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MIDLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Godwin School
Highland School
Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR July 18, 2023 PUBLIC MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT 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 2023 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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Mr. Brian McCourt

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

Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report of District Violence & Vandalism Statistics and Incidents of HIB for Reporting Period 2, 2022-2023.

1. Approve the following resolution:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0608233178 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.

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

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

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:
 - June 6, 2023
 - June 20, 2023
 2. Accept the decision of the School Ethics Commission of July 5, 2023. BM-2
 3. Approve the SRO Shared Services Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Borough of Midland Park for the 2023-2024 school year. BM-3
 4. Approve the update to the LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services.
- 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.
1. Approve the retroactive appointment of Brendan O’Keefe as a summer Custodial/Maintenance worker, pending submittal of required paperwork and Criminal History Review. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 22, 2023 through August 31, 2023.
 2. Approve a paid disability leave for Employee No. 1826, effective approximately October 2, 2023 through June 30, 2023, an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective September 1, 2023 through February 26, 2024.

3. Approve the following elementary school teachers to receive additional hours of professional development in Language Arts Literacy during the summer. They will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid through 2022-2023 Title I funds, not to exceed five hours each:

Jennifer Stalb Christine Horuzy
Patricia Olson Maureen O’Hara (substitute as needed)
Traci Audino
Erin Perkins

4. Approve the following elementary school teachers to receive Professional Development in Mathematics to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. They will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid through 2022-2023 Title I funds, not to exceed six hours each:

Christine Hirsch
Danielle Kirch

5. Approve Lauren Fenning to provide nursing services over the summer for Highland School, in the absence of a school nurse. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, not to exceed 15 hours.

6. Approve the appointment of Patrick Clark as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$111,456 prorated, start date to be determined, through June 30, 2024.

7. Approve the following middle and high school teachers to attend Math professional development during the summer, at the contracted rate, to be paid through 2023-2023 Title I and Title II funds:

Tarra Lawlor – 6 hours
Jessa Cabibbo – 6 hours

8. Approve Nickolas Joannidis as the Cross Country Head Coach for the 2023-2024 fall season. He will be paid a stipend in the amount of \$5,656.

9. Approve Sean Olson to work as a counselor for the Midland Park Community School Park Players Summer Theater workshop, retroactive from July 11, 2023 through July 27, 2023.

10. Approve Damian DelValle to work as a volunteer counselor for the Midland Park Community School summer camp, effective July 19, 2023 through August 11, 2023.

11. Approve the following aides to work for the Midland Park Community School Before and After School Child Care program for the 2023-2024 school year, effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

Carolyn Biswurm Cindy Mahoney
Sharon Focaccia Teya Rosso

Clare Kearney
Daniel Kearney

Pricilla Schmidt
Kyleigh Skiba

12. Approve the following staff members for the 2023 ESY program, retroactive from July 6, 2023:

Patty Trava – Substitute nurse
Patty Sicress – Speech Therapist

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of June 30, 2023, 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. June 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$487,489.98.
- b. June 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$99,775.40.
- c. June 2023 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$42,218.60.
- d. Second June 2023 payroll in the amount of \$689,760.49.
- e. June Supplemental payroll in the amount of \$48,588.83.
- f. June Supplemental claims in the amount of \$171,931.93.
- g. July 2023 claims in the amount of \$677,725.66.
- h. First July 2023 payroll in the amount of \$197,189.40.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period June 1 - 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period June 1 – 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix.

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5. Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Mary Oates to provide Math Professional Development, effective July 19 – August 31, 2023, not to exceed four days or \$3,800.00, to be paid through 2023-2023 Title I funds.

6. Approve the Agreement between Midland Park School District and Language Line Services, Inc. for interpretation services, via phone, on an as needed basis.
7. Approve the submission and acceptance of funds for the IDEA Grant application for 2023-2024 to the New Jersey Department of Education, as follows:

Basic: \$291,808 Public
 \$ 54,392 Non Public

Preschool: \$ 22,643 Public

8. Approve the submission of the ESEA Grant application for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Title I Part A Basic: \$40,072
 Title II Part A: \$15,569
 Title III: \$3,125 (Consortium with Oakland)
 Title IV Part A: \$10,000

9. Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Gravity Goldberg, LLC, effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

C. Curriculum Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

1. Approve the decommissioning of outdated books at the High School.
 - 11 - Blue Bade and Parkin Econ
 - 21 - Brown Krugman AP Economics Second Edition
 - 28 – World History and Civilization

D. Policy Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

E. Legislative Committee – (Dr. Marie Cirasella)

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (N. Eliya, Chairperson)

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

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

I. Town Council Committee – (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)

J. Diversity Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (C. Dell’Aglia)

Elementary School PTA- (P. Fantulin)

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

Board of Recreation – (J. Canellas)

Continuing Education Program – (N. Eliya)

L. Old Business

M. New Business

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of August 22, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time are to be directed to the Board President.

Motion to Adjourn