

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
MAY 3, 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Christine Dell’Aglia	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Maryalice Thomas
	Brian McCourt	Peter Triolo

Excused: Nabil Eliya

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 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.*

Presentation of the proposed 2022-2023 School Budget and Public Hearing.

Mr. Triolo thanked the Administration, Ms. Garvey and the Finance Committee for all of their work.

### **Open to the Public**

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...  
Resolution to Approve the 2022-2023 School Year Budget

Roll Call: All Yes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the 2022-2023 School Year Budget, as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$ 24,017,657
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 333,275
Special Schools (Fund 13)	\$ 820,908
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 25,171,840
SPECIAL REVENUE (Fund 20)	\$ 591,845
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 940,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 26,703,985

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$21,947,181 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

New Jersey School Performance Report – The 2020-2021 New Jersey School Performance Reports have been released and are available on the webpage [www.njschooldata.org](http://www.njschooldata.org). Performance Reports provide a variety of information about schools and districts. We encourage you to use these reports to:

- Learn more about your school and district
- Start conversations with school community members and ask questions

- Engage with school communities to identify what schools are doing well and where they can improve

It is important to note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the way the department was able to measure school performance and student achievement in both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Performance Reports. While some data that was missing last year is available in this year's reports, such as attendance data, other data continues to remain unavailable or look different from prior years. When the reports are accessed you will find that notes are included to explain where data is missing or impacted by COVID-19.

New features of the reports include:

- New career and college readiness data including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment participation by student group and work based Learning participation
- Expanded staff data including staff counts and information about teachers by subject area
- New apprenticeship data that shows how many students register in programs after high School graduation
- Links to additional data such as Start Strong assessment results and opportunity to learn Data

More detailed information is readily available on the NJDOE website, and includes information on clubs and activities, student health and wellness, early childhood education, student supports and services to name a few.

MPHS ranked #54 by US News and World Report – MPHS was ranked #54 in the list of top high schools in New Jersey, a ranking that is up from #58 last year. Categories in the ranking calculations included: College Readiness, State Assessment Proficiency and Performance, Underserved Student Performance, College Curriculum Breadth and Graduation Rate.

The U.S. News rankings included data on nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to traditional high schools, the rankings encompass charter, magnet, and science, technology, engineering and math-focused schools.

Congratulations to Mr. Capuano, the entire MPHS staff, and of course, our amazing students for their hard work and commitment which led to this great result.

**Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the May 3, 2022 agenda.**

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Action Items:

#### 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 – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

1. Revise Motion A-2 of the April 5, 2022 Board Agenda approving the appointment of Joann Manicone as an ELA Instructor to provide supplemental instruction for High School students who are at risk of not graduating. 100% of her salary will be paid through ESSER III funds at the rate of \$43.26 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, 5 days per week retroactive to January 4, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
2. Approve the retroactive appointment of Justin Repole to provide training in CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) for two days during the week of April 18 – 22, 2022 for the following staff members:

Emily Cooper, Teacher  
Susan MacMillan, Instructional Aide  
Denise McPhillamy, Instructional Aide

Crystal Santiago, Teacher  
Cheryl Cusack, Instructional Aide  
Janet Fahy, Instructional Aide

3. Approve the following staff members to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid at the rate of \$36.77 per hour for two hours per week, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from April 22, 2022 ending date to be determined:

Morgan Altemus	English
Tara Nafash	Geometry
Lisa Mc Nerney	Physical Education II
Raina Parvanov Dawson	Biology

4. Approve the following staff members to provide home instruction to a non-classified middle school student. They will be paid at the rate of \$36.77 per hour for one hour per week, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from April 22, 2022 ending date to be determined:

Susan Jensen	Culinary Arts
Matthew Jimenez	Health 8/Physical Education 8
Maureen Kelley	Exploratory 8 Writing
Katherine Kuperus	Pre-Algebra
Paul Marino	Ancient World History
Yana Seminara	French 8

Tara Spendley                      English 8  
Jason Whelpley                      Science 8

5. Approve Sage Linsky, a University of Arizona student, to observe Brian DeCarlo's Physical Education class in the Godwin School for three hours during the month of May, as a requirement of completing her field work.
6. Accept the retirement resignation of Maureen Rockey as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, effective June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

Glenn Stokes                      High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Dell'Aglio...

8. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured certificated staff for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-8

9. Approve the following staff members as SOAR teachers for Godwin School for three hours per day, effective July 11 – 28, 2022. They will be paid at the rate of \$60.95 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract with 100% of their salaries paid through the ESSER III funding:

Stacy Boufford  
Ashley-Rose Hook  
Holly Neville

Roll Call: All Yes

10. This item was removed from the agenda.

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

11. Accept the retirement resignation of Diane Ilovar, as Secretary to the Midland Park Continuing Education Program, effective August 31, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

We wish Diane a happy & healthy retirement.

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

- S-1. Approve the following staff members to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid at the rate of \$36.77 per hour for one hour per week, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from April 22, 2022 ending date to be determined:

Emily Donovan	Pre-Calculus H
Rosemary Filev	Accounting
Jeffrey Hackett	Physical Education 11
Susan Jensen	Regional Cuisines
Deborah Marks	Physics H
Nancy Stewart	AP US History H
Theresa Wecht	AP Language & Composition

Roll Call: All Yes

- B. Finance- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) training for six staff members at an anticipated total cost of \$1,476.12.
2. Approve the Agreement for Provision of Onsite Education Instruction Services between Princeton Health Care System, d/b/a Penn Medicine Princeton Health and the Midland Park Public Schools to provide educational instruction for a non-classified high school student at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for ten hours per week, effective retroactive from April 21, 2022 for approximately 4-6 weeks.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve and accept the Midland Park Public Education Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,500 for Interwrite Boards at the High School.
4. Approve and accept the Midland Park Public Education Foundation grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 9/11 Field Trip.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Triolo thanked the Midland Park Public Education Foundation for the support of our programs and our students.

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

5. Approve the Midland Park Continuing Education Summer Camp to use the Waldwick Municipal Pool for 15-30 campers, ages 5-11 per day, from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. on the following dates:

June 27; July 11, 18, 23; August 1 & 8, 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Fantulin stated that she is happy to see this program back after the pandemic.

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

As the result of two unused emergency closing days, approve the adjustment to the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar to reflect the last day of school for students and teachers will be Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the recommendation to place a non-classified high school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from April 22, 2022 ending date to be determined.
3. Approve the recommendation to place a non-classified middle school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from April 22, 2022 ending date to be determined.
4. Approve the 9/11 Museum Field Trip to New York City for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on June 2, 2022, which was postponed in 2020 due to COVID.
5. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of a classified middle school student in the Bergen County Special Services Venture Program, effective retroactive from May 2, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

C-2. Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Dr. Thomas...

Approve the recommendation to place a non-classified high school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from April 22, 2022 ending date to be determined.

Roll Call: All Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of May 17, 2022 agenda items**

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

- Monthly resolutions on the next agenda
- Other annual resolutions
- Approve schedule of tax payments

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

- Workshop attendance
- Revised curriculum for Physical Education/Health for grades 3-5 & 6

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

- Committee met to review policies

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell'Aglio, Chairperson)

- The committee will meet before the next Board meeting on 5/17 with Tech and PR

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

- The committee met tonight before the public meeting

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

- Research on referendum, will be meeting to review before the next Board meeting

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

No Report

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

- All committee members will be registered for 5/20 zoom mtg. being given by NJSBA

K. Student Representative- (Sophia Rosenthal)

- Graduation lawn signs are on sale
- AP exams are this week and next week, it's a crazy time for students
- The summer employment board is up so kids can find summer jobs in town if they want

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Thomas stated she wanted to acknowledge teacher appreciation day and how much we appreciate our teachers.

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of May 17, 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 – Mr. Formicola...  
To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary