

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 7, 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
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo
Excused:	Patricia Fantulin	

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 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.

Mr. Triolo stated that we are happy to have our students back. We had a great opening of the new School Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

- Today is the second full day of school and it was a terrific opening. It's wonderful to be back together again and seeing our students in classrooms all day
- COVID-19 Update – with guidance from the NJDOE and NJDOH, we have asked all district staff to provide proof of COVID vaccination by Sept. 15. Once we have an accurate count of non-vaccinated staff members, we can determine whether on-site COVID testing for staff may occur on district property by a state-approved vendor. Also, with guidance from the latest revision to The Road Forward, we have asked parents and guardians to provide their child's proof of COVID vaccination as soon as possible. This information will be kept strictly confidential and accessed only by the school nurse.
- An eblast was sent out today with travel advisory procedures which we will use in our schools.
- We will be placing the COVID-19 weekly report on the homepage of the district website
- There will be monthly presentations for the Board and public at Board meetings. The first one will be on Sept. 21 and will focus on MPHS's Life Skills and Culinary Arts and Broadcasting Programs. In October we will have a districtwide Back to School presentation which will include a retrospective of facility and instructional improvements over the past 10 years.

Approve the following resolution:

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0719213158 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 Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the September 7, 2021 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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. Criscenzo...

1. Approve the retroactive appointment of the following staff members to attend Child Study Meetings meetings during the month of August. They will be paid at the rate of \$60.95 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:

Janell Caruso

Kristen (DiPaola) Connors

Kristie (Fucarino) Gambutti

Deborah Kilgore

Deborah Lelinho

Marina Lenihan

Kathleen LePage

Diana Ragone

Patricia Sicree

2. Rescind the July 20, 2021 appointment of Hanorah Bellucco to teach a sixth period Social Studies assignment at the High School during the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Rescind Personnel motion A-24 of the July 20, 2021 Board Agenda, appointing Danielle Scaffani as a Kindergarten teacher.
4. Rescind Personnel motion S-2 of the August 24, 2021 Board Agenda appointing Elena Kaplan as an Instructional Aide in the High School.
5. Approve the following stipend payments for curriculum writing:

Loreto Georghiou	K-2 Music	\$400.00
Loreto Georghiou	K-2 Theater	\$400.00
Danielle Vandenberghe	Cybersecurity	\$500.00

6. Approve the following additions to the list of Fall Coaches at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year:

Add: Jason Annitti	Assistant Football Coach	<u>Stipend</u>
Shawn Bennett	Boys Middle School Soccer Coach	Volunteer
		\$2,947.00

7. Approve the appointment of Deidre Bulick as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$26,200 (Category V Step 2 on the secretarial/clerical salary guide), prorated effective September 8, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the appointment of Derek Nelson as an Instructional Aide in the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$25,100 (Category V Step 1 on the secretarial/clerical salary guide), prorated effective September 8, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
9. Approve the appointment of Fusun Garrett as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will work two hours per day and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective retroactive from September 3, 2021 through June 23, 2022.
10. Approve the appointment of Donna Rotsaert as a Building Aide in the Highland School. She will work three hours per day and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective retroactive from September 3, 2021 through June 23, 2022.
11. Approve the appointment of Pina Dellisanti as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will work three hours per day and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 8, 2021 through June 23, 2022.
12. Approve the revised list of Building Aide Level assignments for the 2021-2022 school year as per the attached appendix:

13. Approve the following Truck Drivers for the Marching Band during the 2021-2022 school year:

Mark Schaefer
James Trommelen

14. Approve the following student as an Aide for the Before/After School Child Care Program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2021-2022 school year:

Victoria Manata

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Canellas

- S-1. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment at the High School for the following teachers. They will be paid 5% of their salary, as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract prorated, effective September 8, 2021 through January 31, 2022:

Patricia Homsany	Study Skills	\$5,730
Marina Lenihan	English III CPC	\$2,975
Theresa Seiders	English I CP	\$5,730
Drew Strohmeyer	English 8 CPC	\$5,440
Jason Whelpley	Study Skills	\$2,875

- S-2. Approve the appointment of Caitlin Neville as a Building Aide in the Highland School. She will work ten hours per week and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 13, 2021 through June 23, 2022.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the Annual Contract for Services between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division and the Midland Park Public School District for the provision of Teacher of the Deaf services for an elementary school classified student for a maximum of three sessions per week during the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$19,800.
2. Approve the Annual Contract for Services between Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division and the Midland Park Public School District for the provision of Teacher of the Deaf services for an elementary school classified student for a maximum of five sessions per week during the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate not to exceed \$33,000.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-3. Approve the Agreement between CBA Speakers Bureau LLC and Midland Park Public Schools to provide speaking services by Erik Ronningen at Midland Park High School on September 10, 2021 in the amount of \$2,500 to be paid through ESSER Title funds.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-4. Approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Midland Park School District in the County of Bergen, hereby approves the submission of the following “Other Capital Project” to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan. It is further understood that the District is not seeking funding at the current time for this project:

School	Project	DOE Project #
Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School	Drainage and Synthetic Turf Field Upgrades	3170-050-22-1000
Highland Elementary School	Drainage and Synthetic Turf Field Upgrades	3170-070-22-1000
Godwin Elementary School	HVAC Upgrades	3170-300-22-1000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following New Course/Program Proposals at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year:

Junior Seminar – half year
Senior Seminar – half year

2. Approve the new/revised Curricula, which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards and new QSAC Regulations, as follows:

Intro to Computers
Intermediate Algebra
Junior Seminar
Senior Seminar
Intro to Cybersecurity

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of September 21 , 2021 agenda items

- B. Finance Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)
- Typical monthly reports on next agenda
 - Tuition rates
- C. Curriculum Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
- Decommissioning of High School textbooks
- D. Policy Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson) Dr. Thomas reported
- New and revised policies, some mandated, some new
 - Will be approved at the 9/21 Board meeting
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)
- Gov. Murphy signed “Laura Wooten’s Law” which directs the NJDOE to require at least one course specifically in civics or US Government as part of the Social Studies credits needed for middle school graduation. The legislation is named for Laura Wooten, the longest serving poll worker in American history, working the polls for 79 years.
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)
- Supplement project being submitted
 - Next Committee meeting 9/16 @ 7:30 with community members on committee
- G. Negotiations Committee- (N. Eliya, Chairperson)
- No Report
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
- Streaming the Board of Education meetings
- I. Town Council- (P. Triolo, B. McCourt)
- No Report
- J. Student Representative- (Sophia Rosenthal)
- 1st day being here the whole day, it will take time to adjust
 - Grade level assemblies started, nice to have them again
 - Sports started: Marching band, varsity soccer, football

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of September 21, 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.

April Catuogno stated that there are 21 players on the football team and the bus to bring them to practice in Waldwick is late every day. The boys need to dress when they get there and it is taking time out of practice. The half hour adds up every day. We are requesting a designated bus for the team. Same for wrestling.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt...
To Adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary