

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 22, 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
	Brian McCourt	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

Maryalice Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 by Donna Japhet, Auditor from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins. Ms. Japhet reviewed the CAFR and Management reports and discussed recommendations. She reported the district is in excellent financial status.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

+1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0929163106 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

The following items were discussed:

- Additional information: Graduation Pathways
- Google classroom presentation for the parents is scheduled for 11/28.
- The annual Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Parents Presentation is scheduled for December 12, 2016.

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 on any items.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

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

October 4, 2016
October 18, 2016

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

- +2. Approve the proposed Board of Education Schedule of Meetings from January 17, 2017 through January 2, 2018, as per the attached appendix. BM-2**

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. Triolo, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +1. Approve the appointment of Dana Coviello as the instructor for ESL classes offered through Midland Park Continuing Education, retroactive from November 15, 2016 through December 6, 2016.**
- +2. Accept the resignation of David Capozzi as a One on One Instructional Aide in the high school, effective November 30, 2016.**
- +3. Accept the resignation of Melanie Filocco as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, effective December 15, 2016.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

- +4. Approve the following changes to the list of Coaches at the high school for the 2016-2017 school year:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	David Capozzi	Head Girls' Volleyball Coach
	Michael Shaughnessy	Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach
Add:	Christian Lawlor	Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach \$4,735.00

- +5. Approve the appointment of Samantha Garcia as a One on One Instructional Aide in the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$25,300 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective December 5, 2016 (or sooner) through June 30, 2017.**
- +6. Approve Meghan Kelly, Penn State College student, to observe Pre-K through Grade 2 teachers in Godwin School during the 2016-2017 school year, as a requirement for her course work.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To 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 October 31, 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. October 2016 direct pays in the amount of \$637,164.95.
- b. October 2016 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$24,201.15.
- c. October 2016 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$37,204.86.
- d. Second October 2016 payroll in the amount of \$584,932.25.
- e. First November payroll in the amount of \$641,678.43.
- f. November 2016 claims in the amount of \$1,733,816.98.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period October 1 – 31, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period October 1 – 31, 2016, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Approve the decommissioning of the following Inter-write Boards at the Godwin School:

Serial # 2868
Serial # 005248
Serial # 005258

- +6. Approve the NJASBO ACT Participation Agreement, as per the attached appendix. B-6**

- +7. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 and the recommendations contained therein.**

- +8. Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor's recommendations, as contained in the Annual Audit for fiscal year 2015-2016, as per the attached appendix. B-8**

- +9. Approve the following Change Order, as per the attached appendix. B-9**

Change Order Number 001 14.184 MDPK-HS Auditorium Upgrades

- +10. Approve the agreement between Delta-T Group North Jersey, Inc. and the Midland Park Public Schools for the placement of an interim Aide, effective retroactive from November 17, 2016 through June 30, 2017.**
- +11. Approve Valerie Gancarz-DeMarco as an ABA Home Coordinator from VGD Behavioral Consulting, to provide behavioral consultation for two hours per week during the 2016-2017 school year.**

Roll Call: All Yes

The Finance Committee wished to express their appreciation to the Administrators and Staff for their participation in the Audit. We would like to acknowledge our efficient and effective Central Office staff.

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

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

- 1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Marie Cirasella	1.“Leadershift: Reimagining Our Schools for Modern Times”	Mahwah, NJ	\$149.00	2/2/17
	2. “Hot Topics in School Law”	Mahwah, NJ	\$149.00	3/10/17
+Teresa Mallon	Climate Science and Sustainable Actions Academy	Hillsborough, NJ	\$220.31	3/15/17 & 6/26-29/17

- +2. Approve the Overnight Holocaust Study Tour to Europe from March 31, 2017 through April 15, 2017.**
- +3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one non-classified high school student on bedside instruction at St. Clare’s Hospital, Boonton Township, NJ, effective retroactive from November 3, 2016 through approximately January 12, 2017.**
- +4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of one classified high school student in the Benway School, Wayne, NJ, effective November 21, 2016 through June 30, 2017.**
- +5. Approve the revised Annual Contract for Non-Public Nursing Services for the 2016-2017 school year with the County of Bergen, Department of Health Services and the Midland Park Board of Education/Eastern Christian School.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

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

+1. **Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports on the following dates and locations:**

10/17/2016, 8:41 a.m. – CTC, Oakland, NJ

10/20/2016, 9:00 a.m. – The Forum School, Waldwick, NJ

10/24/2016, 7:50 a.m. – Midland Park High School, Midland Park, NJ

11/15/2016 - Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

+1. **Approve the successor Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, as per the attached resolution:** **G-1**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

T-shirt orders went out this week.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following items were discussed:

-Great Opening for the new High School Auditorium—*The Election* was performed on Friday, November 18th, and Saturday, November 19th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 20th at noon in MPHS in the newly renovated auditorium. Lisa Hayne did a fantastic job with this show.

-The Performing Arts Parents are hosting a Wine and Food Tasting Fundraiser at the Midland Park Fire House, 45 Witte Drive, Midland Park on December 3rd.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

The following items were discussed:

-Next year's grants.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Tess Steuerwald)

No Report.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2016.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

No one shared any comments, at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of December 6, 2016, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

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