

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY  
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

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 2021 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 Criscenzo	Christine Dell’Aglia
	Nabil Eliya	Patricia Fantulin
	Brian McCourt	Maryalice Thomas

Peter Triolo

Excused:	James Canellas
	Richard Formicola

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** Mr. Peter Triolo

**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.**

**District Assessment Report**

- Presented by the Administrative Team on the assessment results for SY 2019-2020. In prior years when the traditional mandated assessment program was conducted, this report was presented to the Board and public by NJ public school districts in the fall, following the release of final state assessment score reports. The state assessments were not conducted last spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this presentation will focus on other assessment data. We will include information on learning loss and remediation efforts, social-emotional learning and action plans for improvement. While this presentation fulfills the statutory requirements for public reporting of data regarding student achievement, enrollment is low in certain subgroups. While we are required to protect student confidentiality, we will publicly report only that subgroup data where student enrollment meets the identified benchmark.

**Godwin School Presentation: Golden Leaf Award Program**

- Presented by Principal Danielle Bache and Media Specialist Christine Carr

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

**+1. Approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0913213159 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**

**APPENDIX**

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

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

September 7, 2021

September 21, 2021

Roll Call: All Yes

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

**+2. Approve the tentative 2022-2023 Budget Preparation Calendar, as per the attached appendix.**

**BM-2**

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2021-2022 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 list of Winter Coaches at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-1
2. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the Highland School for the 2021-2022 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-2

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Fantulin, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

- +3. **Approve the following revisions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year:**

			<u>Stipend</u>
<b>Rescind:</b>	<b>Maureen Donatien</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor</b>	
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Emily Donovan</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor</b>	<b>\$896.00</b>
	<b>Paul Marino</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12 Grade Class Advisor</b>	<b>\$896.00</b>

- +4. **Approve the following staff members to provide supplemental instruction for at-risk students for the Academic Support Lab in the High School during the 2021-2022 school year. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour paid through the ESSA Grant (Title 1 funds):**

<b>Paul Marino</b>	<b>Teresa Wecht</b>
<b>Deborah Marks</b>	<b>Griselda Valdeon</b>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. **Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 1731, effective retroactive from October 7, 2021 through October 22, 2021.**
- +6. **Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1963, effective November 19, 2021.**
- +7. **Approve the following addition to the list of Bus Drivers for the Marching Band for the 2021-2022 school year:**  
**Richard Boland**
- +8. **Approve the appointment of David Hershberger as Chaperone for the MPHS Ski Club, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 0222, effective retroactive from October 13, 2021 through January 7, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of September 30, 2021, 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. September 2021 direct pays in the amount of \$412,404.82.
  - b. September 2021 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$38,284.90.
  - c. September 2021 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$15,174.43.
  - d. Second September 2021 payroll in the amount of \$650,552.34.
  - e. First October 2021 payroll in the amount of \$661,689.38.
  - f. October 2021 claims in the amount of \$581,126.19.
3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period September 1 - 30, 2021, as per the attached appendix. B-3
4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2021, as per the attached appendix. B-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Authorize the School Business Administrator to execute the contract addendum appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Municipal Advisor to perform specific municipal advisory services relating to the issuance of School Bonds at a flat fee of \$15,000 for Bonds issued.
- +6. **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 October 4, 2021 through approximately February 4, 2022.**

- +7. Approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Midland Park Public School District and the Camden County Educational Services Commission for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +8. Approve the decommissioning of surplus technology equipment, as per the attached appendix.**

**B-8**

- +9. Approve the use and rental of the High School gym to Hoop Heaven for youth Basketball games, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:**

**October 24 & 31; November 7, 14 & 21, 2021**

- +10. Approve the use and rental of the High School gym for the 2022 North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on the following dates and times:**

**Friday, April 29 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (set up)**

**Saturday & Sunday Show dates: April 30 & May 1, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the October 2021 Supplemental Claims in the amount of \$7,220.00.**

- S-3. Approve the Contracted Services Agreement between Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. and Midland Park Public Schools to provide 7 assemblies at Highland School on January 13, 2022 for a total cost of \$895.00 to be paid through ESSER II funds.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- 1. Approve “The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials”.**
- 2. Approve the following new and revised curricula in the Godwin School:**

K-2 Theater

K-2 Music

3. Approve the submission of the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instructional Programs for the 2021-2022 School Year to the NJ Department of Education.

+4. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Ann Marie Bruder	NJPSA FEA Special Education Directors' Toolkit	Virtual	\$150.00	11/19/2021

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+5. Approve the 2022 MPHS Ski Club, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education to run 5 trips to Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ on the following dates:

Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19; February 2, 9, 2022

Make up dates: January 6, 13, 20; February 3, 10, 2022

+6. Approve the following school break mini-camps, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education to be held in the High School cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., as follows:

Winter Break Mini-Camp: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 23-25, 2022

Spring Break Mini-Camp: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 11-14, 2022

+7. Approve the After-School Children's Workshops, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education to be held in Highland School and the High School Culinary Room from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., as follows:

Grades K-6 – workshops will be held one day per week from November 2021 through May 2022

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Fantulin, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

1. Approve the first reading of the following revised Policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. | Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations             | Policy Section 0131 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. | Assignment of Extra Duties                    | Policy Section 3134 | <u>D-1b</u> |
| c. | Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff       | Policy Section 3142 | <u>D-1c</u> |
| d. | Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member | Policy Section 4146 | <u>D-1d</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

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:**

10/5/2021 Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ  
10/5/2021 ECLC, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ  
10/5/2021 Windsor School, Pompton Lakes, NJ  
10/6/2021 Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ  
10/14/2021 Midland Park High School, Midland Park, NJ  
10/14/2021 Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+2. **Approve the following resolution and attached appendices:**

F-2

**Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and**

**Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Midland Park School District are consistent with these requirements, and**

**Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Midland Park School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 for Midland Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.**

Roll Call: All Yes

G. Negotiations Committee - (N. Eliya, Chairperson)

No Report

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report

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

- There will be a meeting before the end of the year regarding the turf field.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas) (Ms. Dell’Aglia spoke for Committee)

- Harvest Festival
- Read-A-Thon fundraiser

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

- Fall season still going on
- Senior Day for football & soccer
- League play for football at Rutherford

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

- Music in the Park was held on 10/10
- The band is practicing for their trip to Syracuse

Special Education – (P. Fantulin)

- Calendar for SEPAC
- New speaker for next session – “Transition to life after H.S.” very important for child’s next step

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the cookbook, send in recipes for the new edition

Board of Recreation – (R. Formicola) (Mr. McCourt spoke for Committee)

- Community Day
- Trunk or Treat on 10/29

Continuing Education Program – (C. Dell’Aglia)

- Great mini camps & Children’s Workshops approved

Student Representative to the Board – (Sophia Rosenthal)

- Start Strong testing in going on. Science has Friday, ELA was today Math is Thursday
- Marching Band goes to Syracuse on 10/29-31
- Football and Soccer had their senior nights
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pep Rally on Friday
- Violence Awareness Week is this week, there are assemblies scheduled



K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of November 16, 2021, 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. Dell’Aglia...

Motion to go into closed session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss field improvement/referendum. No action will be taken at the conclusion of this session.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

Motion to return to open session at 10:10 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Eliya, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

To adjourn the meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary