



USDOE Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
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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 SEPTEMBER 19, 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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD - Declan Feehan

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

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

August 22, 2023

2. **Approve the revised Emergency Management Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.**

- 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 job description for the District Security Officer.** A-1
2. **Approve the appointment of Mackenzie Conroy as an Instructional Aide at the High School. She will be paid a salary of \$27,060 (Category IV, Step 3 on the Secretarial/Clerical Guide) effective, retroactive, from September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**
3. **Approve the appointment of Brianna Brislin as a Special Education teacher at Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$51,500 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 6, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**
4. **Accept the resignation of Employee #1497, effective September 22, 2023.**
5. **Approve the appointment of Ashley-Rose Hook as the website liaison for the Godwin School for the 2023-2024 school year. She will be paid a stipend of \$488.**
6. **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, effective September 20, 2023 through June 30, 2024:**

Albana Skenderi – MPHS student

Grace Pagano – MPHS student

7. **Rescind motion A-5 from the August 22, 2023 meeting - Approve the following teachers to participate in the Orton Gillingham Reading Training Cohort Group through Fairleigh Dickinson University, 28% to be paid from ESSER III funds:**

Amanda Ackerman

Alexis Biagi

Christine Hirsch

Jennifer Stalb

8. **Approve the following teachers to participate in the Orton Gillingham Reading Cohort Group through Fairleigh Dickinson University at a cost of \$21,216, of which \$10,608 or 50% will be funded from the ESSER III Accelerated Learning Grant:**

Amanda Ackerman
 Alexis Biagi
 Christine Hirsch
 Jennifer Stalb

9. **Accept the resignation of Employee #1742, effective September 30, 2023.**
10. **Approve a paid medical leave for Employee No. 0649 effective, retroactive from September 1, 2023 through approximately November 3, 2023.**
11. **Approve a paid disability leave for Employee No. 1826 effective approximately October 5, 2023 through December 18, 2023, an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective December 19, 2023 through March 12, 2024.**
12. **Approve a paid leave for Employee No. 2128 effective, retroactive from September 14, 2023 through October 26, 2023, and unpaid family care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective October 27, 2023 through approximately February 2, 2024.**
13. **Accept the retirement resignation of Dr. Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2024.**

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 August 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. **August 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$1,251,701.30.**
 - b. **August 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$100,264.84.**
 - c. **Second August 2023 payroll in the amount of \$175,279.86.**
 - d. **September 2023 claims in the amount of \$837,980.46.**
 - e. **First September 2023 payroll in the amount of \$673,327.67.**

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary’s Report for the period August 1 – 31, 2023.

4. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period August 1 – 31, 2023, as per the attached appendix.
5. Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym for the Gem Show, sponsored by Midland Park Community School on the following dates and times:

Set up Friday, April 12, 2024 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
April 13 & 14, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
6. Approve the use and rental of the High School Schiffer Field to NFL Kids Football Camp, sponsored by Midland Park Community School from July 22 – 26, 2024 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. One additional hour of training will be held on Tuesday – Thursday during that week.
7. **Approve the JTL Pharmacy in Little Ferry, NJ to administer flu shots to the faculty/staff at Godwin School, Highland School and the Jr./Sr. High School.**
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10. **Approve Staff Pickleball, sponsored by the Midland Park Community School, at the Highland School Gym from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:**

Thursdays: October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 16, 30
December 7, 14, 21
11. **Approve the participation in OMNIA Partners international cooperative purchasing group.**
12. **Approve the transfer of \$85,000 from the Capital Reserve Account to the General Account #12-000-400-450-91-75 for the acquisition and installation of a replacement office trailer at Highland School.**
13. **Approve the purchase and installation of an office trailer from Willscot Mini Solutions in the amount of \$77,696.03 through the OMNIA Partners international cooperative purchasing group.**

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

1. **Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Christine Carr	NJASL Fall Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	672.10	12/3/23-12/5/23
Stacy Garvey Scott Collins Patricia Fantulin Richard Formicola Brian McCourt	NJSBA Fall Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$6500	10/22-26/2023

2. **Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.**

3. **Approve the decommissioning of the following outdated books at the High School:**

**Physical Science (purple)
Glencoe/McGraw Hill – 2012
ISBN: 978-0-07-888004-9
38 books**

**Life Science (green white leopard)
Glencoe/McGraw Hill – 2012
ISBN: 978-0-07-888002-5
46 books**

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 Report on the following dates and locations:**

9/12/23 **The Venture Program, Paramus, NJ, Route # 2, 9:06 a.m.**
9/12/23 **Career Crossroads, Paramus, NJ, Route #2, 10:30 a.m.**

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 October 3, 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