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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 FEBRUARY 16, 2024 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 2024 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

Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1214233187 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.

- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1214233188 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.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1214233189 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

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

January 2, 2024
January 30, 2024

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2023-2024 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 following teachers to provide Home Instruction for an elementary school classified student. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for up to ten hours per week, effective February 14, 2024 through April 1, 2024:

Jenna Abballe
Nicole Marino
Shawn Savage
Amy Tamburri

- 2. Approve an additional position for Rasha Alhomsy as a .5 Instructional Aide in the Kindergarten class. She will be paid a salary of \$13,000 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective February 14, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
- 3. Approve the appointment of Martina McCarthy as a 1st grade special education leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$55,000 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective February 26, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

4. Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 0207, effective February 7, 2024 through approximately March 1, 2024.
5. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Employee No. 1423, as per the NJ Family Leave Act, effective April 9, 2024 through May 6, 2024.
6. Approve the following Aides for the Midland Park Community School Youth Basketball Camp, effective February 21, 22 and 23, 2024:

Sean Fells
JT Graham
Sean Murray
Ryan Natoli

7. Approve the following Aides to work for the Midland Park Community School February Break Mini-Camp, effective February 21, 22 and 23, 2024:

Declan Feehan
Sharon Focaccia
Grace Pagano

8. Approve the following Aide for the Midland Park Community School Before and After School Child Care Program, effective February 14, 2024 through June 30, 2024:

Camila Granados

9. Approve Kayla Zapata, Passaic County Community College student, to observe Mrs. Kirsch's class for six hours as part of her teacher prep requirements, effective approximately March 18, 2024.

10. Approve the following Aide to work for the Midland Park Community School Kindergarten Readiness Program, effective July 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2024:

Vinnette Komjian

B. Finance Committee – (C. Dell'Aglio, Chairperson)

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2024, 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. January 2024 direct pays in the amount of \$1,354,305.74.
 - b. January 2024 Community School claims in the amount of \$73,667.61.
 - c. January 2024 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$41,983.61.
 - d. Second January 2024 payroll in the amount of \$703,571.93.
 - e. February 2024 claims in the amount of \$780,381.61.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period January 1 – 31, 2024, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period January 1 – 31, 2024, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Accept the following donations toward the purchase of a new digital sign at the High School, as per Board Policy 7230:

\$25,000	Midland Park Community School
\$ 500	Midland Park Education Foundation

6. Approve the updated Region I List of Independent Evaluators for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix: B-6

7. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the **2024/2025** school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

8. Approve the submission of the SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) Waiver for the 2024 – 2025 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Danielle Bache Patrick Clark	Science of Reading DAANJ Conference	On-line Atlantic City, NJ	\$ 200.00 \$1,055.48	2/14/2024 3/11-14/2024
Jean Swanson	Practical Strategies and Resources	On-line	\$ 295.00	4/17/2024
Margaret Owens	School Counseling Conference	Kansas City, MO	\$ 399.00	7/13-16/2024

2. Approve the Academic Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attached appendix:

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3. Approve the non-resident enrollments of the children of Employee No. 0115, in the 6th grade class in the Highland School and the 9th grade class in the High School, for September 2024, as per Board Policy 5111.

4. Approve the proposed overnight trip to Quebec City, Canada for Grades 8-12 students in the French program and active members of the French Club, from November 6 – 9, 2024.

5. **Approve “The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials 2023 Revisions”.**

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

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

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

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

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

I. Town Council – (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 – (N. Eliya)

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

Board of Recreation – (D. McCarthy)

Continuing Education Program – (P. Triolo)

L. Old Business

M. New Business

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of March 19, 2024, 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