

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**February 28, 2017**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by James Canellas, 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 2017 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

James Canellas

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**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. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

**+1. Approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 011817234 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 chose to speak.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

January 3, 2017

January 17, 2017

Roll Call: All Yes

**A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)**

APPENDIX

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. Triolo, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

**1. Approve the additions to the list of Athletic Coaches at the high school for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-1+**

**+2. Approve the changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the Highland School, as follows:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Allison Kilgallen	.4 Student Council Advisor
Add:	Deborah Lelinho	Student Council Advisor
		\$1,740.00

**+3. Approve the appointment of Therese Seiders as the Enrichment-Tutor at the high school. She will be paid 3% of her salary as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA agreement, effective March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.**

- +4. **Accept the resignation of Jamie Scura as a Kindergarten teacher in the Godwin School, effective July 1, 2017.**
- +5. **Approve the following revised job descriptions, as per the attached appendix:**
  - a. **Head Custodian** A-5a
  - b. **Custodian** A-5b
- +6. **Approve the appointment of Diana Ragone to teach Kindergarten Readiness, offered by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective Monday through Thursday, July 10 – 27, 2017.**
- +7. **Approve the appointment of the following Aides for the Spring 2017 Volleyball for Girls Class, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education:**

**Hannah Douma  
Sofia Hansen  
Caity Ullmer**

Roll Call: All Yes

**B. Finance Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)**

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

**1. Approve the following resolution:**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of January 31, 2017, 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. January 2017 direct pays in the amount of \$664,787.51.
- b. January 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$67,350.46.
- c. January 2017 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$40,451.58.
- d. February 2017 claims in the amount of \$663,018.96.
- e. Second January 2017 payroll in the amount of \$580,028.88.
- f. First February 2017 payroll in the amount of \$602,143.45.
- g. Second February 2017 payroll in the amount of \$584,870.02.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period January 1 – 31, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period January 1 – 31, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-4

+5. **Approve Rachel Maietta as an independent School Psychologist to perform evaluations on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$425 per evaluation.**

+6. **Approve the decommissioning of the following outdated Health textbooks at the Highland School:**

**ISBN #: 0-07-826143-0; Adolescence: Growing and Changing; Publisher: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill**

+7. **Approve the use and rental of the High School Lower Sunset Field to Summer Heatt for Spring LaCrosse games to be held on Sundays from 8:00 -11:30 a.m. on the following dates:**

**March 26; April 2, 9, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28 & June 4, 11, 2017**

+8. **Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym to Hoop Heaven, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Basketball games to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:**

**April 18, 20 25, 27; May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & June 1, 2017**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Michael Gaccione	DAANJ & NJSIAA – Higher level AD training	Atlantic City, NJ	\$876.88	3/12-17/2017
Melissa Quackenbush	Teaching Practices & Instructional Strategies that Position Students Closer to Reading & Writing Excellence	New Brunswick, NJ	\$182.86	4/24/2017
	Solving Common Problems of Practice Through Project-based	New Brunswick, NJ	\$182.86	6/2/2017

	Pedagogy			
<b>Rosalyn Kessler</b>	<b>Challenges for Today's School Nurse</b>	<b>West Orange, NJ</b>	<b>\$262.05</b>	<b>3/7/17</b>
<b>Christine Carr</b>	<b>Winners (The Best Books of 2016 and How to Use Them in the Classroom)</b>	<b>Whippany, NJ</b>	<b>\$223.88</b>	<b>5/12/17</b>

Mr. McCourt asked if any wrestlers qualified for Atlantic City.

Dr. Cirasella replied yes we have two wrestlers who qualified.

2. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Marching Band Students to perform at the New York State Field Band Championships at the Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY from October 27 – 30, 2017.
3. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Concert Band Students to perform in Anaheim, CA from February 23 – 28, 2018.
4. Approve the proposed new course for fall 2017:  
“Introduction to App Design”, Grades 9 – 12
5. Approve the continuation of the non-resident enrollment of Marc Caldelas, son of Susanna Caldelas, high school teacher, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class in the Godwin School, for September 2017, as per Board Policy 5111.
6. Approve the continuation of the non-resident enrollment of Mia Eliopoulos, daughter of Constantine Eliopoulos, high school teacher, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class in the Godwin School for September 2017, as per Board Policy 5111.
7. Approve the continuation of the non-resident enrollment of Gabrielle Esposito, daughter of Robert Esposito, Media Technician, in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class in the high school, for September 2017, as per Board Policy 5111.
- +8. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Take Action Drug and Alcohol Prevention Club Leadership and Prevention Conference at Camp Nyoda Hills, Oak Ridge, NJ from August 22 – 24, 2017.**
- +9. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Midland Park/Waldwick Wrestling Team to participate in the State Tournament Finals in Atlantic City, NJ from March 3 – 5, 2017.**
- +10. Approve the proposed holiday schedule for twelve month employees for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix.** **C-10**
- +11. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one classified elementary school student to attend Chancellor Academy, Pompton Plains, NJ, effective retroactive from February 21, 2017 through June 30, 2017.**

- +12. **Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation for one classified high school student to attend Windsor Learning Center, Pompton Lakes, NJ effective retroactive from February 27, 2017 through June 30, 2017.**

Roll Call: All Yes

- +13. This item was withdrawn

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

- +14. **Approve the Kindergarten Readiness program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held in the Godwin School from July 10 – 27, 2017.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

1. Approve the first reading of the following new/revised Mandated policies, as per the attached appendices:

a. Americans with Disabilities Act (revised)	Policy Section 1510	<u>D-1a</u>
b. Title I – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (new)	Policy Section 2415.30	<u>D-1b</u>
c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (new)	Policy Section 2418	<u>D-1c</u>
d. Student Records (revised)	Policy Section 8330	<u>D-1d</u>

2. Approve the first reading of the following revised policy, as per the attached appendix:

a. Education of Homeless Children	Policy Section 5116	<u>D-2a</u>
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Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

Facilities update:

- repaired and replaced several leaking sink faucets district wide
- repaired a few older leaking water fountains at Godwin School.
- installed new foul pole on the varsity baseball field.
- installed two new hot water circulating pumps for the hot water heater at Godwin School.
- repaired exterior gym doors at Highland School.

G. Negotiations Committee - (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report.

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Town Council – (J. Canellas, R. Formicola, M. Thomas)

Update on items:

- A meeting was held on February 13, 2017
- We are seeking collaborative projects.
- We will reconvene in March.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (M. Thomas)

On March 15, 2017 the Midland Park Municipal Alliance will have a speaker discussing substance abuse.

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas)

Update on the following events:

- 2/27-3/3 – Read Across America
- 3/1/17 – Family Fun Night
- 3/20/17- General PTA meeting
- 3/26-3/31 – Cultural Awareness Week

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

Sports Update on Girls and Boys Basketball and Wrestling.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following items were discussed:

- Actors are working diligently.
- Fund raiser – Plaques on wall in the auditorium instead of on seats.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

Planning on having two more parent presentations in the spring.

The first is for high school parents to address transition.

The second will take place during the school day.

Parents can meet to discuss the IEP process and meeting so that they are prepared.

The meeting dates will be announced when they are set.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

The Black and White Ball is scheduled for March 4, 2017.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Reports.

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

No Reports.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

The following items were reported on:

- Our Musical will be soon.
- Girl-up –very active

President's Advisory Council – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

K. Old Business

No one chose to speak.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 14, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Bill Dell'Aglia had some questions involving Summer Heatt rental of fields.

Mr. Canellas commented that this topic was being discussed tonight at the committee level.

Ms. Garvey replied that her understanding is that Summer Heatt will no longer be using our fields starting this summer.

Mr.Dell'Aglia thanked Ms. Garvey for the information.



Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .  
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary