

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
June 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 2015 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(Arrived 8:02)
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused: Peter Triolo

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.

Attended the open house at the new Mosque in town. They were very welcoming and very generous. A donation was made to the school district of \$1000 to use for Cultural Awareness Week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acknowledgment of plaque donated by the Class of 1964 honoring their classmates who served in the military during the Vietnam Era.

Presentation to the Bergen County Teacher Recognition recipients:

Mrs. Karen Kantrowitz
Mrs. Nancy Stewart- LoPresti

Mr. Craig Rush
Mrs. Jennifer Stalb

The following people have been inducted into the Education Hall of Fame: Mrs. Terry Alnor, Mr. Thomas Antonucci, and Mr. John Brockett, Jr.

Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .
Approve the following resolution:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041315370 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 June 23, 2015.

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

None at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2015-2016 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 – Mr. Formicola . . .
To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the extension in the paid child care leave for Hayley Devereaux, Art teacher at the high school, from June 10, 2015 to June 19, 2015.

2. Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Katelyn Naranjo, elementary school teacher in the Highland School, for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Approve a paid child care leave for Rosemary Ferullo Filev, Special Education teacher at the high school, effective September 1, 2015 through September 3, 2015; an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective September 4, 2015 through November 30, 2015 and an unpaid child care leave, effective December 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
4. Rescind Motion A-5 of the May 5, 2015 Board Agenda approving an extension in unpaid child care leave for Rachel Levy for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. Approve the appointment of Rachel Levy as a .5 Special Education teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$27,050 (MA Step 8 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
6. Approve the appointment of Diane Erdman as a full time Special Education teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$48,925 (MA Step 4 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 transfer of Laurie Belthoff from a 3rd grade teacher in the Highland School to a Kindergarten teacher in the Godwin School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the increase in position for Savannah Dolianitis, Health/Physical Education teacher in the Highland School, from a .8 position to a full time position. She will be paid a salary of \$57,100 (MA +30 Step 6 on the MPEA salary guide), effective approximately October 9, 2015 (upon her return from child care leave) through June 30, 2016.
9. Approve the appointment of Mallory Buchmann as a full-time Kindergarten teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$48,000 (MA Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

1. Approve the amendment to the NCLB FY 2014-2015 application to revise the approved budget for Title I Part A and approve budget transfers among budget lines.

2. Approve and accept the non-resident ESY placement and contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Upper Saddle River Board of Education, effective July 1, 2015 through July 24, 2015, at a tuition of \$1,020.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the increase in the financial payout limit for the following consultants for the 2014-2015 school year:

	<u>Board expenditures</u>	<u>Referendum expenditures</u>
Architect	\$25,000	\$556,000
Board Attorney/Bond Counsel	\$55,000	\$ 24,000
Auditor		\$ 15,000

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Concert Band to Nashville, TN from April 7 – 11, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Next meeting will have a few revised policies.

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

No Report.

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

Facility Update:

- Installing infield mix Varsity baseball field and Upper Sunset fields.
- Grass cutting – District wide
- Resolved a couple of a/c issues
- Lined the practice field for the marching band.
- Changed a couple of door lock at MPHS.
- Changed out several ballasts at Highland School and the high school.
- Removing drop ceiling in Highland School.
- Changed out stage lights in Highland School.
- Repaired broken drain pipe at Godwin School.

- All snow blowers have been serviced and repaired for next winter.
- Replaced a couple of flushometers in the bathrooms at the high school.
- Checking our bus/transporting vehicles for State Inspection June 15, 2015.
- Various other jobs have been completed.

In addition, we will be sending out Referendum updates.

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

Proposals have been exchanged between Board Committee and MPASA

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 commented on:

Prom Red Carpet

Market Day is June 16, 2015.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

Field Day for elementary schools

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Sports Awards on June 10, 2015.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

Johnathan Tanigaki and Paulina Hill have been nominated for their performances for an award from Papermill Play House.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Continuing program with the barn-ending shortly.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

Events planned and items discussed:

Planning a 5K walk/run – look on Facebook page.

Two Scholarships were given out.

There will be a 10 Year Anniversary Gala at Macaluso's scheduled for 3/5/2016.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

The town is renovating the Junior Football Field next year. This will displace football for 1 year. They were questioning if the soccer field in the back will be ready by fall. Also mentioned Lacrosse will be using the Sunset Field. Extra excess use will eventually cause damage.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

The spring session is finished.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items were reported:

Castle tournament fund raiser- La Barre family

The prom was a huge success

Finals begin next week.

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

Ms. Criscenzo commented that it was very nice to have our band play at the Memorial Day Parade.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Formicola commented that the prom was very nice and the students attending had a great time.

K. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

L. NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 23, 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.

Mr. Russ Kamp questioned if the Concert Band included 7th & 8th graders on the band trip.

Dr. Cirasella replied yes

Mr. Kamp expressed his gratitude and thanked the Board and administration for their service, stating you do not get the commentary you deserve. Midland Park provides quality education. Thank you, again.

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

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