

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**March 21, 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	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	

James Canellas

Excused:      Brian McCourt

**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 discussed the differences between the Action Meeting and the Work Session Meeting. He would like to refocus and have limited action on the Work Session and more discussion from the committees. This allows the Board to give the public more of a sense of what is happening in our committee system.

Mr. Canellas also thanked the Trustees for attending the Board meeting on Friday and moving the budget forward.

Hall of Fame Committee has decided to induct 2 people: Mrs. Sharon Weiss and Mrs. Carol Carlisle. They will be inducted during a ceremony at a June Board of Education meeting.

Open to the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

February 7, 2017

February 28, 2017

Roll Call: All Yes

### A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

### APPENDIX

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. Accept the resignation of Jill Klaasen as a special education teacher in the Highland School, effective June 30, 2017.
2. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs for the 2017 Marching Band Season and Annual Drama, as per the attached appendix. A-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of February 28, 2017, 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. February 2017 direct pays in the amount of \$229,238.37.
- b. February 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$26,821.23.
- c. February 2017 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$44,483.37.
- d. March 2017 claims in the amount of \$279,850.48.
- e. First March 2017 payroll in the amount of \$607,995.34.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period February 1 – 28, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period February 1 – 28, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Approve the following resolution:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$.0995 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals (breakfast, lunch program meals) served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$.0995 will be multiplied by total meals.

**+6. Approve the 2017-2018 Cafeteria prices, as per the attached appendix. B-6**

- +7. Approve the revised Addendum B of the Agreement between Insight Workforce Solutions, LLC and the Midland Park Board of Education, as per the attached appendix. B-7**

8. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday & Thursday, May 23 & 24; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, May 30, 31 & June 1, 2017

- +9. Accept the donation from the Midland Park Public Education Foundation in the amount of \$18,200 to be used for broadcasting equipment at the high school and a screen and projector for the Multi-Purpose Room in the Godwin School, as per Board Policy 7230.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Thomas thanked everyone who attended Friday's meeting and voted yes on the Budget.

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

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Peter Galasso	Mindfulness	Mahwah, NJ	\$149.00	3/29/17

- +2. Approve the K-8 ELA curricula aligned to the NJSLS Standards.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from March 8, 2017 through April 21, 2017.**
- +4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one non-classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from March 13, 2017 through approximately May 13, 2017.**
- +5. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one middle school non-classified student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from March 16, 2017 through approximately May 16, 2017.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Minutes of

the Public Meeting of March 21, 2017

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following revised policy:

Education of Homeless Children

Policy Section 5116

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. **Approve the following revised Mandated policies, as per the attached appendices:**

**a. Special Education**

**Policy Section 2460**

**D-2a**

**b. Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents**

**Policy Section 2467**

**D-2b**

Roll Call: All Yes

- +3. **This item was tabled.**

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

Mrs. Fantulin stated that she attended a training on salary guides and will have a report for the Board at the next meeting.

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

STEAM event held in Allendale. We will obtain a report for the Board and the public.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (M. Thomas)

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Midland Park Alliance and the High School PTA are co-hosting Stephen Hill, Addiction and Motivational Speaker.

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas)

The following events are scheduled:

- Spin class fund raiser
- General Meeting presentation on zumba and yoga.
- Cultural Awareness Week

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

All high school athletes will receive dry-fit t-shirts from the Boosters.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Next week-end is the musical.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

The following items were reported on:

- The Black and White Ball was a huge success.
- Now working on scholarships.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

The following items were reported on:

- Waldwick/MP football/cheerleading merging without consent
- Some negotiation of policy being reviewed.

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

No Report.

K. Old Business

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 4, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public – general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary