

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
APRIL 19, 2022**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Triolo at 8:00 p.m. and Ms. Garvey read the following statement:

“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 2022 elective year. A notice was also posted inside 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 or students.”

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Sandra Criscenzo	Christine Dell’Aglio
	Nabil Eliya	Patricia Fantulin
	Maryalice Thomas	Brian McCourt

Peter Triolo

Excused:	James Canellas
	Richard Formicola

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** Mr. Peter Triolo

**Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adaptive 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.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

Presentation on "The Smile Campaign" at Highland School by Peter Galasso – Mr. Galasso presented this program that is currently in Highland School, he stated that the program has been in Highland for a handful of years. The Smile Campaign is designed for kids to do the right thing without getting credit for it. It is a student centered program.

The Midland Park Public School District has once again been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its commitment to music education. This is the seventh time our program has been so recognized. This award honors districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music education to its students. We congratulate all out amazingly talented student musicians and staff for their talent and dedication to the musical arts.

I am very pleased to announce that our BA, Stacy Garvey, has been chosen as the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials as its 2021-2022 School Business Administrator of the Year. This is the organization's top statewide recognition, which recognizes her long-standing and commendable service to the profession.

In addition to being recognized and celebrated at the upcoming state NJASBO conference, Ms. Garvey will be awarded an additional scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to be given to a graduating senior. This particular aspect of the award brings Stacy great happiness.

On a personal note: I have been in education quite a few years and Stacy is easily the finest BA I have ever worked with. Her reputation among her peer colleagues is outstanding and many phone calls, emails and good wishes have come her way. She is a truly wonderful person.

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0307223163 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: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

March 1, 2022

March 15, 2022

March 23, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2021-2022 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 – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the appointment of the following staff members to provide summer support for students at risk of not graduating. They will be paid \$60.95 per hour as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA agreement. 100% of the salaries will be paid through the ESSER III Grant for three days per week, during the month of July:

Emily Donovan	Math
Maureen Kelley	English
Paul Marino	Social Studies

2. Approve the following appointments as Program Coordinators of the Park Players Summer Theatre Workshop:

**+Carlyn Criscenzo, Volunteer**  
Lauren Gormley, out-of-district teacher

- +3. Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 0429, effective April 18 – May 27, 2022.**
- +4. Approve the revised date for Employee No. 1484 to return from an unpaid child care leave from June 1, 2022 to June 7, 2022.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. Approve the return of Kasey Damiano to the position of Instructional Aide in the High School. She will be paid her regular salary of \$27,700.00, (Category V Step 5 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective May 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022.**
- +6. Approve the continued employment of Mackenzie Conroy as an Instructional Aide in the High School. She will continue to be paid a salary of \$25,100 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), prorated effective May 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022.**
- +7. Approve the transfer of Dylan King from the position of Instructional Aide in the High School to the position of long-term substitute teacher in the High School. He will be paid at the rate of \$150 per day, effective May 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022.**
- +8. Approve a paid child care leave for Employee No. 1300, effective September 1, 2022 through approximately September 8, 2022; an unpaid child care leave, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective approximately September 12, 2022 through**

**approximately December 2, 2022 and an unpaid child care leave, effective approximately December 5, 2022 through December 23, 2022.**

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. McCourt, 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 March 31, 2022, 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglia...

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. March 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$751,394.44.
- b. March 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$58,007.50.
- c. March 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$50,211.42.
- d. First March 2022 payroll in the amount of \$654,330.41.
- e. Second March 2022 payroll in the amount of \$658,839.30.
- f. First April 2022 payroll in the amount of \$708,692.24
- g. April 2022 claims in the amount of \$546,057.96

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period March 1 - 31, 2022, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period March 1 – 31, 2022, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglia...

5. As per Board Policy 7230, accept the \$500 donation in gift cards from GENYOUth and ACME Nourishing Neighbors, sponsored by ACME Markets, Inc., to offset costs associated with the serving and preparation of school meals to district students.

6. As per Board Policy 7230, accept the donation of 300 COVID-19 SARS Antigen Rapid Test Kits provided by Gift of Life America in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID in our schools.

7. Approve the use of Memorial Hall in the High School for Park Players Summer Theatre Workshop, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on the following dates and times:

July 11 – 22, 2022      9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
 July 25 – 28, 2022      9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
 July 28, 2022            7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**+8. Authorize the submission of the ARP Homeless Children and Youth Grant and accept the funds in the amount of \$1,888.00.**

**+9. Approve the recommendation of the Athletic Director to hold a uniform and equipment sale for disposal purposes of old athletic department uniforms and equipment to be held during the current spring season events and athletic contests.**

Roll Call: All Yes

**C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)**

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Patricia Olson	Language Disorders vs. Language Differences for ELLS	West Orange, NJ	\$318.78	5/17/22
Catherine Prinsell	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Virtual	\$199.99	On-line

Roll Call: All Yes

**D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)**

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

**+1. Approve the following Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:**

- a. Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment      Policy Section 2415.05      D-1a**
- b. Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries      Policy Section 2431.4      D-1b**
- c. Student Assessment      Policy Section 2622      D-1c**
- d. High School Graduation      Policy Section 5460      D-1d**

e. Anti-Hazing	Policy Section 5541	<u>D-1e</u>
f. Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts	Policy Section 8465	<u>D-1f</u>

+2. **Approve the first reading of the following non-Mandated Policy, as per the attached appendix:**

a. Political Activities	Policy Section 3222	<u>D-2a</u>
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Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- An eblast was sent out yesterday regarding the June 2020 adoption of new sex education standards in NJ. We know this is a complex and controversial issue and hope the information we provided answered some frequently asked questions.
- On April 13, Governor Murphy ordered the state Department of Education to review the new standards adopted in 2020 to, “provide further clarification on what age-appropriate guidelines look like for our students.”
- The process of reviewing and revising curriculum remains ongoing and we are proceeding in accord with identified timelines for a mandated September 2022 implementation. We are moving forward with caution, as we know the additional review of the standards may change guidelines.
- Our district is committed to remaining in compliance with NJSLS competencies. We are also aware of our responsibility to listen to the concerns of our families and respond with as much information as possible. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Dell’Aglia, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

+1. **Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report on the following date and location:**

**April 7, 2022 Windsor Bergen Academy, Ridgewood, NJ**

Roll Call: All Yes

G. Negotiations Committee - (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

- Meeting with committee on 5/3

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

No Report

I. Town Council – (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)

- Met with Mayor Shortway, Councilwoman Peet and Business Administrator Martin, it was a productive meeting on fields and how to move forward
- Next meeting will be once we get through the budget

J. Diversity Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

- Virtual workshop on 5/20, hoping committee will attend

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (N. Formicola)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

No Report

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

- Spring sports registrations are open
- Looking for team liaisons for all the spring teams
- 1<sup>st</sup> Panther Pride Throw Down was successful
- Lawn sign fundraiser still going on to support your sport

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

- Choral concert next month
- Madrigals concert
- Thank you to parents who do fundraising and work behind the scenes

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K will be back in September
- \$2,500 scholarship to a lucky senior, it will announced at the senior awards

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

- Working with schools on scheduling sports on the fields
- Community Day – 10/1 from 2-6 pm
- Sharing of water slide for summer programs

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

- May through October - overnight trips, all listed on website
- May through November - day trips, all listed on website
- Summer camp registration is open
- Go to facebook page to find announcements

Student Representative to the Board – (Sophia Rosenthal)

- AP exams are starting in 2 weeks
- NHS World Language ceremony is 4/21, juniors and seniors are preparing for it

- Volleyball fundraiser before break was successful and the money will go towards prom
- Students found Ryan Clark's no-hitter exciting

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of May 3, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Eliya  
To adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary