

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 7, 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:	Sandra Crisenzo	Christine Dell’Aglia
	Nabil Eliya (left at 8:45)	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Maryalice Thomas
	Brian McCourt	Peter Triolo
Excused:	James Canellas	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Midland Park Public School District Mission Statement

The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adaptive education aligned to 21st 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.

President Triolo also stated, the Senior Awards dinner was a tremendous event, as well as the Valedictorian Breakfast, congratulations to Holly Zbierski. It is a wonderful celebration of the town and students.

Teachers of the Year:

Diane Erdman	Godwin School
Lori Thiemann	Highland School
Sarah Berninger	High School
Paul Marino	Middle School

Retirees:

Diane Ilovar
 Marie Pantina
 JoAnn Polhemus
 Carole Treta
 Margaret Soto

Board Recognition:

Sophia Rosenthal

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

- June is a special time for schools, this is the time our students hold the spotlight and we have so much to celebrate.
- I'm pleased to announce that as of this week, scholarship monies for the Class of 2022 had been offered from the colleges and universities granting acceptance is \$3,371,472.
- We're so proud of our high school graduates, and all our students being promoted to the next grade level, and we look forward to continuing the memorable special events and ceremonies this month.

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the June 7, 2022 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS**Action Items:**A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

1. Approve the request for an extension in the paid medical leave for Employee No. 0429, effective May 31, 2022 through June 21, 2022.
2. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1881, effective June 30, 2022.
3. Rescind Motion A-23 of the May 17, 2022 Board Agenda to appoint Ursula Dalton as .5 General Secretary to the Athletic Director and .5 General Secretary to the Curriculum Department. She will be paid a salary of \$41,650.00 (Category III 12 month, Step 10 of the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
4. Approve the following Coaches to run Hoops Mania, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held in the High School on June 21, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.:

Adam Sidrow - Head Coach
John Michael Santulli - Assistant Coach

5. Approve the following appointments for the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp to held in the High School, effective June 27 – August 12, 2022:

College Students:

Olivia Calderone
McKenzie Cieri
Anthony Cornetta
Sara Fonticoba
Sophie Mahoney

High School Students:

Sydney Cieri
Megan DeMarco
Allison Hallak
Carolyn McCourt
Toby Reicher
Paige Tuozzo

Volunteers/Counselors in Training:

Israel Miranda Nicholas Piemontesi Jason Vivino

Adult Counselor:

Sophie Mahoney

Substitute Adult Counselor:

Vinnette Komjian

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the appointment of the following full-time Bus Drivers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$32.00 per hour, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

Luz Perez
Maria Valenzuela

7. Approve the appointment of the following part-time Bus Drivers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$28.00 per hour, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

Ana Barrera
Yahely Cepeda
Luz Denise Rivera

8. Approve the following appointments for Park Players Summer Theater Workshop, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program to be held in Memorial Hall at the High School, effective July 11 – 28, 2022:

Catelyn Shannon – Musical Director
Samantha Cebulski – Student Counselor
Eddie Cebulski – Student Volunteer
Mattia Thomson - Volunteer/CIT High School Student

9. Approve the request for an extension in the unpaid child care leave for Employee No. 1310, effective September 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

10. Approve the appointment of Jessa Cabibbo as a Math teacher at the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$65,500.00 (MA Step 12 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

11. Approve the appointment of Donna Matera as a second grade teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$50,000.00 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Accept the retirement resignation of Steven Ferro, as a 6th grade Science teacher in the Highland School, effective June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the Bergen County Special Services contract for services required under Chapters 192 and 193 of the Laws of 1977 for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Approve the Addendum to Extend the Agreement between ESS Northeast, LLC and the Midland Park Public Schools to provide substitute staffing, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
3. Approve the payment of the Invoice from Penn Medicine Princeton Health Care to provide up to ten hours a week of bedside instruction for a non-classified high school student, effective retroactive from May 2 – 22, 2022 at the rate of \$65.00 per hour, for a total of \$1,950.00.
4. Approve the agreement with Learn Well to provide 10 hours of educational services per week to a non-classified high school student on bedside instruction, at the rate of \$49 per hour, effective retroactive from May 24, 2022 for up to six weeks.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement and participation in the ARP HCY II Consortium.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Margaret Owens	School Counseling Professional Development	Austin, TX	\$429.00	7/9-12/2022

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a non-classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from May 2 – 22, 2022 with an additional bedside instruction placement, effective retroactive from May 24, 2022 for up to six weeks.

3. Approve the Hoops Mania free Basketball event to promote Summer Camps for Kids, Grades 3-8, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, including 3 on 3 tournament, games and contests to be held in the High School on June 21, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of June 21, 2022 agenda items

- B. Finance Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)
- Transfers, usual pays, payroll and cash report on the next agenda
 - Lists of Scholarships for 2021-2022
- C. Curriculum Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
- Overnight trip
 - Revised & new curriculum
 - Disposal of textbooks
 - Additional courses
- D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
- Approval & Abolishment of some policies
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)
- On May 31, NJ Congressman Jefferson Van Drew announced the drafting of the “Stronger Schools Act,” a new legislation that would work in coordination with the Department of Defense to develop a program to train and employ veterans and retired law enforcement officers to become School Resouce Officers, or SROs. The bill also would provide funding for additional security measures and require at least one armed officer be on school grounds at all times. This is a very important issue. We will remain watchful as this bill progresses.
 - On May 12, the Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee advanced the following measures to the NJ State Assembly.
 - a. A-3565 would permit the holder of a valid, non-commercial driver’s license, upon completing required training, to operate a Type S school bus to transport students. These drivers would no longer be required to obtain a CDL or school bus endorsement.
 - b. A-1282 would establish a \$45 million dollar, three-year grant program in the state’s Environmental Department to determine the operational reliability and cost effectiveness of replacing diesel-powered school buses with electric school buses. The program would select six districts each year, focusing on low-income communities with environmental justice issues.
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)
- Working with finance with end of year purchases
- G. Negotiations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
- Meeting tonight, will send out information

- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
- Field improvement survey will be sent to Board for review. Will schedule a meeting in two weeks
- I. Town Council- (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)
- Meeting next Tuesday, 6/14
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- J. Diversity Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson) S. Criscenzo reported
- 5/20 on line workshop. We received good ideas and will be sharing
- K. Student Representative- (Sophia Rosenthal)
- The Senior awards dinner was last night and other similar events are coming up for seniors
 - Prom was last Wednesday and was a huge success
 - Students are getting ready for finals, which is nerve wracking this year because COVID kept a lot of kids from having them. Everyone is excited to be almost done
 - The 8th grade promotion ceremony took place and under classmen & sports awards are tomorrow

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Formicola thanked Sophia Rosenthal for a great job. He wished her luck and asked her to keep in touch.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of June 21, 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. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...
To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
Business Administrator/Board Secretary