

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
May 5, 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 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 Robert Schiffer Peter Triolo	Richard Formicola William Sullivan
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Maryalice Thomas

Excused:	Sandra Criscenzo Brian McCourt Timothy Thomas
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

President Obama signed a proclamation to declare Teacher Appreciation Week.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS**     *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

Rescind motions 1 and 2 under Superintendent’s Report on the April 28, 2015 Board Agenda.

Roll Call: All Yes

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on May 19, 2015.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

**BOARD MOTIONS**

**APPENDIX**

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

1. Approve the Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, which is attached as an appendix:

**BM-1**

Roll Call: All Yes

**Action Items:**

- A. **Personnel-** (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years 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 – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the non-tenured reappointment and salary of Dr. Marie Cirasella as Superintendent of Schools for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the signed Contract of Employment.
2. Approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured administrators for the 2015-2016 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

Jason Cata	High School Assistant Principal
Michael Gaccione	High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Peter Galasso	Highland School Principal
Christina Gouraige	Director of Special Services
Melissa Quackenbush	Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development

3. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrators for the 2015-2016 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations):  
  
Danielle Bache                      Godwin School Principal  
Nicholas Capuano                  High School Principal
4. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrator for the 2015-2016 school year (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations):  
  
Stacy Garvey                      Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
  
Roll Call: All Yes  
  
Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .
5. Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Rachel Levy, elementary school Special Education teacher, for the 2015-2016 school year.  
  
Roll Call: All Yes  
  
Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .
6. Approve the appointment of Christy Kearney as a Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant for the district. She will be paid a salary of \$83,500 (MA Step 18 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.  
  
Roll Call: All Yes  
  
Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .
7. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured certificated staff for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-7  
  
Roll Call: All Yes  
  
Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .
8. Approve the first tenured appointment of the following certificated staff for the 2015-2016 school year:  
  
Loreto Angulo-Pizarro  
Constantine Eliopoulos  
  
Roll Call: All Yes  
  
Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .  
To approve the following block motion:
9. Accept the resignation of Paula Didyk as an elementary school teacher, effective July 1, 2015.
10. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all tenured certificated staff for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

11. Approve the request for Jennifer Belthoff to observe 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for four hours during the month of May 2015, as part of her field experience as a William Paterson student.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-12. Accept the resignation of LeAnn Tavtgian as a high school Social Studies teacher, effective June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-13. Accept the resignation of Maxine Lynch, as the Certified School Nurse in the Godwin School, effective June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the rejection of the lowest bid submitted on April 17, 2015 for the Pole Barn Storage Building at the High School, based on submission being above the estimated project budget;

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education permits the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to rebid/negotiate this project.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the high school Track Team to compete in the State League Championships at Egg Harbor, NJ from May 29 – 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the submission of an Equivalency Application to the New Jersey Department of Education to maintain the total number of teacher observation minutes and adjust the number of observations from three to two.

Roll Call: All Yes

### **LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The meeting has been rescheduled to May 19, 2015.

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 commencing or completed, as follows:

- Installed smart board at Highland School
- Electric installed for new stage curtain at Highland School
- Stage curtain scheduled to be installed Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Grass cutting district wide.
- Resolved a couple of A/C issues.
- All busses have been washed inside and out.
- Changed out all air filters roof top units MPHS.
- Lining ball fields- everyday.
- Boilers in MPHS have been drained and ready for service.
- All pumps and motors in the boiler room at MPHS have been greased and oiled.
- Boilers have been removed from Highland School.
- Installed new water fountain at Highland School.
- Cleaning up landscape beds in front of Highland School.
- Ordered closet doors for new Full Day Kindergarten classroom.

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)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The following events have been scheduled:

Spring Concert – May 12  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
New Executive Board in June  
Field Day on 5/22.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The following events have been scheduled:

Spring High School Choral – May 7  
Madrigal – May 15  
Marching Band will be performing in the Memorial Day Parade.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The programs with Recreation are continuing to do well.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following events are forthcoming:

AP Testing  
Prom - May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Interact Car Show

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

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

The boys' Tennis Team made States.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of May 19, 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 decided to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary