

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
Board of Education  
Midland Park, New Jersey  
December 6, 2016**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, at 8:00 p.m. and the following statement was read:

"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 2016 elective year. A notice was also posted outside of 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. In addition, all questions must be presented to the Board of Education during the public session and prior to the adjournment of the meeting."

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Patricia Fantulin	Richard Formicola
	William Sullivan	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	
Excused:	Brian McCourt	
	Timothy Thomas	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS**

**Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adoptive 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**

Motion –Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1025163107 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.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1101163108 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

Open to the Public:

District policy states that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item prior to its vote by the full Board will have an opportunity to do so without prior notice.

No one from the public chose to speak.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

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

November 1, 2016  
November 22, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2016-2017 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 – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

1. Approve the placement of Lyndsay Buonforte, William Paterson University student, as a student teacher in Mrs. Manicone's classes at the high school, effective January 19, 2017 through May 4, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

S-1. Approve the appointment of Rita Modzelewski as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies maternity leave

replacement. She will be paid a salary of \$46,750 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective January 3, 2017 or sooner through June 30, 2017.

- S-2. Approve an unpaid child care leave for Radcliffe Brown, Custodian, effective December 27, 2016 through approximately January 30, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .

Approve the following block motion:

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, 2016, 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 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$94,327.29.
- b. November 2016 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$54,140.18.
- c. November 2016 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$30,006.96.
- d. Second November 2016 payroll in the amount of \$594,105.91.
- e. December 2016 claims in the amount of \$196,126.29.

3. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1 – 30, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the resolution for Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Englewood Public Schools, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with P.L. 2010, C65 (A-355, The School Choice Law) for the 2016-2017 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Englewood Public School District.

6. Accept the donation in the amount of \$3,300 by the Midland Park Performing Arts Parents for the purchase of lighting for the Memorial Hall stage, as per Board Policy 7230.
7. Accept the Verizon Volunteers Incentive Program donation in the amount of \$750 from Mr. Ron Agresta to be used for the Marching Band, as per Board Policy 7230.
8. Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Basketball games on the following Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:

January 15, 22, February 19, 26, 2017

9. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Basketball games on Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Melissa Quackenbush	NJDOE Future Ready Summit	Newark, NJ	\$31.50	1/11- 12/17
Eurico Antunes	Power School University	Orlando, FL	\$3,283.20	2/26–3/3/17

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one classified high school student in the Holmstead School, Ridgewood, NJ, effective December 12, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
3. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips, which are included in the spring 2017 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- CS-3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of an elementary general education student on home instruction, effective retroactive from December 5, 2016 through February 5, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

E. Legislative Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

Status update regarding Legislation:

- S-86 Governor signed legislation allowing school districts to put armed retired law enforcement officers in schools. They must have special training to work in schools.
- A1878/S2404 increases to under \$15,000 from under \$10,000, amount of permitted annual compensation paid to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) retiree reemployed as athletic coach by a former school district within 180 days of retirement.
- A-3662/S-2374 –Rosa-Bonilla Family Act” – approved classroom drivers education programs now will have to address carbon monoxide safety education.
- A-3349/S-2438 –Requires annual school security training for school employees to be conducted collaboratively with emergency responders; requires law enforcement officer to annually attend at least one school security drill.
- A-3348/S-2439 – This bill takes effect immediately and there are nearly 30 different requirements for school security. Some pertain to new schools and some measures are for existing buildings, as applicable. Of the 19 measures that apply to existing buildings, many of them are things that we already do. Some of them are inapplicable. Some of them are things we might consider.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

A meeting is scheduled with Mr. Collins next week to review the placement of plaques for PAPS Fundraiser.

G. Negotiations Committee - (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association and the Midland Park Board of Education, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, as per the attached appendix. G-1

Roll Call: All Yes

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

Craft Fair scheduled fro 12/6/2016.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Update on the following events:

- The wine tasting fundraiser on 12/3 went well.
- Calendar raffle
- Musical is in full swing.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Ms. Bruder is getting a speaker from Bergen's Promise. The goal is to create healthy families safe at home and to keep family members physically and emotionally safe. Also, they help families find services they may need. Listed on school website, BCSS-Parent/Parent Exchange Meetings which address transition services, coordinating adult services and the "special challenges" of teenage years.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

There are still tickets available for the Black and White Event.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

New programs just about to be mailed out.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

The following items were reported on:

- CS Ed week
- Speaker on December 7 will be Keele Carbone – transgender speaker talking about acceptance.
- Winter sports
- Attended holiday workshop as volunteers at craft show.
- Musical
- Midland Park High School choir concert is next Thursday.

Borough Town Council – (M. Thomas & J. Canellas)

Open communication-pleased to see that going well

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

No one chose to discuss any old business.

K. New Business

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To cancel the Midland Park Board of Education's regular Public Meeting on December 20, 2016 and to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff between this meeting and the January 3, 2017 meeting with retroactive Board approval.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion - Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 3, 2017 for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Dr. Thomas wished the community Happy Holidays. Dr. Thomas also thanked the Board for their support and for the opportunity to serve as the president. Although some sad, there have been many positive experiences as well. Most positive is launching our students at graduation.

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary