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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 DECEMBER 12, 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*

Approve the following resolution:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1004233181 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.

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:

November 14, 2023

- 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 medical leave for Employee #0746 retroactive from November 24, 2023 through December 22, 2023.
2. Approve the medical leave for Employee #1927 retroactive from October 31, 2023 through TBD.
3. Approve the appointment of Fusun Garrett as a substitute lunch aide in the Godwin School, retroactive from November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. She will be paid at a rate of \$15.65 per hour.
4. Approve the extension of an unpaid leave of absence as per the MPEA agreement for Employee #1310 from February 1, 2024 through June 25, 2024.
5. Approve Mary Ann Peterfriend as a Special Education leave replacement in the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$68,150 (MA +30 Step 5 on the MPEA guide), prorated, effective February 1, 2024 through June 25, 2024.
6. Approve the stipend for Stacy Garvey in the amount of \$4,500 for performing extra duties in conducting the Superintendent search.
7. Approve the appointment of Maraid Jordan Mukaida as a substitute building aide, effective December 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024, pending Criminal History Review. She will be paid at the rate of \$15.65 per hour.
8. Approve the following aides to work for the Midland Park Community School Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2023-2024 school year:

Kelly Ballen

Sean Olson – Sub

Megan DeMarco – Sub

9. Approve the following aides to work for the Midland Park Community School sponsored February Break Mini-Camp, effective February 21-23, 2024:

Felicia Robinson – Camp Coordinator
Nareka Hartman – Camp Assistant Coordinator

10. Approve the payment of Curriculum writing stipends for the High School, as per the attached appendix. A-10

11. Approve the employment contract between Michael Zimmer, School Security Guard and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective January 2, 2024 through June 30, 2024. He will be paid at a rate of \$35 per hour.

12. Approve Mackenzie Conroy as an Assistant Indoor Track Coach for the 2023-2024 Winter Season in the amount of \$4,310.

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 November 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. November 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$543,414.72.
- b. November 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$59,856.52.
- c. November 2023 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$48,417.61.
- d. First November 2023 payroll in the amount of \$728,043.20.
- e. Second November 2023 payroll in the amount of \$685,152.05.
- f. December 2023 claims in the amount of \$571,566.09.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period November 1 – 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix B-3

4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period November 1 – 30, 2023, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Approve the staffing agreement between the Midland Park Public Schools and General Healthcare Resources, LLC d/b/a GHR Education, effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
6. Approve the increase of the budget by \$125,000.00 for the Midland Park Community School for the 2023-2024 school year:

Account number 13 602 100 511 03 70

7. Approve the youth program, “My Mini & Me – Move & Groove” at the Restore Church in Midland Park, sponsored by the Midland Park Community School. The program runs from March 14, 2024 through May 9, 2024, for an 8 week session for a fee of \$195.
8. Accept the donation from the Midland Park High School Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$7,417.30 for the following items:

LiveView Camera/Tripod (Golf Team): \$ 470.00
 Indoor Batting Cage (Baseball/Softball): \$ 4,935.00
 Warm-up Suits (Boys Basketball): \$ 1,723.30
 County Champ Shirts (Track): \$ 289.00

9. Approve the use and rental by Goats Basketball, sponsored by Midland Park Community School as follows:

High School Gym: December 10, 17
 January 7, 14, 21, 28
 February 4, 9, 11, 18, 25,
 March 3, 10, 17, 24

10. Approve the decommissioning of surplus technology inventory, as per the attached appendix. B-10

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nicole Marino	Morphology Plus	Virtual	\$1,500	2/10-11/24 2/17-18/24
Eurico Antunes	Techspo 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	1,232.00	1/24-1/26/24
Nicholas Capuano	Techspo 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	\$864.66 plus tolls	1/24-1/26/24

2. Approve the placement/transportation for a classified elementary school student at The Forum School, Waldwick, NJ effective, retroactive from December 4, 2023 through June 21, 2024.
3. Approve the Spring/Summer 2024 Youth Programs, sponsored by Midland Park Community School.

4. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips in the Spring 2024 Midland Park Community School brochure.
 5. Approve the Extended Winter 2024 Courses, sponsored by Midland Park Community School as follows:
 - Pilates Extended Winter Beg. Classes 12/7/23-1/25/24 (Midland Park H.S.)
 - Pilates Extended Winter Int. Classes 12/7/23-1/25/24 (Midland Park H.S.)
 - Zumba Extended Winter Classes 1/11/24-2/6/24 (Midland Park H.S.)
 - Italian Beginner Extended Winter Classes 1/3/24-2/7/24 (Midland Park H.S.)
 - Italian Intermediate Extended Winter Classes 1/3/24-2/7/24 (Midland Park H.S.)
 - Men's Basketball Extended Winter Classes 1/8/24-1/30/24 (Midland Park H.S.)
 - Staff Continuation Pickleball at Midland Park DePhilips Recreation Department 1/3/24-3/37/4
 - Staff Continuation Spring Pickleball (MPHS/Highland) dates TBD
 6. Approve the continuance of the Cooperative Program for Football, Wrestling and Cheerleading between the Midland Park and Waldwick School Districts, effective December 2023 through December 2026.
 7. Approve Alexandra Dunham of Going Gold Choreography for choreographing the Waldwick/Midland Park Cooperative high school cheer program's 2023-2024 basketball halftime routine.
- D. Policy Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)
- E. Legislative Committee – (Dr. Marie Cirasella)
- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (N. Eliya, Chairperson)
- G. Negotiations Committee - (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
- H. 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’Aglia)

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 January 2, 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