

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

There was a moment of silence for one of our out of district students who passed in house fire last week.

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Christine Dell’Aglio
	Nabil Eliya	Richard Formicola
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo
	Patricia Fantulin	Brian McCourt
Excused:	Sandra Criscenzo	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT *Mr. Brian McCourt*

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

No Report

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE *Declan Feehan*

No Report

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the February 7, 2023 agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

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.

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

1. Accept the retirement resignation of Louis Pellegrino as a part-time Bus Aide for the district, effective retroactive to January 24, 2023.
2. Approve the appointment of Nareka Hartman as an adult aide for the Before and After Care School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2022-2023 school year, effective February 8, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
3. Approve the following student as an Aide for the Before and After Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2022-2023 school year, effective February 8, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

Benjamin Folignani - 11th grade Midland Park High School student

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Dell'Aglio...

1. Accept the anonymous donation in the amount of \$949.90 for track and field equipment to be used for training/practice purposes to enhance the performance of our track and field athletics.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the Academic Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year, as per the attached appendix.
2. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, due to the fact that there are fewer than forty Medicaid eligible students in the Midland Park School District.

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Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of February 14, 2023 agenda items

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

- We met tonight to review the budget
- Costs are up 15% for Health Benefits, difficult to balance budget
- We do have some budgeting vehicles to help us adjust for these increases
- Will have numbers for the full Board by early March

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

- We met tonight, the minutes will be sent out next week

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

- 1st reading on mandated policies on the 2/14 agenda

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and 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- (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)

- We met with the Town Council on 1/24, we will have another meeting soon

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

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Mr. Eliya, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of February 14, 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. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator