

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY
JULY 18, 2023**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCourt at 8:06 p.m. 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.”

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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 Safety Data System (SSDS) Report of District Violence & Vandalism Statistics and Incidents of HIB for Reporting Period 2, 2022-2023.

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

1. Approve the following resolution:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0608233178 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

Student Representative to the Board – (Declan Feehan)

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

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

June 6, 2023
June 20, 2023

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

2. Accept the decision of the School Ethics Commission of July 5, 2023.

BM-2

Mr. McCourt read the resolution to the public, as per the attachment.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

3. Approve the SRO Shared Services Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Borough of Midland Park for the 2023-2024 school year.

BM-3

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

4. Approve the update to the LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

1. Approve the retroactive appointment of Brendan O’Keefe as a summer Custodial/Maintenance worker, pending submittal of required paperwork and Criminal History Review. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective June 22, 2023 through August 31, 2023.
2. Approve a paid disability leave for Employee No. 1826, effective approximately October 3, 2023 through June 30, 2023, an unpaid child care leave as per the NJ FMLA, effective September 1, 2023 through February 25, 2024.
3. Approve the following elementary school teachers to receive additional hours of professional development in Language Arts Literacy during the summer. They will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid through 2022-2023 Title I funds, not to exceed five hours each:

Jennifer Stalb Christine Horuzy
Patricia Olson Maureen O’Hara (substitute as needed)
Traci Audino
Erin Perkins

4. Approve the following elementary school teachers to receive Professional Development in Mathematics to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. They will be paid at the hourly rate of \$60.95, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, paid 100% through Title I funds, not to exceed six hours each:

Christine Hirsch
Danielle Kirch

5. Approve Lauren Fenning to provide nursing services over the summer for Highland School, in the absence of a school nurse. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, not to exceed 15 hours.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

6. Approve the appointment of Patrick Clark as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at the High School. He will be paid a salary of \$111,456 prorated, start date to be determined, through June 30, 2024.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

7. Approve the following middle and high school teachers to attend Math professional development during the summer, at the contracted rate, to be paid 100% through Title 1 and Title II funds:

Tarra Lawlor – 6 hours

Jessa Cabibbo – 6 hours

8. Approve Nickolas Joannidis as the Cross Country Head Coach for the 2023-2024 fall season. He will be paid a stipend in the amount of \$5,656.
9. Approve Sean Olson to work as a counselor for the Midland Park Community School Park Players Summer Theater workshop, retroactive from July 11, 2023 through July 27, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

10. Approve Damian DelValle to work as a volunteer counselor for the Midland Park Community School summer camp, effective July 19, 2023 through August 11, 2023.
11. 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 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

Carolyn Biswurm

Cindy Mahoney

Sharon Focaccia

Teya Rosso

Clare Kearney

Pricilla Schmidt

Daniel Kearney

Kyleigh Skiba

12. Approve the following staff members for the 2023 ESY program, retroactive from July 6, 2023:

Patty Trava – Substitute nurse

Patty Sicress – Speech Therapist

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the resignation of Employee #2024, effective August 11, 2023.

Roll Call: All Yes

APPENDIX

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of June 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. June 2023 direct pays in the amount of \$487,489.98.
- b. June 2023 Community School claims in the amount of \$99,775.40.
- c. June 2023 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$42,218.60.
- d. Second June 2023 payroll in the amount of \$689,760.49.
- e. June Supplemental payroll in the amount of \$48,588.83.
- f. June Supplemental claims in the amount of \$171,931.93.
- g. July 2023 claims in the amount of \$677,725.66.
- h. First July 2023 payroll in the amount of \$197,189.40.

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

B-3

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

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5. Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Mary Oates to provide Math Professional Development, effective July 19 – August 31, 2023, not to exceed four days or \$3,800.00, to be paid 100% through Title I funds.

6. Approve the Agreement between Midland Park School District and Language Line Services, Inc. for interpretation services, via phone, on an as needed basis.

7. Approve the submission and acceptance of funds for the IDEA Grant application for 2023-2024 to the New Jersey Department of Education, as follows:

Basic: \$291,808 Public
 \$ 54,392 Non Public

Preschool: \$ 22,643 Public

8. Approve the submission of the ESEA Grant application for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Title I Part A Basic: \$40,072
Title II Part A: \$15,569
Title III: \$3,125 (Consortium with Oakland)
Title IV Part A: \$10,000

9. Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services between the Midland Park School District and Gravity Goldberg, LLC, effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Title II funding will be used for 25% of the contract cost.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mrs. Dell’Aglia...

- S-2. Approve the renewal of the Student Accident Insurance Policy through Monarch Management Corporation, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mrs. Criscenzo...

1. Approve the decommissioning of outdated books at the High School.

11 - Blue Bade and Parkin Econ
21 - Brown Krugman AP Economics Second Edition
28 – World History and Civilization

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

- E. Legislative Committee – (Dr. Marie Cirasella)

No Report

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

- Summer projects
 - Drop ceiling & lighting
 - Door project – final phase
 - Guidance office renovation
 - General cleaning

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

No Report

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report

I. Town Council Committee – (B. McCourt, P. Fantulin)

- We have met a few times, things are moving along

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

No Report

K. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (C. Dell’Aglia)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (P. Fantulin)

No Report

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

- Marching band is starting, hope for another outstanding year

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K - 9/9, looking for sponsors
- Superhero fun run for grades K-6

Board of Recreation – (J. Canellas)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (N. Eliya)

No Report

L. Old Business

No Report

M. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of August 22, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, legal updates and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Triolo...

Motion to go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss Council Liaison Meeting items, HIB case, Community Survey. No action will be taken.

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.

Board returned to open session at 9:05 pm.

Motion- Mr. Eliya, seconded – Mr. Formicola...
To adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary