

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
Board of Education  
Midland Park, New Jersey  
June 6, 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.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	James Canellas	
Excused:	Peter Triolo	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**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.**

Recognition:

Education Hall of Fame Induction:

Mrs. Carol Carlisle  
Mrs. Sharon Weiss Glassman

Bergen County Teachers of the Year:

Mrs. Stefanie Greenberg  
Mrs. Danielle Kirsch  
Ms. Maureen Kelley  
Ms. Jo Ann Polhemus

Student Representative to the Board of Education:

Miss Tess Steuerwald

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Presentation: Holocaust Study Tour 2017 – Mr. Capuano and students

Mr. Canellas thanked Mr. Capuano for his efforts on the Holocaust trip.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .  
The Board convened for a 10 minute recess

Roll Call: All Yes

The Meeting was called Back-To-Order at 8:55

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0501173113 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 Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the June 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda.**

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Action Items:

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

#### APPENDIX

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 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 – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

1. Approve the appointment of Kathryn Fedina, Ed.D as the Interim Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment. She will be paid at the per diem rate of \$400, not to exceed 90 days, effective June 7, 2017 through December 8, 2017.

Ms. Fatulin commented that she was very impressed with Ms. Fedina's vast biography.

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 May 5, 2017 through June 23, 2017:

Jaelyn Fitzmaurice	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Media, Albegra II	3 hours per week
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Nancy DeRitter/ Deborah Marks	Physics, Physical Education/Health	3 hours per week
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Krystyna Makowski (Consultant)	US II, English III, Art I	4 hours per week
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3. Approve the following high school teachers to provide home instruction to a classified high school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from June 1, 2017 through June 23, 2017:

Sheralyn Rohlff (Consultant)	English, Modern World History SHIP support	2 hours per week 1 hour per week
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Krystyna Makowski (Consultant)	Biology, Algebra I Art I, Physical Education 9	2 hours per week .5 hours per week
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4. 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 June 7, 2017 through June 23, 2017:

Emily Walker	Geometry	2 hours per week
Yana Seminara	French III	2 hours per week
Dino Eliopoulos	US History II/Physical Education	2 hours per week
Drew Strohmeyer	Chemistry/Digital Photography	2 hours per week
Kori Meerholz	English II/Chorus	2 hours per week

5. Accept the resignation of Karen Kantrowitz as a .6 Spanish teacher in the elementary schools, effective June 30, 2017.
6. Approve an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Allison Kilgallen, elementary teacher in the Highland School, effective September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
7. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured Instructional Aides for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix.
8. Approve the following student Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education Before/After School Child Care program, effective June 7, 2017 through June 30, 2017:

Catherine Bertocci  
Chloe Kasbarian  
Sean Keegan  
Eamonn Timoney

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the submission of the 2016-2017 Extraordinary Aid application to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the continued placement of a non-classified high school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from May 5, 2017 through June 23, 2017.

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2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a classified high school student on home instruction, effective June 1, 2017 through June 23, 2017.
3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a non-classified high school student on home instruction, effective June 7, 2017 through June 23, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of June 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda items.**

A. Personnel Committee- (Dr. Thomas)

The committee met this evening and there are very few positions left to fill.

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

No report.

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

This is a quiet time right now for Curriculum.

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

There will be some policies for review and approval over the summer.

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

No Report.

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

There will be a Resolution to transfer Capital Reserve on the June 20, 2017 meeting for the relocation of the main office at Godwin School.

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)

The Council met last week. The following items were discussed:

- Refurbish the tennis courts on Dairy Street. Possible joint effort with Borough and District-seeking 50/50 on this endeavor. We will be seeing information soon.
- Discussed Borough contribution to our field maintenance yearly.
- Lighting in the back of the high school around borough fields. Took under advisement.

J. Student Representative- (Tess Steuerwald)

Ms. Steuerwald thanked the Board for such a wonderful experience and my experience with this position helped with college acceptance and grants.

The following items were discussed:

- Field Trips
- Prom
- Band Festival at high school
- Graduation activities coming up
- Sports meetings for next year

Mr. Canellas welcomed Emma Lien as the new Student Representative.

Mr. Canellas commented on the BC Valedictorian Breakfast which celebrates District and County Scholars. William Krag was recognized as the Class Valedictorian.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Thomas asked when the field work in back of the high school will begin. Ms. Garvey advised the field will be looked at next year.

Ms. Criscenzo asked about the bleachers behind the high school. She wanted to know if anyone has any idea what to do with them. This will be discussed with administration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 20, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Formicola expressed his *Kudos* to Mr. Collins and his Crew. There was so much rain and their diligent work made the fields playable for the State games. They just did a fantastic job. Mr. Canellas commented that Mr. Formicola also helped to make the field playable and also deserved a heartfelt thank you.

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.  
No one chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .  
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary