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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 APRIL 23, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 resolution:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0309243249 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 meeting held on:  
March 19, 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. Approval for Midland Park School District staff members to donate sick days to create a sick bank for Employee No. 2002.
    2. Approve a medical leave for Employee No. 2002, effective May 13, 2024 through June 21, 2024.
    3. Approve a medical leave for Employee No. 0988, effective retroactive from March 25, 2024 through May 24, 2024.
    4. Approve the retirement resignation for Kathleen Lepage, effective June 30, 2024.
    5. Approve Lesline Lewis as a substitute building aide at the high school effective April 24, 2024 through June 30, 2024, pending Criminal History Review.
    6. Approve Peter Crandall as a volunteer coach for the Varsity Baseball team for the 2024 season.
    7. Approve Antonio Perez as a Social Studies Teacher at the high school. He will be paid a salary of \$54,999 (BA+12, Step 5 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
    8. Approve Nicole Marino to provide after school tutoring to a classified elementary school student, twice a week for an hour. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$43.26, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.

9. Approve stipend payments to the following ABA trained Instructional Aides, in accordance with the MPEA Agreement:

Godwin School: (Preschool)  
Alessandra Borges Da Rocha  
Olivia Contreras  
Barrie Facente  
Janet Fahy  
Victoria Lesoine

Godwin School LLD:  
Marissa Gordon  
Nareka Hartman  
Denise McPhillamy  
Amanda Valcarcel

Highland School LLD:  
Karen Fraccassini  
Timothy Hamilton  
Susan MacMillan  
Kathleen McKinless

10. Approve the following aides to work for the Midland Park Community School Before and After School Child Care program effective April 24, 2024 through June 30, 2024:

Raya Aliman  
Megan DeMarco  
Shannon Garrett  
Carolyn McCourt  
Sydney Nemiroff

11. Approve the following camp counselors to work for the Midland Park Community School Summer Camp 2024 effective July 1, 2024 through August 9, 2024:

Elissa Adamo  
Kelly Ballen  
Christopher Canellas  
Samantha Cebulski  
Sydney Cieri  
Alyssa Cornetta  
Damien DelValle  
Gabriella DelValle  
Megan DeMarco  
Hailey Desbiens  
Declan Feehan  
Daniel Kearney  
Lindsay Kontos  
Carolyn McCourt  
Sean Olson  
Christina Statuto  
Paige Tuozzo  
Samantha Tuozzo

Sadie Cebulski (counselor in training)  
Marcelo Colon (counselor in training)  
Avery Martin (counselor in training)  
Sofia Zammitt (counselor in training)  
Sharon Focaccia (sub)  
Avery Kasbarian (sub)  
Vinnette Komjian (sub)

B. Finance Committee – (C. Dell’Aglia, Chairperson)

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of March 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. March 2024 direct pays in the amount of \$1,092,892.37.
- b. March 2024 Community School claims in the amount of \$82,874.46.
- c. March 2024 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$57,347.73.
- d. Second March 2024 payroll in the amount of \$693,515.23.
- e. First April 2024 payroll in the amount of \$703,614.76.
- f. April 2024 claims in the amount of \$686,214.39.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's Report for the period March 1 – 31, 2024, as per the attached appendix.

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

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5. Approve the Addendum to the Agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC for the services of Substitute Teachers and Staff.

6. Approve the MPCS rental by Kris Gmerek for a Volleyball Clinic at Midland Park Highland School Gym for the following dates: Monday-Thursday - 7/8-7/11, 7/15-7/18, 7/22-7/25, 9:15am-11:15am, at a rate of \$100 per hour.

7. Approve the MPCS rental by Robert Contino/Vintage Goats for a Collectable Cards Show at the MPHS Gym on June 8, 2024 from 7:00am-3:00pm at a rate of \$1,000.

8. Approve Mindful Assessments and Psychological Services to conduct independent evaluations for two classified elementary school students.

9. Approve Valley Hospital to conduct Independent Speech Evaluations for two classified elementary school students. The evaluations will be at a cost of \$1,113.00 per evaluation.

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

1. Approve the following new textbook for US History I/II, grade levels 10/11:

“Half American The Heroic Story of African Americans Fighting WWII at Home and Abroad”,  
2024 US Random House

2. Approve the proposed Overnight Trip for the Marching Band Students to the New York State Field Band Championships at The Dome, Syracuse, NY from October 26, 2024 – October 28, 2024.
3. Approve the new Curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year, which is aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards:

Exploratories – American Sign Language

4. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Patricia Sicree	School-Based SLPs: A Language Processing Disorder	Virtual	\$279.00	5/9/24
Paul Marino	AP US History Summer Institute	Virtual	\$600.00	6/25-28/24
Stacy Garvey	NJASBO Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,000.00	6/5-7/24

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

1. Approve the following revised Mandated Polices, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. Educational Equity Policies/Affirmative Action                           | Policy Section 1140   | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. Comprehensive Equity Plan  | Policy Section 1523   | <u>D-1b</u> |
| c. Equal Employment Opportunities   | Policy Section 1530   | <u>D-1c</u> |
| d. Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices                           | Policy Section 1550   | <u>D-1d</u> |
| e. Equity in School and Classroom Practices                                 | Policy Section 2260   | <u>D-1e</u> |
| f. Guidance Counseling  | Policy Section 2411   | <u>D-1f</u> |
| g. Bilingual Education  | Policy Section 2423   | <u>D-1g</u> |
| h. Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries | Policy Section 2431.4 | <u>D-1h</u> |
| i. Equitable Educational Opportunity  | Policy Section 5750   | <u>D-1i</u> |

2. Approve the abolishment of the following Mandated Policy:

Equity in Educational Programs and Services	Policy Section 5755
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- 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 Committee – (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)
  
  - Community School – (P. Triolo)

L. Old Business

M. New Business

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of May 7, 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