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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 JANUARY 30, 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*

Presentation of the 2022-2023 Annual Audit by Lerch, Vinci and Bliss.

School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Presentation of Report of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) for Reporting Period 1, 2023-2024.

Approve the following resolution:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1019233183 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:

December 12, 2023
2. Approve the list of Board of Education Standing Committees for the 2024 elective year, as per the attached appendix. BM-2
- 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 retirement resignation of Ristem Sela, Computer Technician, effective June 30, 2024.
 2. Approve the extension of unpaid family care leave for Employee No. 2128 as per the NJ FMLA, effective February 4, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
 3. Approve the extension of the non-tenure track appointment of Jennifer New as a 2nd Grade leave replacement at the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$51,500 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective February 4, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
 4. Approval for Midland Park School District staff members to donate sick days to create a sick bank for Employee No. 1834.
 5. Approve the payment of Curriculum Writing stipends for the Godwin School for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-5

6. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective February 1, 2024:

Hanorah Belluco	MA Step 2 (\$55,500) to MA +30 Step 2 (\$61,000)
Diana Ragone	BA Step 3 (\$52,750) to MA Step 3 (\$57,650)

7. Approve the following Aides to work for the Midland Park Community School Volleyball Clinic, effective March 26, 2024 through May 21, 2024:

Ava Agratis
 Kelly Ballen
 Christina Brenna
 Lindsey Kontos
 Sophia Southey

8. Approve the following aides to work for the Midland Park Community School Before & School Child Care effective, January 17, 2024 through June 30, 2024:

Eleanor Eliya
 Chloe Kasbarian

9. Approve the appointment of Emily Donovan to provide supplemental instruction for AP Calculus two days per week. She will be paid at the hourly rate of \$43.26 as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective January 22, 2024 through April 29, 2024.

10. Revise resolution A-5 from the January 2, 2024 agenda to approve the appointment of Sarah Murphy as a .57 Instructional Aide for a classified elementary school student attending Shaler Academy in Ridgefield, NJ. She will be paid a prorated salary of \$15,994.20 (Category V, Step 5 on the Secretarial/Clerical Guide), effective retroactive from January 3, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

11. **Approve Olivia Sebastian, Ramapo College student, to fulfill her psychology field work course by volunteering a minimum of 60 hours in Godwin School Special Education classes, effective January 31, 2024 through May, 2024.**

12. **Approve the appointment of the following Co-Coordiators of the Midland Park Community School 2024 Summer Camp, effective July 1, 2024 through August 9, 2024:**

Anthony Cornetta
Maria Cornetta

13. **Approve the appointment of Meghan Martinez as the Instructor of the Midland Park Community School 2024 Kindergarten Readiness Program, effective July 22, 2024 through July 26, 2024.**

14. **Approve the following appointments for the Midland Park Community School 2024 Park Players Summer Theater Workshop, effective July 29, 2024 through August 15, 2024:**

Caitlin Shannon, Coordinator
Mackenzie Kamp, Assistant Coordinator

15. **Approve a medical leave of absence for Employee No. 0428, retroactive from January 22, 2024 through approximately March 4, 2024.**

B. Finance Committee – ()

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of December 31, 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. December 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$437,483.58.
- b. December 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$72,951.08.
- c. December 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$58,840.42.
- d. First December 2023 payroll in the amount of \$731,048.44.
- e. Second December 2023 payroll in the amount of \$691,706.97.
- f. January 2024 claims in the amount of \$732,064.01.
- g. First January 2024 payroll in the amount of \$730,811.70.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period December 1 – 31, 2023, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period December 1 – 31, 2023, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and the recommendation contained therein.

- 6. Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor’s recommendations, as contained in the Annual Audit for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as per the attached appendix. B-6
- 7. Approve the Addendum to the Agreement between the Midland Park Public Schools and ESS Northeast, LLC for the services of Substitute Teachers and Staff. B-7
- 8. Revise resolution B-10 from the November 14, 2023 agenda to approve the services contract between EDU Healthcare and the Midland Park Board of Education for Paraprofessional Services for 32.5 hours per week, at a rate of \$35 per hour.
- 9. Approve the increase of the budget by \$80,000.00 for the Midland Park Community School for the 2023-2024 school year:

Account number 13 602 100 320 03 74 – PROF. SVCS. TRIPS, SHOWS - \$25,000
 Account number 13 602 100 330 03 70 – OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - \$25,000
 Account number 13 602 100 511 03 70 – TRANSPORTATION - \$30,000

- 10. Approve the following Change Order, as per the attached appendix: B-10

Change Order Number: 002
Project: 21.187 – MDPK Rooftop Unit Replacement at Godwin School & MDPK HS

Additional ductwork from new units to tie into existing wall air return plenums in the doghouses at MPHS.

Sub Total	\$10,426.00
Discretionary allowance	<u>-\$ 7,861.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,565.00

Original Contract Sum:	\$597,000.00
Contract Sum increased by this Change Order	\$ 2,565.00
New Contract Sum including this Change Order	\$599,565.00

- 11. Approve the following Change Order, as per the attached appendix: B-11

Change Order Number: 002
Project: 001 - 20.113 – MDPK HS Arts Classroom Renovations

Installation of mixing valve to triple sink islands

Sub Total	\$735.00
Discretionary allowance	<u>-\$600.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$135.00

Original Contract Sum:	\$175,999.00
Contract Sum increased by this Change Order	\$ 135.00
New Contract Sum including Change Order	\$176,134.00

C. Curriculum Committee – ()

1. Approve the new Curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year, which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards:

Advanced Topics in Computer Science – half year course – Grades 11-12

2. **Approve the out of district change in placement and transportation for a classified high school student from the Archway Program in Atco, NJ, effective February 9, 2024 to Windsor Bergen in Paramus, NJ, requiring transportation, effective February 12, 2024.**

3. **Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Lisa Hayne	Theatre Day for Teachers	Montclair, NJ	\$165.04	3/13/2024

D. Policy Committee – ()

E. Legislative Committee – (Dr. Marie Cirasella)

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – ()

G. Negotiations Committee - ()

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – ()

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

J. Diversity Committee – ()

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - ()

Elementary School PTA- ()

Booster Club – ()

Performing Arts Parents – ()

Special Education – ()

Education Foundation – ()

Board of Recreation – ()

Community School – ()

L. Old Business

M. New Business

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of February 13, 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