

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
August 7, 2014

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, at 7:00 p.m. and the following statement was read:

"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 2014 elective year. A notice was also posted outside of 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. In addition, all questions must be presented to the Board of Education during the public session and prior to the adjournment of the meeting."

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Brian McCourt	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused:	Richard Formicola
	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides students with a comprehensive, adaptive education in a positive environment by maximizing all resources and empowering them to realize their individual worth and responsibility with the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.**

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060614216 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.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060614342 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.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060614343 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.
- d. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060314344 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

### A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2014-2015 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. Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Theodore OBrien as a .5 French teacher in the elementary schools. He will be placed on MA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
2. Approve the appointment of Nicole Albert as a first grade maternity leave replacement for Michele Maietta. She will be paid on MA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective September 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
3. Approve the appointment of Alison Corcoran as a fifth grade maternity leave replacement for Paula Didyk. She will be paid on MA Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

4. Approve the appointment of Kori Meerholz as a Resource Room maternity leave replacement for Rachel Levy at the elementary schools. She will be paid on BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective October 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
5. Approve the appointment of Shawn Savage as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the Highland School. He will be paid on BA Step 2 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
6. Approve the appointment of Jason Whelpley as a Science teacher in the high school. He will be paid on BA Step 3 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
7. Approve the appointment of Jean Pennington as a Building Aide in the elementary schools. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 1, 2014 through June 19, 2015(or the last day of school).

Roll Call: All Yes

#### Board Self-Evaluation

#### District Goal Setting

2014-2015 District Goals to review and discuss are as follows:

##### Goal #1

- Improve student achievement results on district formative assessments, ie, math unit assessments, APEX, Performance Series, student grade level cohort performance tests. Ensure classroom instruction is aligned to Student Growth Objectives and Student Performance Objectives, and is Common Core-aligned. Increase the use of open-ended response during classroom instruction. Increase the relevance/rigor of teacher SGO's on or before October 15, 2014. (Emphasis will be placed on student cohort/content areas identified through analysis of state benchmark assessments and in-district assessment data.)

##### Goal #2

- Increase the relevance of technology infusion in classroom instruction. Increase the use of technology during elementary classroom assessment to greater familiarize students with PARCC testing modalities.

##### Goal #3

- Explore the efficacy of a 1-1 Tech Tool Initiative – include review of relevant platforms, i.e., iPad, Google Chrome, MacBook Air, and determine fiscal impact, including personnel-related issues. Form a committee of administrators and teacher representatives, conduct site visits, model units of study, and provide a recommendation for prospective implementation, including timeline.

##### Goal #4

- Establish an online resource bank of grade level and content-specific instructional resources for students to access during emergency closing days.

Open To The Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one addressed the Board at this time.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .  
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary