

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCourt at 8:00 p.m. 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 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

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Christine Dell’Aglia	Nabil Eliya
	Richard Formicola	Peter Triolo
	Patricia Fantulin	Brian McCourt

Excused: Maryalice Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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*

Evolution of the Art Room Presentation by Julie Dorlon and Heather Corey

- A presentation was given by Nicholas Capuano, Julie Dorlon and Heather Corey on the renovations and evolution of the Art room in the High School.

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0927233182 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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD *Declan Feehan*

- Quarter 1 is officially over and Quarter 2 started yesterday.
- Fall sports have ended, and winter sports are beginning.
- This weekend is the fall drama, Clue, shows are Friday and Saturday at 7, Sunday at 12, \$10 at the door.
- The Student Senate, National Honor Society and Interact Organizations are hosting their annual food drive for families in need in North Jersey. Tomorrow is the last day to donate.
- 12th grade orientation coming up after Thanksgiving break.
- Senior Samantha Cebulski completed her gold award which involved making the weight room a better and more motivating place for our athletes. This included new murals, yoga mats, a speaker as well as other workout equipment.
- Yearbook ads are due December 31.

Mr. Canellas acknowledged that he has spent the last 5 weekends listening to Mr. Feehan sing. He stated he does not know how Mr. Feehan can perform that way, keep up with his school work and come to Board meetings. It is truly an amazing juggling act.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

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

October 3, 2023

October 17, 2023

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

2. Approve the revised Shared Service Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Borough of Midland Park for school field use. BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mrs. Fantulin...

1. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 2097, effective October 31, 2023.
2. Approve the following teachers to provide supplemental instruction for students for at risk students in the Academic Support Lab in the High School during the 2023-204 school year, effective November 15, 2023. They will be paid at the rate of \$43.26 per hour as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract to be paid 100% through Title 1 Grant funds:

Morgan Altemus Deborah Marks Griselda Valdeon

3. Approve the following list of Winter Coaches at the High School for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-3

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of October 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. October 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$470,350.47.
 - b. October 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$43,198.68.
 - c. October 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$56,599.48.

d. First October 2023 payroll in the amount of \$715,989.06.

e. Second October 2023 payroll in the amount of \$739,183.96.

f. November 2023 claims in the amount of \$544,710.32.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period October 1 – 31, 2023, as per the attached appendix

B-3

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

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5. Approve the Lions KidSight USA, a Lions Club community service program, to conduct vision screening at Highland and Godwin schools in January 2024.

6. Approve the following service providers, retroactive, during the 2023-2024 school year:

Franny Renshaw	ABA Therapist/Consultant	\$125.00 per hour
Amanda Parsons	ABA Home Program	\$170.00 per hour
It’s a New Day	ABA Home Program	\$125.00 per hour
Tammy Wagner/Cayir	Behavior Analyst	\$125.00 per hour
123 ABA	Parent/Home Training	\$75.00 per hour

7. Approve Mindful Reading Center LLC, for specialized reading instruction at the rate of \$115.00 per hour, for services provided at Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School.

8. Approve the agreement between New Pathway Counseling, Inc. and Midland Park Board of Education to provide services to an out of district student for home instruction and counseling services at a rate of \$650.00 per week, effective November 3, 2023 through December 22, 2023.

9. Approve the services contract between EDU Healthcare and the Midland Park Board of Education, for Paraprofessional Services for 31.5 hours per week, at a rate of \$35 per hour.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglione...

S-1. Accept the funds from the Midland Park Public School Education Foundation in the amount of \$991.93 for the high school STEM lab.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mrs. Dell’Aglione, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

1. Approve Carlin Sietsma, a college student, to present to the students on November 17, 2023 at Godwin School the importance of dental hygiene.

2. Approve the specialized reading instruction for a classified high school student, with Mindful Reading Center LLC, three times a week.
3. Approve the recommendation for a classified out of district student to receive home instruction and counseling services through New Pathways Counseling, Inc., at the rate of \$650.00 per week, retroactive from November 3, 2023 through December 22, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the New/Revised of the following Policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. | Sick Leave (New) | Policy Section 1642.01 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. | Religion in the Schools | Policy Section 2270 | <u>D-1b</u> |
| c. | Examination for Cause - Teaching Staff Members | Policy Section 3161 | <u>D-1c</u> |
| d. | Right of Privacy – Teaching Staff Members | Policy Section 3324 | <u>D-1d</u> |
| e. | Examination for Cause – Support Staff Members | Policy Section 4161 | <u>D-1e</u> |
| f. | Right of Privacy – Support Staff Members | Policy Section 4324 | <u>D-1f</u> |
| g. | Education of Homeless Children and Youths | Policy Section 5116 | <u>D-1g</u> |

2. Approval of the following revised New/Mandated Policies:

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| a. | School Threat Assessment Teams (M) | Policy Section 2419 | <u>D-2a</u> |
| b. | Attendance (M) – Teaching Staff Members | Policy Section 3212 | <u>D-2b</u> |
| c. | Attendance (M) – Support Staff Members | Policy Section 4212 | <u>D-2c</u> |
| d. | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) | Policy Section 5111 | <u>D-2d</u> |
| e. | Food Services (M) | Policy Section 8500 | <u>D-2e</u> |

3. Approval of the following Abolished Policies:

1. Bridge Year Pilot Program
2. School Nutrition Programs
3. Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Dr. Marie Cirasella)

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

- The next meeting will be scheduled in January

Dr. Cirasella commented that at administration is gathering information for the committee.

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (C. Dell’Aglia)

- Membership is open
- Extended the deadline for the gift card raffle
- Looking for volunteers for Career Day

Elementary School PTA- (P. Fantulin)

- Book fair, we have e-wallet set up for the students to purchase books
- After school shopping
- Panther Bowl bowling event on 11/18 – Let’s strike up some fun
- Tik Tok docent

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

- Having a meeting tonight
- Drama – Clue is this week
- Syracuse Band trip was last week
- Poinsetta sale going on now, delivery is early December

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Battle of the Bands at Macaluso's on 3/9/24
- Looking for sponsors and basket donations
- They now have a venom account – MPPEF23

Board of Recreation – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Community School – (N. Eliya)

No Report

L. Old Business

No Report

M. New Business

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of December 12, 2023, 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 – Mr. Canellas...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary