

## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Board of Education**

#### **Midland Park, New Jersey**

January 17, 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

James Canellas

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

Mr. Canellas reported on the following items:

The SEPAC presentation was held on January 10, 2017. It was nice to see so many Board Members in attendance.

Professional Development Day- presentations done by district staff.

This Friday the Borough Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled.

The Midland Park Education Association is accepting nomination for the Education Hall of Fame.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

### +1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 120516004 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.
- b. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1206163109 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.
- c. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1213163110 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

### Open to the Public:

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 wished to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

## APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on December 6, 2016.

### +2. Approve the Board Committees as per the attached appendix.

BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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 – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +1. **Approve the resolution with the terms of the full and final release of all claims and settlement agreement, as per the attached appendix. A-1**
- +2. **Approve the appointment of the following ELA/Math instructors, who will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective January 30, 2017 through June 30, 2017:**  
  
**Joann Manicone - ELA Instructor**  
**Jessica Lee - Math Instructor**
- +3. **Approve the appointment of Joseph DeMott as a part-time Custodian. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective retroactive from January 3, 2017 through June 30, 2017.**
- +4. **Approve the appointment of Vincent Schiraldi as a part-time Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective January 18, 2017 through June 30, 2017.**
- +5. **Approve the placement of Matthew McCloskey, William Paterson University student, to fulfill his student teaching requirements in Joanne Manicone's English classes, effective January 19, 2017 through May 4, 2017.**

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (T. Thomas , Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 2016, 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. December 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$647,097.05
- b. December 2016 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$47,539.16

c. December 2016 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$32,597.20

d. January 2017 supplemental claims in the amount of \$395,778.34.

**+e. First January 2017 payroll in the amount of \$606,780.75.**

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period December 1 – 31, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period December 1 – 31, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-4

**+5. Approve the Interpretation Services Agreement between Viva Your Voice, Inc. and the Midland Park Public Schools for translation and interpretation services during Special Education meetings, as needed, at the rate of \$125 per hour, effective retroactive from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.**

**+6. Approve the amendment to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) FY16 grant application carry over funds, as follows:**

**Title I Part A     \$     8.00**

**Title II Part A    \$9,737.00**

**+7. Approve the amended entitlement funds for the Individuals with Disabilities Act, (IDEA-B) Combined Basic and Preschool Flow-Through Grant FY 2017, as follows:**

**Basic:                \$250,012.00**

**Preschool:         \$ 20,977.00**

**+8. Approve the carry over funds for the Individuals with Disabilities Act, (IDEA-B) Combined Basic and Preschool Flow-Through Grant FY 2016, as follows:**

**Basic:                \$ 5,069.00 (Non-public)**

**Preschool:         \$ 10,799.00**

**+9. Approve the revised financial pay-out limits for the following consultants during the 2016-2017 school year:**

	<u><b>Board Expenditures</b></u>	<u><b>Referendum Expenditures</b></u>
<b>a. Board Architect</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>b. Board Attorney</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>	
<b>c. Board Auditor</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	
<b>d. Therapy Services</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-1. Approve the recommendation for Care Plus of New Jersey, Paramus, NJ, to conduct the

following services, on an as needed basis during the 2016-2017 school year:

School Clearances at the rate of \$200.00

Drug or Alcohol Screenings at the rate of \$250.00

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – ( M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

**+1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
*Nicholas Capuano *Eurico Antunes (*workshop filled; on wait list)	Technology in Education	Atlantic City, NJ	\$511.18 \$511.00	1/26-27/2017
Melissa Quackenbush	Revisiting Guided Reading	Hackensack, NJ	\$156.82	3/2/2017

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – ( W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Mr. Sullivan reported the following:

The committee met tonight before the public meeting. We reviewed (6) six policies and will move forward with (5) five. The committee is tabling 1 until we have more information.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (R. Triolo , Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (Dr. Thomas)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas)

The following events have been scheduled / reported on:  
Hillary Goldman Author to visit on Jan. 31st  
Highland and Godwin Talent Show

Booster Club – (B McCourt )

An executive meeting will be held tomorrow.  
Chili cook-off will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Performing Arts Parents – (R. Triolo)

The following events were commented on:  
Winter concert is scheduled for Thursday evening.  
Fund-raiser for auditorium seats on-going.  
Musical preparation is underway.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

SEPAC presentation from Care Plus and Bergen's Promise. The presentation emphasized the following:

- a. Understanding & Navigating NJ's Children's System of Care.
- b. Identify children and families in need or in crisis
- c. First step in accessing care is Performcare which is the referring agency
- d. Wraparound model of care – team members (parents, school employees, Dr's, community volunteers, ie coaches)
- e. Online information – Bergen Resource Net – workshops and educational events.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Black & White Bash is sold out.  
Reviewed new program of events.  
NJ Devil Game ticket sale.  
Touch Stone jewelry party- fund raiser.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

Spring catalogue is out. Classes have started.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

No Report.

Borough Town Council – (J. Canellas)

Waiting to hear back on scheduling a meeting.

President's Advisory Council

J. Old Business

There is nothing to discuss at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 7, 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.

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

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