

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
MAY 17, 2022**

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ROLL CALL

Present:	Sandra Criscenzo	Christine Dell’Aglio
	Patricia Fantulin	Maryalice Thomas
	Brian McCourt	Peter Triolo

Excused:	James Canellas
	Nabil Eliya
	Richard Formicola

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 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.

This Saturday, May 21, The Lena Padovano Memorial Foundation will be having its initial fundraiser. It will be at the firehouse. It will raise money for the library and also raise money for scholarships.

I would also like to welcome our new student representative, Declan Feehan. He will be begin joining us in September 2022. We look forward to his input and reports in the fall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- I have wonderful news to share with the Board and our community. MPHS Senior Alyssa Cornetta was one of only four winners in the U.S. who won the "Effective School Solutions & Madison Holleran Foundation's Mental Health Action Scholarship!" The award, in the amount of \$2,000, had high school seniors across the country submit essays about mental health support programs they implemented at their high schools.

Alyssa is the founder of THRIVE, an MPHS club that focuses on reducing mental health stigma, normalizing conversations regarding mental health, creating healthy habits, and reducing student stress. Prior to founding this club, Alyssa wrote a mental health column in the school's newspaper and also wrote and broadcasted mental health segments on the MPHS TV station.

Effective School Solutions is the leading provider of school-based mental health services for school districts, the Madison Holleran Foundation are partners in this scholarship program. It was founded to increase suicide prevention awareness and gain feedback from high school students about innovative approaches to help young adults navigate through mental health challenges they are facing today.

The scholarship honors Madison Holleran, an Allendale, NJ native and all-state athlete who died by suicide as a first-year student at the University of Pennsylvania in 2014.

- We are pleased to announce that the summer SOAR Academy will be held again this year, providing in-person acceleration and remediation in Reading, Writing and Mathematics for elementary school students at no cost to school families. In addition, students in Grades 6-12 who have failed a course will be provided with summer remediation options through an online support lab. These labs are supervised by certified teachers and parents will be contacted based on student need.
- At the June 7 Board meeting: Recognition of District Retirees and Student Representative to the Board will be recognized.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

April 5, 2022

April 19, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 2. Approve the establishment of Petty Cash funds for the 2022-2023 school year for each of the following locations, specified in Policy Book Section 6620, as follows:

Superintendent’s Office	\$100.00
Business Administrator’s Office	\$100.00
Midland Park Jr. /Sr. High School	\$200.00
Highland School	\$100.00
Godwin School	\$100.00
Special Services Department	\$200.00
Continuing Education	\$300.00
Curriculum Office	\$100.00

Roll Call: All Yes

- 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 – Mr. McCourt...

- 1. Approve the payment of stipends for the following elementary Curricula Writing:

Subject	Class	Teacher	New/Revise	Hours	Total
Physical Education	Grade 3-5	Christian Lawlor	Revise	3.5	\$175.00
Physical Education	Grade 6	Christina Lawlor	Revise	3.5	\$175.00
Health	Grade 3-5	Savannah Dolianitis	Revise	3.5	\$175.00
Health	Grade 6	Savannah Dolianitis	Revise	3.5	\$175.00
Science	Grade K	Meghan Martinez	Revise	8	\$400.00
Science	Grade 1	Meghan Martinez	Revise	8	\$400.00
Science	Grade 2	Meghan Martinez	Revise	8	\$400.00

- 2. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrators for the 2022-2023 school year; salaries to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

Danielle Bache	Godwin School Principal
Ann Marie Bruder	Director of Special Services
Nicholas Capuano	High School Principal
Peter Galasso	Highland School Principal

- 3. Approve the reappointment of Dr. Everett Schlam, School Physician, for the 2022-2023 school year.

4. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all tenured certificated staff for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-4
5. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of the following individual staff members for the 2022-2023 school year:
- a. Eurico Antunes District Technology & Data Coordinator
 - b. Scott Collins Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
 - c. Ristem Sela Computer Technician
 - d. Zachary Spadaccini Computer Media Technician
- Roll Call: All Yes
- Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...
6. Approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured Central Office staff member for the 2022-2023 school year:
- Virginia Calero Payroll and Benefits Coordinator
7. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured Central Office staff for the 2022-2023 school year:
- a. Trina Bradley Confidential Secretary to Director of Special Education & Child Study Team
 - b. Lisa Green Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator
 - c. Eileen Pomianek Assistant to the Business Administrator
 - d. Anne Schaper Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools
8. Approve the tenured and non-tenured reappointment and salaries of all clerk-secretaries for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-8
9. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured Instructional Aides for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-9
10. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured full-time Custodial/Maintenance personnel for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-10
11. Approve the non-aligned salary schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-11
12. Approve the reappointment of all non-aligned staff for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-12

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +13. Approve the following changes to the List of Advisors to Activities & Clubs at the High School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Change: Kori Smith	Grades 9-10 Class Advisor (40% of stipend due to maternity leave)	\$ 683.60
Add: Paul Marino	Grades 9-10 Class Advisor (60% stipend)	\$1,025.40

- +14. Approve the payment to Justin Repole, Instructional Aide, to provide training of staff members in CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) during the 2021-2022 school year. He will be paid at the rate of \$22.16 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for preparation time of five hours.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +15. Approve the payment to the following teachers for three hours of home training during the 2021-2022 school year in CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention). They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:**

**Emily Cooper
Crystal Santiago**

- +16. Approve the payment to the following Instructional Aides for three hours of home training during the 2021-2022 school year in CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention). They will be paid at the rate of \$22.16 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:**

**Cheryl Cusack
Janet Fahy
Susan MacMillan
Denise McPhillamy**

- +17. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1882, effective June 30, 2022.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +18. Accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of Carole Treta as the Technology Coordinator for the district, effective June 30, 2022.**

Dr. Cirasella stated we except this retirement with regret. Carole has been an integral part of the community for decades. Hard to imagine the district without her.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +19. Approve the submission of the 2022-2023 employment contract for Stacy Garvey, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to the Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval.**

+20. **Approve the appointment of Kasey Damiano as a Special Education teacher in the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$52,000 (MA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

+21. **Approve the appointment of Herbert Farnese as a Science teacher in the Middle School. He will be paid a salary of \$72,750.00 (MA +30 Step 12 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+22. **Approve the appointment of Dawn Kumar as a Chemistry teacher in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$75,250.00 (MA Step 15 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

+23. **Approve the appointment of 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.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of April 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. April 2022 direct pays in the amount of \$440,691.48,
- b. April 2022 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$28,999.77.
- c. April 2022 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$36,839.43.
- d. Second April 2022 payroll in the amount of \$653,283.40.
- e. First May 2022 payroll in the amount of \$667,735.59.
- f. May 2022 claims in the amount of \$529,829.50.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period April 1 - 30, 2022, as per the attached appendix. B-3
4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period April 1 – 30, 2022, as per the attached appendix. B-4
5. Approve the schedule of tax payments request from the Borough of Midland Park for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. B-5

Roll Call: All Yes

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

6. Approve the following resolution:

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Midland Park Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18, et seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part200, as per the attached appendix. B-6

7. Approve the list of Educational Data Services vendors for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix. B-7
8. Approve the renewal of the Student Accident Insurance Policy through Monarch Management Corporation, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.
9. Approve the renewal of the dental plan through Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 at a 0% increase.
10. Approve the agreement between the Midland Park School District and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, for continuing disclosure and independent registered municipal advisor services for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Approve the agreement between the Midland Park Public Schools and Solutions Architecture Corp, as Architect of Record for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +12. **As per Board Policy 7230, accept the \$2,500 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.**
- +13. **Approve the agreement with Learn Well to provide 10 hours of educational services per week to a classified high school student on bedside instruction, at the rate of \$49 per hour, effective retroactive from April 19, 2022 through an anticipated date of May 19, 2022.**

+14. Approve the following Change Order as per the attached appendix:

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**Change Order Number 001 - 19.105 –MDPK
Highland Lintels - Additional Repointing**

Budget:	\$150,000
Base bid + alternates:	\$131,000
Allowance:	- \$5,000
Additional repointing:	+\$14,000
Total:	\$140,000

+15. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Midland Park Board of Education “SFA” approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2022-2023.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$0.2054 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 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 \$3.66 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$0.2054 will be multiplied by total meals.

+16. Approve the Cafeteria price list for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Stacy Garvey	NJASBO Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,000	6/ 8-10/ 2022

2. Approve the following revised elementary Curricula:

Physical Education & Health – Grades 3-5

Physical Education & Health – Grade 6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +3. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from April 19, 2022 through an anticipated date of May 19, 2022.**
- +4. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a non-classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective retroactive from April 20, 2022 through approximately June 20, 2022.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- 1. Approve the second reading of the following Policy:

- a. Political Activities

Policy Book Section 3222

Roll Call: All Yes

Dr. Thomas stated that the Policy Committee met tonight and we will have twelve new policies for the next Board meeting.

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

No Report

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 Reports on the following dates and locations:

10/29/2021	Midland Park Jr/Sr High School, Midland Park, NJ
4/18/2022	Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ
4/21/2022	Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ
4/21/2022	Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ
4/28/2022	Midland Park Jr/Sr High School, Midland Park, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Dell’Aglia stated that the Committee met tonight in tandem with the Technology Committee and I will have minutes sent out by the end of the week.

- G. Negotiations Committee - (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
- Mr. Triolo stated the contracts for the singletons and confidential secretaries were reviewed and these contracts will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
- We met tonight and discussed the results of the referendum and possible surveys

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

No Report

- J. Diversity Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)
- On line training this Friday 5/20

- K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (R. Formicola)

- Pocketbook bingo was a great success
- Accepting applications for Summer Academic Grant Program

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

- Final PTA meeting – 5/23
- Honoring teachers, staff and new slate of officers

Booster Club – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

- Car wash fundraiser on 5/21
- Madrigals Concert on 5/22 at Memorial Hall

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5/3 was turnover of the new executive board
- 5 new Trustees

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

- Grateful to Glen Stokes, Mary Fezza and Stacy Garvey with their help this spring with so many games being rescheduled
- Thanks to the Administration for the help with the upcoming Memorial Day Parade

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

- K-6 registration for summer camp for Grade K-6

- Philadelphia Flower Show – 6/11
- Accepting applications for the Youth Track Clinic

Student Representative to the Board – (Sophia Rosenthal)

- AP exams are over, students are getting ready for finals
- Prom is coming up on June 1, the juniors and seniors are really excited about it
- The AP Biology & Environmental Science classes went on a hike at Ramapo Reservation yesterday and today the seniors visited Ramsey HS for an assembly, (after the fire)
- The golf team qualified for the Bergen County Tournament, State Tournament and Arcola
- Baseball & softball also qualified to States
- The Holocaust Studies class & other students are going to Washington D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum
- The Madricals show is 5/22, come support it
- Red Carpet 6/1

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of June 7, 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 was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary