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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 OCTOBER 17, 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

School Self-Assessments under the ABR for Reporting Period: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

District Assessment Report 2022-2023

Approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 09142333179 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0920233180 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:

September 5, 2023
September 19, 2023

- +2. **Approve the tentative 2024-2025 Budget Preparation Calendar, as per the attached appendix.**

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- 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 appointment of Michael Zimmer as the District Security Officer from January 2, 2024 through June 30, 2024.**
- +2. **Approve a paid disability leave for Employee No. 1538 effective approximately February 1, 2024 through March 28, 2024 and an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective March 29, 2024 through June 20, 2024.**
- +3. **Approve the Affirmative Action Team for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:**

Chairperson - Danielle Bache

Members - Laurie Belthoff

**Savannah Dolianitis
Mary Fezza
Jackie Goodell
David Hershberger
JoAnn Manicone
Meghan Martinez
Russell Quinn**

- +4. Approve a paid disability leave for Employee No. 1484 effective approximately January 22, 2024 through March 19, 2024 and an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective March 20, 2024 through June 19, 2024.**
- +5. Approve 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), effective October 18, 2023 through approximately February 2, 2024, pending submittal of required paperwork and Criminal History Review.**
- +6. Approve the appointment of Kayleigh Matthews to accompany the Marching Band to Syracuse, NY. She will be paid at the rate of \$175 per diem, effective October 27 through October 29, 2023.**
- +7. Approve the appointment of Kayleigh Matthews to accompany the Marching Band to Anaheim, CA. She will be paid at the rate of \$175 per diem, effective December 8 through December 12, 2023.**

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 September 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. September 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$461,764.63.**
- b. September 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$60,370.64.**
- c. September 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$30,874.84.**
- d. Second September 2023 payroll in the amount of \$728,628.17.**
- e. October 2023 claims in the amount of \$480,207.59.**

- +3. **Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period September 1 – 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix.** B-3
- +4. **Approve the transfers among accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix.** B-4
- +5. **Approve the JTL Pharmacy in Little Ferry, NJ to administer Covid shots to the faculty/staff at Godwin School, Highland School and the Jr./Sr. High School.**
- +6. **Approve the Seasonal Stem After School Children’s Program by Steam to Go sponsored by the MPCS at Highland School cafeteria on Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
- +7. **Approve the Winter and Spring recess mini-camp programs sponsored by the MPCS at the Midland Park High School Cafeterias and gym from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:**
 - February 21, 22, 23, 2024
 - April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2024
- +8. **Approve the use and rental of Memorial Hall in the Midland Park High School for the theater production of Alladdin, Jr. sponsored by MPCS for 15.5 hours at the rate of \$125 per hour, on the following dates:**
 - November 28, 2023 – 1 hour
 - November 29, 2023 – 5 hours
 - November 30, 2023 – 2 hours
 - December 1, 2023 – 4.5 hours
 - December 2, 2023 – 3 hours
- +9. **Approve the revised resolution for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Gravity Goldberg, LLC, not to exceed \$16,000 of which \$11,935 will be paid out of Title II A funds, or 75%, effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**
- C. Curriculum Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
- +1. **Approve the placement for a classified elementary school student at William Paterson University Child Development Center in Wayne, NJ effective, retroactive from October 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**
- D. Policy Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
- E. Legislative Committee – (Dr. Marie Cirasella)

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

+1. **Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports on the following dates and locations:**

9/26/23	Midland Park High School, Midland Park, NJ, Route # 1, 7:40 a.m.
9/27/23	Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ, Route #1, 12:30 p.m.
9/28/23	Holmstead School, Ridgewood, NJ Route #4, 8:00 a.m.
9/28/23	Fusion School, Englewood, NJ, Route #4, 10:20 a.m.
10/2/23	Highland School, Midland Park, NJ, Route #1, 8:15 a.m.
10/11/23	CTC Academy, Oakland, NJ, Route #3, 9:09 a.m.

+2. **Approve the following resolution and attached appendices:**

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Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Midland Park School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Midland Park School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 for Midland Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

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

2. 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'Aglio)

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)

Community School – (N. Eliya)

L. Old Business

M. New Business

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of November 14, 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