

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Triolo 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: James Canellas Sandra Criscenzo  
Christine Dell’Aglia Patricia Fantulin  
Richard Formicola Brian McCourt

Peter Triolo

Excused: Nabil Eliya  
Maryalice Thomas

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**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.**

Mr. Triolo stated that this is the first meeting of the summer. We only do one meeting a month in July and August instead of our normal two meeting a month. Graduation was great, it was a culmination of everyone’s hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

Dr. Cirasella presents the following report:

Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report of District Violence & Vandalism Statistics and Incidents of HIB for Reporting Period 2, 2021-2022

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

1. Approve the following resolution:
  - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0603223167 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. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

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

June 7, 2022  
June 21, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Dell’Aglia...

2. Approve the update to the LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services.

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2022-2023 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. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve the following new job descriptions, as per the attached appendices:

- a. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Team Leader A-1a
- b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Team Leader A-1b

2. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 2032, effective retroactive to June 30, 2022.
3. Accept the resignation of Employee No 2125, effective retroactive to June 30, 2022.
4. Approve the following elementary school teachers to receive additional hours of professional development in Language Arts Literacy during the summer. They will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid through Title II funds, not to exceed six hours each:

Yaris Chase  
Jennifer Stalb

Roll Call: All Yes

Mrs. Fantulin emphasized that the Middle School Team positions are academic, not sports related.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

5. Approve Maureen O’Hara, Basic Skills teacher in Highland School to work during the summer to adapt the program for current needs based on state test results. She will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95 for Professional Development, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid through Title I funds, not to exceed six hours.
6. Approve Kelly Scala, Guidance Counselor in the Highland School to work during the summer to help students transition back to school. She will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95 for Professional Development, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid through Title I funds, not to exceed six hours.
7. Approve the retroactive appointment and payment of stipends to staff members for revising curricula during the 2021-2022 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-7
8. Approve the appointment and employment contract for Michael Spears as a Computer/Media Technician. He will be paid a salary of \$49,000, prorated effective retroactive from July 11, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
9. Approve the retroactive appointments of the following high school students for Park Players, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective retroactive from July 11 – 28, 2022:

Declan Feehan  
Victoria Tarleton

Roll Call: All Yes

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

10. Approve the following addition to the list of Fall Coaches at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Kris DeBlasio	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,670

11. Approve the appointment of Emma Perotta as a Volunteer/Counselor in Training for the Summer Camp sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective July 20 – August 12, 2022.
12. Approve the appointment of Leni Palmeri as a collaborative Special Education Kindergarten teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$53,350 (MA Step 4 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
13. Approve the appointment of Christin Spartz as a Pre-K ABA teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$50,500 (BA Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
14. Approve the appointment of Hope Rothenberger, as a .5 Curriculum Secretary/.5 Secretary to the Athletic Director. She will be paid a salary of \$40,650 (Category III, Step 9 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective approximately August 22, 2022 (or sooner) through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

15. Approve the appointment of Kayla Miller as an Instructional Aide in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$25,300 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
16. Approve the appointment of Marie Theodorides as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$27,400 (Category V, Step 4 on the Secretarial/Clerical guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
17. Approve the appointment of Brook Chiodo as an Adult Aide for the Before and After School Child Care program sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
18. Approve the additional placement of Caitlin Neville as a Student Teacher in Therese Seider's class in the High School, effective November 1 – December 2, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of June 30, 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. June 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$413,320.68.
- b. June 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$101,432.03.
- c. June 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$42,709.83.
- d. Second June 2022 payroll in the amount of \$683,404.62.
- e. June 2022 supplemental payrolls in the amount of \$89,746.20.
- f. First July 2022 payroll in the amount of \$124,398.05.
- g. June 2022 supplemental claims in the amount of \$236,658.33.
- h. July 2022 claims in the amount of \$585,127.75.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period June 1 - 30, 2022, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period June 16 – 30, 2022, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

5. Accept the following donations to the Highland School, as per Board Policy 7230:

\$10,000 to be used for the Art Room to add a Kiln Room and upgrades, contributed by the Tarleton family.

\$1,000 to be used for murals and the Kiln Room/art upgrades, contributed by the Kopshaw family.

\$200 to be used for memorial project TV, contributed by The Lions Club.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Triolo thanked the donators, these are tremendous donations, thank you for your support.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

6. Approve the purchase of a Cisco C9800-L Wireless Controller with system upgrade and support from Core BTS in the amount of \$18,901 through NJASPO- Contract PA#21.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 7. Approve the submission of the application for Toilet Room Facilities for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms in the Godwin School to the NJ Department of Education, as per the attached appendix.

- 8. Approve the acceptance of funds in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant for fiscal year 2022-2023, as follows:

Title I Part A Basic	\$47,003
Title II Part A	\$16,211
Title III	\$ 2,352 (Consortium)
Title IV, Part A	\$10,000

- 9. Approve the submission and acceptance of funds for the IDEA Grant application for 2022-2023 to the New Jersey Department of Education, as follows:

Basic:	\$223,627 Public
	\$ 45,016 Non Public
Preschool:	\$ 15,043 Public
	\$ 7,521 Non Public

- 10. Approve the Annual Contract for Services between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division and Midland Park Public Schools for the provision of Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing services for one student for a maximum of two sessions per week at a rate not to exceed \$13,200 during the 2022-2023 school year.
- 11. Approve the School Contract between the Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Midland Park School District for Classified student A to receive educational services effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,200.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 12. Approve the School Contract between the Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Midland Park School District for Classified student B to receive educational services effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,200.
- 13. Approve the School Contract between the Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Midland Park School District for Classified student C to receive educational services effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,200.
- 14. Authorize the School Business Administrator to execute the Agreement for Alcohol and Drug Testing Services between Valley Medical Group and the Midland Park Board of Education for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30 2024.

15. Accept the Extraordinary Aid funds in the amount of \$606,293 to be allocated as follows:

11-000-230-100 Sal General Admin	\$ 75,000
11-000-230-331 Legal Services	\$ 10,000
11-000-230-332 Auditing Services	\$ 10,000
11-000-240-103 Sal School Admin	\$120,000
11-000-240-104 Sal School Admin- Special Svc	\$ 50,000
11-000-240-105 Sal School Admin- Secy	\$ 50,000
11-000-251-100 Sal Central Svcs	\$ 80,000
11-000-291-270 Health Benefits	\$100,000
11-000-100-566 Tuition- Private in State	\$111,293
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$606,293</b>

16. Rescind Board Motion B-21 a. of the June 21, 2022 Agenda approving the purchase of 19 HALO Sensors and Cloud license from Care Security Systems and instead, approve the purchase of 13 HALO Smart Sensors with license and TCP Server, installation and miscellaneous supplies included, from AVS Technology, as per Proposal #9436m in the amount of \$22,849.36.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Karen Corcoran	NJ AAP School Health Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$295.19	10/19/2022

2. Approve the following new Clubs at the High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Team Leader

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Team Leader

3. Approve the disposal of outdated textbooks at the High School, as per the attached appendix:

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4. Approve the revised curricula which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards, as follows:

- Visual Art Grade 1
- Visual Art Grade 2
- Visual Art Kindergarten
- Theater Grades 6-8
- TV Workshop Grades 7-8
- Exploratory Art 7

Exploratory Art 8  
Advanced TV Production  
Broadcasting Field Production  
Dramatics  
Introduction to Web Design  
Economics  
Art I  
Ceramics I  
Ceramics II  
Digital Photography I  
Digital Photography II  
Drawing I  
Drawing II  
Painting I  
Painting II  
Sculpture

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Approve the retroactive recommendation for the summer placement and transportation for an elementary school classified student at the Windsor Learning Center, Pompton Lakes, NJ.
6. Approve Apex Leadership Co. to provide a two-week character building and leadership program that culminates with a student-run fund raiser for Godwin School.
7. Approve the following field trip for the Summer Camp, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education to the Superdome, Waldwick, NJ July 28, 2022 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
8. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Fall 2022 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

1. Approve the first reading of the following non-Mandated Policies, as per the attached appendices:

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|---|---------------------|-------------|
| a. Examination for Cause – Teaching Staff Members | Policy Section 3161 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. Examination for Cause – Support Staff Members  | Policy Section 4161 | <u>D-1b</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- On July 5, NJ Governor Phil Murphy signed into law legislation requiring the recently Administered NJ Graduation Proficiency test to be designated as a field test for the Class of 2023.



- This past spring, our juniors who are part of the Class of 2023, became the first to take an 11<sup>th</sup> grade test call the NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment. It marked the first time in three years the Garden State held state exams due to the coronavirus pandemic
- Under the new legislation, the state will waive the exam as a prerequisite for the Class of 2023 and will treat it as a field test, and the results will be used only to help the state develop tests for future graduating classes.

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

- Facility update for Summer 2022
  - MPHS – exterior aluminum and vinyl soffit’s installed in courtyards and rooftop HVAC rooms
  - Godwin School – new drop ceiling and LED lighting in second floor hallway, milling and repaving of play area
  - Highland School – new sub floor and VCT tile in speech room
  - District – Many maintenance work orders and Principal requests, deep summer Cleaning, stripping, waxing floors and hallways in all buildings
  - Continuing maintain all fields, grass and landscape beds

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

No Report

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

- Survey for field improvements & social media use will be reviewed by committee
- Second survey going out in September

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

- The next meeting is on 8/18

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

No Report

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (R. Formicola)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell’Aglio)

No Report

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K, looking for Sponsors, registration is open
- Couch – 5K starts in August

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

- Courses are approved for fall and are listed on the website

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

No Report

K. Old Business

Mr. Formicola thanked Mr. Collins' crew who worked on the fields. They took time out to make sure they were ready for the baseball summer league tonight.

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of August 23, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

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. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary