

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MARCH 23, 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
	Nabil Eliya	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt

Peter Triolo

Excused:	Christine Dell’Aglia
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**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.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- The musical SpongeBob is this weekend. We wish the cast a great show.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

Action Items:

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

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

1. Resolution to Approve the Tentative 2022-2023 School Year Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the Tentative 2022-23 School Year Budget, as follows:

\*Budget with State Calculated Chapter 44 Reduction:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$ 23,721,028
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 333,275
Special Schools (Fund 13)	\$ 820,908
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 24,875,211
SPECIAL REVENUE (Fund 20)	\$ 576,845
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 940,300
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	 \$ 26,392,356

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$21,650,552 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$940,300 to support Debt Service, for the 2022-23 school year budget.

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve- Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$310,000 for other capital project costs to complete the final phase of the district wide door replacement project and renovations to an art room at the high school. The total costs of these projects represent expenditures for renovation elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the CCCS.

\*The above Tax Levy and Current General Expense Fund numbers are subject to change after a determination is made by the Department of Education on alternate calculations of the Chapter 44 Health Benefits Savings which was submitted by the district for review.

Ms. Garvey explained the budget being presented is based on the State's calculation for Chapter 44 health care savings which reduced the amount by approximately \$300,000. The calculation by the state of the savings is drastically overstated and we are

challenging the number. The state calculated the savings to be \$411,000, Ms. Garvey calculated \$3,495. The Board does have to approve a tentative budget for 2022-23 based on the reduction calculated by the state and the reduction has been taken from the health benefits area of the budget, creating a hole in the budget. The state is going to be reviewing the challenges submitted and notifying each district if there will be a change to the calculated savings. If we prevail, the benefits area will be made whole again.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Establish the following Travel Allowances and related expenses for district employees and trustees in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:A-7.3:

<u>2020-2021</u>		<u>2021-2022</u>		<u>2022-2023</u>
Maximum	Actual	Maximum	Current	Maximum
\$30,000	\$3,872	\$30,000	\$25,714	\$30,000

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. Eliya...  
To adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary