 weeks at the rate of \$125 per hour.

11. Approve the decommissioning of damaged and outdated musical equipment in the Highland School, as follows:

MIDI Keyboards (all broken and unrepairable):
2463, 2464, 2465, 006304, 006307 & 006311

Drum Set (broken and not functioning safely):
3329 – Kick Drum, 2220 – Tom, 3331 - Tom

12. Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym for the Gem Show, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on the following dates and times:

Set up Friday, April 14, 2023 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
April 15 & 16, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

13. Approve the use and rental of the High School Schiffer Field to NFL Kids Football Camp, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education from July 14 – 28, 2023 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. One additional hour of training will be held on Tuesday – Thursday during that week.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Jeffrey Peters	American Sign Language	On-Line	\$159.99	N/A
Marie Cirasella Stacy Garvey Scott Collins Patricia Fantulin Richard Formicola Brian McCourt	NJSBA Fall Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$6,500	10/24-26/2022

2. Approve the recommendation for the placement and transportation of two classified middle school students in the Holmstead School, effective retroactive from September 19, 2022 through June 22, 2023.
3. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

S-2 Approve the placement and transportation for a middle school classified student in the Holmstead School, Ridgewood, NJ, effective September 21, 2022 through June 22, 2023.

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

S-3. Approve waiving Board Policy 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students, for a student, whose name is on file in the Board office, to enroll in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, due to an error in the registration process.

Roll Call: All Yes, (1 Abstain)

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

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

1. Approve the following new/revised Mandated Board Policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. High School Student Representative to the Board of Education | Policy Section 0143.2 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. Board of Education Website Accessibility | Policy Section 1511 | <u>D-1b</u> |
| c. Every Student Succeeds | Policy Section 2415 | <u>D-1c</u> |
| d. Care of School Property | Policy Section 5513 | <u>D-1d</u> |
| e. Student Journalism (New) | Policy Section 5722 | <u>D-1e</u> |

Policies are on our website for viewing.

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- On 9/9, Governor Phil Murphy signed two bills to help combat food insecurity among students across the state. The first bill requires NJ schools to provide free breakfasts and lunches to students from working class and middle income families.
- The second bill requires school food authorities to engage in public education campaigns and develop promotional materials to educate parents about existing and expanding school meals program options.
- These laws will help ensure equitable access to resources that simultaneously benefit children's nutrition and support work families' financial stability.

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

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

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

9/13/22 The Venture Program, Paramus, NJ, 9:06 a.m.
9/14/22 Windsor Prep High School, Paramus, NJ, 8:56 a.m.
9/15/22 Crossroads, Paramus, NJ, 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

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

- Revision to survey, sent out to the Board for review

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

- Community Day is 10/1
- Will schedule a meeting soon

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

- Meeting set for 10/4. We would like to talk about where the district was, where we are and where we would like to be.

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (R. Formicola)

- Membership drive is going on and at back to school night, anyone who becomes a member by 9/30 you will be placed in a raffle to win a \$25 gift card
- First general meeting is on 10/3 at 7 pm
- They are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year and will have very special anniversary themes at their events
- They will be selling commemorative apparel via email and will be sending that out very soon

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell’Aglia)

- Looking for room reps
- Volunteers are always needed
- Looking for volunteers for their fall events

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

- Winter sports registration is opening on 10/19 for a variety of sports
- Fall events are underway
- Need liaisons for various sports

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

- Marching band car wash is set for Saturday, 9/24
- Music in the Park, 10/9
- Dueling Piano fundraiser is coming up soon

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K was a huge success
- Planning for their Spring fundraiser
- If you donate to the Community Thrift shop and put them under #28, they will get a portion of the proceeds

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

- Community day is 10/1

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

- A number of classes started on Monday
 - Fencing for kids
 - Sewing
 - Adult basketball
 - Yoga

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

Ms. Garvey informed the Board that there would be a significant increase in health benefit cost For 2023. The SHBP is charging a 15.1% increase which is approximately \$100,000 more than what was budgeted. Asked for claims experience to see if we can shop for coverage.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of October 4, 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. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary