

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 24, 2015

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
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

Maryalice Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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.

The following items were commented on:

- HIB Presentation on 3/21/2015
- Update on heating pipe break at Highland School

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Full-Day Kindergarten Committee Presentation

1:1 Technology Committee update

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

To approve the following block motion:

+1. Approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011015358 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 012015359 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011315217 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011315218 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011315219 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

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Criscenzo . . .

S2. Be It Resolved that the Board approves the long term suspension of student A.G. and the placement of this student on Home Instruction, effective retroactively to January 19, 2015 through the end of the school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No one chose to discuss any of the items on this Agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on January 13, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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.

1. Approve list of Spring Coaches at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year, which is attached as an appendix. **(pulled from agenda and moved to March 3, 2015 agenda)** A-1

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

- +2. **Approve the following revised job description, which is attached as an appendix.**

Marching Band Advisor

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Roll Call: All Yes

- +3. **Approve the list of Marching Band appointments for the 2015 Marching Band Season, which is attached as an appendix. (pulled from agenda and moved to March 3, 2015 agenda)** A-3

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +4. **Approve the following change and additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year:**

			<u>Stipend</u>
Change:	Terry Alnor	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$265.00
Add:	Steven Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$265.00
	Jason Whelpley	Stage Crew Director – Musical	\$717.50

- +5. **Approve the appointment of the following high school teachers to provide home instruction to a high school classified student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract (pending completion of negotiations) for two hours per week, effective retroactive from January 26, 2015 through February 11, 2015:**

Jason Whelpley

Biology

Paul Marino
Michelle Janus
Allyson LaMarca

Economics/Modern World History
English I
Algebra I

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +6. **Approve the appointment of Andrew Anderson as an AHSA teacher at the high school. He will be paid 3% of his salary, as per the MPEA contract, Article XIII, Section F, effective retroactive from February 20, 2015 through June 30, 2015.**
- +7. **Approve a paid maternity leave for Hayley Devereaux, Art teacher at the high school, effective May 4, 2015 through approximately May 13, 2015 and a paid child care leave, effective approximately May 14, 2015 through June 10, 2015.**
- +8. **Approve the revised unpaid child care leave for David Hershberger, elementary school teacher, effective March 2, 2015 through March 26, 2015, as per the NJ Family Leave Act.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +9. **Rescind Motion A-17 of the February 3, 2015 Board Agenda approving the appointment of Douglas Habenstreit as the Maintenance/Groundskeeper.**
- +10. **Grant approval for Midland Park School District staff members to donate sick days to create a sick bank for Margaret Soto, full-time Bus Driver.**
- +11. **Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2014-2015 school year:**

Yasemin Yesil Building Aide

- +12. **Approve the appointment of Reese Cirino as an Aide for the Spring 2015 semester of Volleyball for Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8), sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education.**

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 January 31, 2015, 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. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. January 2015 direct pays in the amount of \$356,902.19.
- b. January 2015 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$39,059.10.
- c. January 2015 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$35,489.79.
- d. February 2015 claims in the amount of \$351,840.41.

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Second January 2015 payroll in the amount of \$521,857.20.
- b. First February 2015 payroll in the amount of \$534,560.77.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 4. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period January 1 – 31, 2015, which are attached as an appendix. B-4
- 5. Accept the Verizon Volunteers Incentive Program donation in the amount of \$750 from Mr. Ron Agresta to be used for the Marching Band, as per Board Policy 7230.
- 6. Accept the proceeds from the Musical Raffle, collected by the cast and crew members, and given to the Performing Arts Parents to be deposited into the Internal Musical Account, as per the attached appendix. B-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

- 7. Approve the use and rental of the High School gym to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for extended La Crosse clinics on the following Sundays from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.:

March 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2015

- +8. Approve the Rutgers Summer Enrichment program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held at the high school on Mondays, effective June 29, through July 27, 2015.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+9. Approve the following resolution:

Authorize the execution and delivery of the Section 15 Grant Agreements for the Midland Park High School and Elementary Schools renovations:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (the "Authority") has offered grants to the Midland Park Board of Education ("Board") to assist in the funding of the School Facilities Projects identified as:

DOE Project No. 3170-050-14-1001/SDA Project No. 3170-050-14-G3CU/Grant No. G5-6170

DOE Project No. 3170-050-14-1002/SDA Project No. 3170-050-14-G3CV/Grant No. G5-6171

DOE Project No. 3170-070-14-1003/SDA Project No. 3170-070-14-G3CW/Grant No. G5-6172

pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c. 72 enacted on July 18, 2000 and amended on August 6, 2007 by P.L. 2007, c. 137; and

WHEREAS, the Board has applied for and the Authority has approved grant amounts of:

Grant No. G5-6170- \$1,421,765

Grant No. G5-6171- \$ 179,541

Grant No. G5-6172- \$1,258,501

for the above identified Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Authority desire to enter into Section 15 Grant Agreements (the "Agreements") setting forth, in addition to other requirements and conditions, the terms of the disbursement of the State Share, and that it is being entered into pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Midland Park Board of Education (the "Board") that the Board is authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreements pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c. 72 enacted on July 18, 2000 and amended on August 6, 2007 by P.L. 2007, c. 137 for DOE Projects as identified above.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+10. Approve the following resolution:

Delegate Authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Projects for the Midland Park High School and Elementary Schools Renovations:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (the "Authority") has offered grants to the Midland Park of Education ("Board") to assist in the funding of the School Facilities Projects identified as:

DOE Project No. 3170-050-14-1001/SDA Project No. 3170-050-14-G3CU/Grant No. G5-6170

DOE Project No. 3170-050-14-1002/SDA Project No. 3170-050-14-G3CV/Grant No. G5-6171

DOE Project No. 3170-070-14-1003/SDA Project No. 3170-070-14-G3CW/Grant No. G5-6172

pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c. 72 enacted on July 18, 2000 and amended on August 6, 2007 by P.L. 2007, c. 137; and

WHEREAS, the Board has applied for and the Authority has approved grant amounts of:

Grant No. G5-6170-	\$1,421,765
Grant No. G5-6171-	\$ 179,541
Grant No. G5-6172-	\$1,258,501

WHEREAS, the Board and the Authority desire to enter into a Section 15 Grant Agreements (the "Agreements") setting forth, in addition to other requirements and conditions, the terms of the disbursement of the State Share, and that it is being entered into pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-15; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved a Resolution authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education hereby authorizes delegation of authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Projects identified above.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

+1. **Approve the following new textbook for Social Studies 7:**

Chu Hardwick, Holtgrieve, Wiggins. Pearson: *My World Geography*. Boston, MA, 2011

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

+2. **Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one middle school classified student on home instruction, for a maximum of 10 hours per week, at High Focus Center, Paramus, NJ, effective retroactive from January 29, 2015 through March 16, 2015.**

- +3. **Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one high school classified student in the Benway School, Wayne, NJ, effective retroactive from February 23, 2015 through June 30, 2015.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. **Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Kira Harder Catherine Prinsell	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children	Ramsey, NJ	\$50.00 \$50.00	3/19/15
Michael Gaccione	Legal Issue Training	Atlantic City, NJ	\$426.88	3/24-3/27/15
Christina Eromenok	Mental Health & Education	Paramus, NJ	\$113.39	4/20/15

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

- G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

The following items were reported:

The Salary Guides were approved by the Union.

Negotiations are beginning for the Administrators.

- H. Public Relations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

- I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

Events are scheduled as follows:

- General Meeting Combination is on 3/11
- Career Day
- Cultural Awareness Day

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Senior night for boys' basketball is scheduled for 2/26.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The Musical is scheduled for March 20-22.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The following items were reported on:

Blue Jean Ball has been sold out

Pedigree Shoe- Donate \$1.00 for every shoe sold

Sal Laurretta- Donation of 10% of sales.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

Discussion of the effects of the availability of the school fields during renovations on the fields. Ms. Garvey will be meeting with the Recreation Coordinator to discuss this topic.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items and events were reported on:

The Interact Club is part of the Rotary Club with many student members.

The Interact Fashion Show was quite successful. The Fashion Show was at the Brick House in Wyckoff on January 25.

Students are preparing to take the PARCC Exam.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2015.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

Mr. Formicola commented that the Maintenance and Custodial staff did a really great job with snow removal. They are short-handed and the men deserve recognition.

K. New Business

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 3, 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 decided to address the Board at this time.

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary