

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
March 9, 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

Maryalice Thomas

Excused:	James Canellas
	Robert Schiffer

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS Dr. Maryalice Thomas

Midland Park Public School District 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.

Dr. Thomas reported on the following items:

- Newark and Dumont School Losses – Our deepest sympathy to those parents and communities.
- Hall of Fame Inductees for the 2015 school year are:

Terry Alnor

Thomas Antonucci

John Brockett

Blue Jean Ball – We appreciate everything the Foundation does and their generosity is overwhelming.

Discussion of moving the Board meetings up to the High School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011915360 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. 011915361 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. 011915362 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. 012815363 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. 012815364 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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on March 17, 2015.

Open to Public- Comments only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak regarding the items on this agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

1. To approve the tentative Budget Calendar, which is attached as an appendix.

BR-1

Roll Call: All Yes

Action Items:

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 list of Spring Coaches at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year, which is attached as an appendix.
2. Approve the appointment of Alexis Ryerson as a maternity leave replacement for Savannah Dolianitis, Health & Physical Education teacher in Highland School. She will be placed on BA Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective March 10, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
3. Approve an extension in the paid sick leave for Linda Carr, Special Education teacher in Highland School, effective retroactive from February 13, 2015 through April 10, 2015.

A-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve *The Dog Ate My Homework Club* at Highland School and accept a grant award in the sum of \$645.00 from the Elementary PTA to fund the stipends for this club.

The PTA grant awards are as follows:

Carole Steel	\$322.50
Kelly Scala	\$322.50

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) is acting as the lead agency for the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT)

And

WHEREAS the MRESC operates the State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS for the provision of services to its members.

And

WHEREAS the MRESC has developed RFP specifications, for the New Jersey Digital

Readiness Learning & Assessment Broadband Component, Wide Area Network &

Internet Cooperative Purchasing Initiative (DRLAP) in accordance with E-Rate guidelines.

And

WHEREAS the MRESC, used a competitive contracting format as approved by the Division of Local Government Services.

And

WHEREAS the MRESC posted a 470 form listing all districts submitting a letter or intent to participate in DRLAP and those public school district members of the MRESC

Cooperative Pricing System not submitting a letter of intent to participate.

And

WHEREAS the MRESC advertised this bid in accordance with 18A: 18A-21 and publicly opened and read the DRLAP bid on September 17, 2014

So

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education awards the DRLAP contract to Lightpath for broadband, internet and telephone services.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the submission of the Amendment to the “Individuals with Disabilities Act, Part B (IDEA-B) Combined Basic and Preschool Flow-Through Application FY 2015” to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Approve the proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar, which is attached as an appendix.

C-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+3. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Anna Parke	NJ State School Nursing Assn. Conference	Iselin, NJ	\$315.18	March 28, 2015

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report

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

No Report.

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

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

- Snow, snow and more snow removal for February
- Repaired heating issues at MPHS
- Repaired boiler leaks at Highland School
- Continue to work on the T.V. broadcast room makeover
- Unclogged several sinks and toilets District-wide
- Installed valves in order to isolate Media Center heat at Highland School
- Repaired leaking heating coil at Highland Media Center
- Repaired broken desks, chairs at MPHS
- Lowered computer tables in the Media Center for PARCC testing at MPHS
- Repaired snow blowers
- Installed a blower in Uni-Vent at Godwin School

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Events are scheduled as follows:

3/11/15 – Combination General Meeting

3/13/15 – Market Day Orders Due

3/16/15 – Career Day

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

Events are scheduled as follows:

Stewart Little

Box-top collection

Kindergarten registration

Combination General Meeting

March 23-27 Cultural Awareness Week

March 23- Tangelwood Marionettes

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

Spamalot will be performed on March 20-22. Tickets are on sale.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The following events are scheduled as follows:

The next meeting is March 23rd, 2015.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

At the Blue Jean Ball a check was presented to the District. The money will be used to fund the purchase of Mac computers for the creation of a Mac lab.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for such a generous donation.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

The following items were commented on:

Field Renovations and the effect on field use. Ms. Garvey met with Kathy LaMonte to discuss.

A town meeting will be forthcoming in order to discuss renovations to the town field and the Junior Football field.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported on:

Career Day is scheduled for March 16, 2015.

Cultural Awareness Day is scheduled for April 17, 2015

Microeconomics is a new course that will be offered. It seems that this course will be quite popular. The Juniors and Seniors will go on a field trip to Ellis Island

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

The next scheduled meeting will be March 24, 2015.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Presentation by Mr. Frank Messineo – Referendum Projects

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 17, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel 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 address the Board at this time.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary