

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 16, 2014

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, at 8:00 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
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
	Peter Triolo	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused: Timothy Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

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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.

Congratulations to the Football Team – it was a well-played game and an honor to play at MetLife Stadium.

Happy holidays and a happy, healthy 2015.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Discussion of the QSAC Equivalency Application

Report of District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)

Dr. Cirasella commented that the MPHS parking situation. There is a committee working on this and it is expected a conclusion will be reached shortly.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

+1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 102914352 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

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No one from the public chose to speak.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:
November 4, 2014

Roll Call: (7 Yes – Criscenzo, Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Sullivan, Canellas, Dr. Thomas)
(1 Abstain – Triolo)

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
November 18, 2014

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Criscenzo, McCourt, Schiffer, Triolo, Canellas, Dr. Thomas)
2 Abstain (Formicola, Sullivan)

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

2. Approve the resolution to move the April annual school board election to the date of the November general election, which is attached as an appendix. BM-2

Mr. Sullivan commented that he supports the moving of the election from April to November with reservations. He believes that it is important to keep it in the hands of taxpayers but now with every other district moving to November, it will be too costly. However, it is important to keep the tax payers involved.

Mr. Schiffer commented that it is a waste of time and money to vote on the budget if it is less than 2% increase.

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, Mr. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Alyssa Maimone as a maternity leave replacement for Katelyn Naranjo's 5th grade class. She will be paid on BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (pending completion of negotiations), effective December 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
2. Approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year:

(s) Karen Leidl
(s) = County Substitute Certificate
3. Approve the practicum placement of Malcolm Burks in Jeffrey Hackett's physical education/ health classes, effective February 2, 2015 through April 27, 2015.
4. Approve the appointment of Steven Ramos as a part-time Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective December 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +5. **Approve the termination of Maureen Pouch as the Substitute Caller for the district, effective December 31, 2014.**
- +6. **Approve the appointment of the following elementary school teachers to provide home instruction for a classified elementary school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, for 10 hours per week, effective retroactive from December 2, 2014:**

**Alison Corcoran
Kristie Fucarino
Theodore OBrien**

- +7. **Approve the appointment of Diane Erdman to provide home instruction for a preschool student. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, not to exceed 10 hours per week, effective retroactive from December 10 – December 12, 2014.**
- +8. **Approve the following changes to the list of Coaches at the high school for the 2014- 2015 school year:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Sarah Grimaldi 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach	
Add:	Emily Walker 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach	\$2,470

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +9. **Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year:**

Delete:	Interact/React Advisor	Nancy DeRitter	
Add:	Interact Advisor	Nancy DeRitter	\$858
Add:	React Advisor 7 th & 8 th Grade	Nancy DeRitter	\$720

- +10. **Approve the employment contracts for the following individual staff members, effective retroactive from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, which are attached as appendices:**

a. Barbara Pierro, Confidential Secretary	<u>A-10a</u>
b. Anne Schaper, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools	<u>A-10 b.</u>
c. Susan Schlosser, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	<u>A-10 c.</u>

- +11. **Accept the resignation of Laurin Apruzzese as a Special Education teacher in the Highland School, effective February 9, 2015.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

SA-12. Accept the resignation of Joan O'Neill as a part-time Bus Driver, effective December 30, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

SA-13. Accept the resignation of June Chang as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, effective February 28, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

SA-14. Accept with gratitude the retirement resignation of Margaret Behan as a special education teacher in the Highland School, effective June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Motion - Mr. Schiffer, 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 November 30, 2014, 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.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. November 2014 direct pays in the amount of \$343,762.82.
- b. November 2014 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$30,313.60.
- c. November 2014 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$25,105.99.
- d. Second November 2014 payroll in the amount of \$520,994.90.
- e. First December 2014 payroll in the amount of \$547,511.98.
- f. December 2014 claims in the amount of \$431,256.22.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period November 1 – 30, 2014, which are attached as an appendix. B-3
4. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park School District and Solutions Architecture Corp. for professional architectural services for the “Midland Park Referendum – Capital Projects”, which is attached as an appendix. B-4
5. Approve the ACT Participation Agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, which is attached as an appendix. B-5

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School gym to Rising Star Performance and Athletic Training, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for sports conditioning and performance classes for children ages 7 – 14. The gym will be used on Sundays from 8:45 – 11:00 a.m., as follows:

January 11, 18, 25, 2015

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

March 1, 8, 15, 2015

7. Approve the use and rental of the high school Rear Practice Field to New York Giants Camps, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for a youth football camp, for the following dates and times:

Monday – Friday, July 13 – 27, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

July 27, 29, August 3, 5, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. for group agility training

- +8. Approve the use and rental of the high school gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, for Basketball games on the following Sundays from 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.:**

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 2015

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +9. Authorize the Business Administrator to cancel outstanding checks in the high school account in accordance with the Auditor’s recommendation, which is attached as an appendix. B-9**
- +10. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1 – 30, 2014, which are attached as an appendix. B-10**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

+11. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Englewood Public Schools, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with P.L. 2010, C65 (A-355, The School Choice Law) for the 2014-2015 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Englewood Public School District.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

+12. Accept and approve the contract with Direct Energy Business Marketing to provide natural gas service, awarded on behalf of the Midland Park School District by the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES), which is attached as an appendix. B-12

+13. Approve the decommissioning of the following item in the Godwin School:

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+14. Approve the New Jersey Specialized Child Study Team, Trenton, NJ, for evaluation services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

+15. Accept the donation of a 20 cubic foot Frigidaire Refrigerator for the Godwin School Faculty Room by Tons of Toys and Tons of Treasures in Wyckoff, NJ, as per Board Policy 7230.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Catherine Prinsell	Treating Victims of Bullying	On-line	\$199.00	On-line anytime
Christina Gouraige	Bullying, Harrassment & Students with Disabilities	Monroe Township, NJ	\$185.65	Jan. 8, 2015
Rosemary Ferullo	Common Core Strategies for Special Education Students	Parsippany, NJ	\$251.74	Jan. 13, 2015

Teresa Wecht	Common Core Writing	West Orange, NJ	\$257.05	Jan. 26, 2015
Nicholas Capuano Marie Cirasella	TECHSPO 2015	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,099.56	Jan. 29, 30, 2015
Danielle Bache	Best iPad Apps & iPad Strategies to Increase Student Learning K-6	Newark/W. Orange, NJ	\$242.53	Jan. 30, 2015
David Hershberger	Google Sites for Beginners	Paramus, NJ	\$80.77	Feb. 23, 2015

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Spring 2015 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program. (support material available in the Board Offices).**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school non classified student on home instruction, effective retroactive from December 6, 2014 through February 6, 2015.**
- +4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one elementary school classified student to the Sage Day School, Mahwah, NJ, effective retroactive from December 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015.**

Roll Call: All Yes

D Policy Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

- 1. Approve the second reading of the following new mandated policies:**

- a. Student Health Records **M** Policy Section 5308
- b. Screening for Dyslexia **M** Policy Section 5339

To view Policies 1. a-b, please refer to the November 18, 2014 Board Agenda posted on the district website.

E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee

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

1. Approve Midland Park’s School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports on the following dates and locations:

10/17/2014 at 8:54 a.m. at The Benway School, Wayne, NJ 07470

10/20/2014 at 10:20 in the Midland Park High School, Midland Park, 07432

10/21/2014 at 7:58 in the West Brook School, Paramus, NJ 07652

11/11/ 2014 at 8:13 a.m. in the Memorial Middle School, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

11/18/2014 at 9:10 a.m. in the Forum School, Waldwick, NJ 07463

Roll Call: All Yes

The following items have been reported on as job completions as follows:

- Repaired ballasts in classroom / hallways-district wide.
- Installed donated refrigerator in the faculty room in Godwin.
- Repaired roof top heating unit at MPHS Media Center.
- Repaired broken desks at Midland Park High School.
- Mandated bus inspection – all busses passed.
- Installed new sound system at Godwin.
- Repairs to bathrooms district wide.
- Repaired Lighting-multi-purpose room at Godwin

Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

The committee met this evening and drafted a new counter proposal. The Committee feels they are moving closer and hopefully will resolve all issues without waiting for the next mediation session.

Dr. Thomas questioned whether the attorney is at all of the meetings.

Mr. McCourt replied that the attorney is present only at mediation not at the other meetings.

Public Relations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

Thank you for all the tons of toys that were donated for Fundraiser for PTA.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

The spring brochure was received on line.

Student Representative to the Board – (Brian Mulligan)

No Report.

Borough Town Council – (M. Thomas & J. Canellas)

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

Nothing to discuss at this time.

K. New Business

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 13, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, updates on MPEA negotiations and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.
No one chose to speak before the Board.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary