

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
April 24, 2018

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Rise Cowen-Robin and Robert (Jay) Esposito.

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 2018 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.

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 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.

The following items were mentioned/reported:

- Continued remembrance of staff members who have passed.
- Inductee into Educator's Hall of Fame this year is Connie Cervati.
- Dedication of High School field to Robert Schiffer-ceremony will be held on June 9th.
- Notification for participation in Memorial Day Parade.
- Knights of Columbus honoring retirees and outstanding staff members.
- Mr. Canellas thanked the Administration and the Staff for making this District the great place that it is- especially during rough times.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

Motion – Dr. Maryalice Thomas, 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. 121017137 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. 0315183125 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

Dr. Cirasella reported that the district received official notification that Midland Park has been named a 2018 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation! This is a truly inclusive award as it not only recognizes our teachers and students, but also the Board of Education and administrators who support the K-12 music education programs.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

March 13, 2018

March 27, 2018

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2017-2018 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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 0324, effective approximately September 1, 2018; a paid child care leave, effective approximately September 2, 2018 through September 29, 2018; an unpaid child care leave, as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective September 30, 2018 through December 22, 2018 and an unpaid leave of absence, effective December 23, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

+2. Approve the stipend payment for curriculum writing, as follows:

Danielle Vandenberghe	Digital Design	Qtr. Year	New	\$400
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- +3. Approve the appointment of Jaclyn Fitzmaurice as a Math tutor at the high school. She will meet twice a week and will be paid as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from April 10, 2018 through June 26, 2018.**

- +4. Approve the appointment of the following high school students as Aides in the Before/After School Child Care Program sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, effective May 1 – June 30, 2018:**

Jessica Cristina Faber

Noelle Olivia Mena

Anne Lauren Skudera

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

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 March 31, 2018, 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. March 2018 direct pays in the amount of \$398,734.94.

- b. March 2018 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$98,596.25.
 - c. March 2018 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$34,706.65.
 - d. Second March 2018 payroll in the amount of \$611,977.12.
 - e. First April 2018 payroll in the amount of \$655,171.48.
 - f. April 2018 claims in the amount of \$370,479.05.
- 3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period March 1 – 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-3
 - 4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period March 1 - 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 5. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2018-2019 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

- 6. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated

Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2018-2019 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

+7. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established between the Board and the parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Addendum to Agreement #67-01 is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

+8. Approve the decommissioning of the following music instruments at the high school, as per the attached appendix: B-8

+9. Approve the following resolution:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$.1024 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$.1024 will be multiplied by total meals.

+10. Approve the Cafeteria Prices for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix. B-10

+11. Approve the contracts with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide two nurses daily for two classified students five days per week at the rate of \$55 per hour for RN services and \$45 per hour for LPN services, effective retroactive from April 10, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

BS-1 Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Full and Final Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Settlement Agreement"), between the Board and an employee whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board of Education. The Board President and School Business

Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and any other documents necessary to effect same.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Dr. Maryalice Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

+1. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a non-classified student on Bedside Instruction, effective retroactive from April 18, 2018 through May 4, 2018.**

+2. **Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Stacy Garvey	NJASBO Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$800.00	6/6 – 6/8/2018

+3. **Approve the extended Spring courses offered through Midland Park Continuing Education, as a continuation of the Spring 2018 brochure. Classes will be held at the high school, effective May 7 – June 28, 2018, as follows:**

American Sign Language

French

Italian

Men's Basketball

Barre Method

Zumba

Oil Painting

Private Piano Lessons

Sewing

Chair Yoga

Yoga Level I

Yoga Postures

Pilates with Pilates Ring

Roll Call: All Yes

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

S-2. Approve the recommendation for the placement and transportation for a classified student to attend Barnstable Academy in Glen Rock, NJ, effective retroactive from April 23, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

The Social Media Policy is being reviewed.

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

April 11th—Governor signed S414 (effective June 1, 2018)

1. Drafted to help protect children against abuse:

- a. Requires school districts to review job history of applicants to ascertain if they have any allegations or instances of child abuse or sexual misconduct against students. Applicants must answer three questions; have they ever:
 - i. Been the subject of any child abuse or sexual misconduct investigation by the employer, law enforcement, or any state agency.
 - ii. Been disciplined, discharged, non-renewed, asked to resign, et., while allegations were pending or under an investigation;
 - iii. Had a license or certification suspended while allegations were pending/under investigation.

2. S2137, Janus Bill

- a. Requires public employers, including public school districts, to provide employee unions with access to members of their negotiations units.

3. S868, Bracketing for School elections

- a. Permits BOE candidates to circulate a nominating petition jointly and be bracketed together on a ballot.

4. A1428, Computer Science Endorsement

- a. Authorizes a computer science education endorsement to the instructional certificate; authorizes the holder to teach computer science and would be required to teach it in grades 9-12 when the state board determines that there are sufficient teachers holding the endorsement to make the requirement feasible.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

Events Schedule:

- Take child to work day.
- Food Truck Festival on 4/27/18.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

Preparing for end of year concerts and performances.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

The following was reported:

- Completed interviews for scholarships
- Seaside Soiree- successful event
- 9/15 – 5K run fund raiser

Dr. Cirasella thanked the Foundation for \$25,000 donation and for all of their support.

Board of Recreation – (McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

The following was reported:

- Softball record—5-5; big win against Emerson
- Baseball record—7-3
- Spanish Honor Society – Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
- National Honor Society –Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Day - Friday

K. Old Business

No statement or questions at this time.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of May 1, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

Jeffrey Vreeland discussed student bussing to sporting events. He spoke with Mr. Collins regarding teams being transported on small busses, which he feels is not safe.

Dr. Cirasella replied that Mr. Collins did respond to his concerns and suggested Mr. Vreeland call tomorrow and request a meeting to speak about this matter further.

Motion –Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Thomas. . .

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