

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 7, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by James Canellas, 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 2017 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:	Patricia Fantulin	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	

James Canellas

Excused:	Sandra Criscenzo
	Richard Formicola
	Peter Triolo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Mission Statement

The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adoptive education aligned to 21st century knowledge and skills needed for success in college and career. The district maximizes all resources to empower students to realize their individual worth and responsibility, with the expectation they achieve the New Jersey state standards at all grade levels.

The Hall of Fame nominations are due by February 15, 2017.

Presentation to Dr. Maryalice Thomas– The Board and the Administrators thanked her for her service and dedication to the school district, students and community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

District policy states that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item prior to its vote by the full Board will have an opportunity to do so without prior notice.

No one chose to speak on any items.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2016-2017 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 – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the increase in salary for the following high school teacher, effective retroactive from February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017:

Danielle Vandenberghe from MA Step 10 (\$60,400) to MA +30 Step 10 (\$66,850)

2. Approve the following high school teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from January 20, 2017 through February 17, 2017:

Jaclyn Fitzmaurice – Financial Literacy & Algebra II for three hours per week
Deborah Marks – Physics & Physical Education/Health for three hours per week

3. Approve the following addition to the list of advisors to activities and clubs at the high school for the 2016-2017 school year:

Add: Steven Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director – Instrumental	\$558.00
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4. Approve the revised return date for the unpaid child care leave for Radcliff Brown, Custodian, effective December 27, 2016 with a return date on or about February 16, 2017.

5. Approve the request for Sara Burfeind, William Paterson University student, to observe a Pre-School/Kindergarten classroom, as a requirement to obtain her teaching certification.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve Krystyna Makowski as a Consultant for home instruction to a non-classified high school student. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$34.14 per hour retroactive from January 20, 2017 through February 17, 2017, as follows:

US II, English III, Art I for four hours per week

2. Approve the proceeds from the Musical Raffle in the sum of \$4,611.50 to be given to the Performing Arts Parents for deposit into the Internal Musical Account.
3. Approve the discarding of outdated technology equipment, as per the attached appendix. B-3

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Melissa Quackenbush	Effective Teaching in Reading	New Brunswick, NJ	\$182.86	2/16/2017
Teresa Mallon	NJAMLE 2017 Annual Conference	Union, NJ	\$137.60	3/10/2017

2. Approve the proposed Academic Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. C-2
3. Approve the following resolution:

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2017-2018 school year, due to the fact that

there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible students in the Midland Park School District.

4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a non-classified high school student on bedside instruction at Four Winds Hospital, Katonah, NY, retroactive from January 18 – 26, 2017 for a maximum of 10 hours per week.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- D. Policy Committee- (B. Sullivan, Chairperson)

The committee met earlier tonight. There will be 5 policies on the next agenda- one of which we are still gathering additional information on the policy.

- E. Legislative Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Mr. McCourt spoke about the school funding formula.

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

There will be a meeting tonight after the Board meeting.

- G. Negotiations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

- I. Town Council- (J. Canellas, R. Formicola, M. Thomas)

There is a meeting scheduled for February 13.

- J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (M. Thomas)

The PTA executive Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled.

The following meetings and events have been scheduled:

- a. A General Meeting has been scheduled for March 15. Stephen Hill is our guest speaker.
- b. An Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 3.
- c. Pocketbook Bingo is scheduled for April 20 at the Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School.

Elementary School PTA - (J. Canellas)

The following meetings/events have been scheduled:

- Executive meeting was February 6, 2017.
- Art Ventures – February 17.
- Coffee Connections on February 16th.
- Orders for a 6-piece fruit arrangement – fund raiser.
- Parent Social – May 6

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

The following events have been reported:

Chili cook-off – quite successful over \$5,000 raised

Pack the House – February 7, 2017

Hall of Fame

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The Musical will be performed on 3/24-26.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Working on donations for Black and White Ball.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

Meeting had been cancelled. Football Associates met privately – talking about merging with Waldwick.

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

The following items were reported on:

- Roger Bart worked with musical cast and crew
- Basketball games -2/7
- Model UN went to Bergen County Academies for a conference.
- GIRL UP Club – Movie Night

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

There wasn't any items that needed to be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 28, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Nabil Eliya commented on the Waldwick/Midland Park Football clubs. Pressure has been forthcoming from the football and lacrosse teams looking for field space.

Mr. Eliya asked if there is a plan in place for field use yet.

Ms. Garvey stated that we will be discussing this topic tonight at our committee meeting.

Mr. Eliya asked that the dollar amounts for the rentals be disclosed in the minutes.

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Dr. Thomas . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary