

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 5, 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Christine Dell’Aglia	Nabil Eliya
	Patricia Fantulin	Richard Formicola (left the meeting at 8:45)
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo
Excused:	Brian McCourt	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT *Mr. Peter Triolo*

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

- The Godwin School Bulletin Board is another wonderful step forward in improving communication with school families. It is a virtual information warehouse that may be found on the Godwin School webpage under Headlines. Parents/Guardians will find flyers on school events, letters sent home in hard copy, PTA handouts and other information. Each month, Principal Bache will send reminder eblasts to the community referencing the Bulletin Board and highlighting any newly posted content.
- On my monthly message on the website, I spoke about the dangers of TikTok challenges. TikTok is a short-form, video-sharing, social media app that allows users to create and share 15-second videos on any topic. A new TikTok challenge, known as “Devious Licks” began early in September when students posted videos of themselves stealing items from schools, tampering with soap dispensers and fire extinguishers and vandalizing school bathrooms. As we had a few incidents at MPHS related to this challenge, we wanted to reach out to parents asking support for the district’s effort to stop such destructive acts. We encourage parents to reinforce that any vandalism or theft of school property will be mediated according to the school’s Code of Conduct and law enforcement authorities will be notified. District schools are the student’s homes during the instructional day and we know a majority of them are proud caretakers of their learning environment.
- The district’s guidance on Domestic and International Travel has been updated, following consultation with our district physician, Dr. Schlamm and the West Bergen Regional Health Commission for all vaccinated and non-vaccinated students and staff. Effective immediately, any unvaccinated student of staff member will be required to quarantine following domestic travel. This guidance was eblasted to all families and staff members on 10/1 and posted on the district website.

Back-to-School District Update

- Mr. Triolo thanked the Administration for a great presentation. He also thanked Mr. Spadaccini, the community, board members, past and present, teachers and students.

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the October 5, 2021 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

1. Approve the revised Emergency Management Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Action Items:

- 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. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the following new Advisor Job Descriptions at the High School:

Diversity Council Advisor
THRIVE Wellness Club Advisor

2. Approve the following additions to the List of Advisors to Activities ad Clubs at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Jacqueline Goodell	Diversity Council Advisor	\$ 461.00
Margaret Owens	THRIVE Wellness Club Advisor	\$ 461.00
Margaret Owens	I&RS Committee Member	\$1,022.00

3. Approve the following appointment to the List of Winter Coaches at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Adam Sidrow	Varsity Head Boys Basketball Coach	\$6,747.00

4. Approve the appointment of Michael Bills as a full-time Custodian at the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$39,000 (Step 9 on the Custodial salary guide plus \$1,200 for Night Custodian) prorated, effective on or before October 20, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the Annual Contract for Services between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, and the Midland Park Public School District to provide professional services for classified students for full day or half day sessions on September 27 & 28 and October 4 & 12, 2021, at a rate not to exceed \$1,880.00.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Cristina Horuzy, Maureen O’Hara	Orton Gillingham Certificate Program	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	\$2,500 \$2,500	9/16/2021 – 12/15/2021
Danielle Bache	Education Leadership Co-op	Virtual (7 meetings)	\$249.00	10/18, 11/15/2021, 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2/2022

2. Approve the following new Club Proposals at the High School:

Diversity Council
THRIVE Wellness Club

3. Approve the recommendation for the placement and transportation of a classified high school student in the Lakeland Regional High School, Wanaque, NJ, effective retroactive from September 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the placement of a non-classified high school student on bedside instruction, effective Retroactive from October 4, 2021 through December 20, 2021.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of October 19, 2021 agenda items

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

- Normal finance reporting resolutions on next agenda
- Financial advisors for potential bond sale

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

- Reviewed resolutions on agenda

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

- Community Stakeholder group meeting.
- Moving forward to address comments, questions & ideas
- Set up committee meeting and will review at upcoming board meeting

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)

No Report

J. Student Representative- (Sophia Rosenthal)

- Started working on the senior mural, will include an album cover chosen by each student
- Seniors received their assigned parking spots
- This week is the Week of Respect, we received orange ribbons and speakers will come in on Wednesday and Friday
- We now have a HS Instagram account (@midlandparkhs)
- 9th graders will take the Pre-ACT and 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT
- Seniors are having a college & career readiness day on 10/13
- Music in the Park is on 10/10 from 1-5 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

At the 10/19 Board meeting there will be a presentation from Godwin School & a Data Presentation

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of October 19, 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. Eliya, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary