

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
December 19, 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Timothy Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Canellas explained that this is an Action Meeting and the Board of Education will be moving items discussed at the last meeting.

Invitation to volunteer dinner on 1/19.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful holiday season with success and happiness in the upcoming year.

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.

Review of the NJQSAC Equivalency Application Waiver for High Performing Districts

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

- +1. Approve the submission of the Midland Park School District's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) revised Statement of Assurance for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. SR-1**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. Approve the submission of the QSAC Equivalency Application to the Department of Education, as per the attached appendix. SR-2**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .

- +3. Approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 110317136 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.

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

No one chose to speak

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

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

November 7, 2017
November 21, 2017

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +1. **Approve the following additions to the list of Spring Coaches at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-1**
- +2. **Approve the rescinding of the employment contract of Susan Schlosser, as the full-time Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment.**
- +3. **Approve the employment contract of Susan Schlosser, as the .6 Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, effective January 8, 2018 through June 30, 2018, as per the attached appendix. A-3**
- +4. **Approve the appointment of Amanda Quinn as an Instructional Aide maternity leave replacement in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$25,000 (Category V, Step 1 of the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective January 2, 2018 through March 23, 2018.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- 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, 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. November 2017 direct pays in the amount of \$737,199.14.
- b. November 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$40,961.85.
- c. November 2017 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$51,407.94.
- d. Second November 2017 payroll in the amount of \$617,586.86.
- e. First December 2017 payroll in the amount of \$629,607.48.
- f. December 2017 claims in the amount of \$537,786.15.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period November 1 – 30, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-3
4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1 - 30, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-4
- +5. **Approve US Omni to act as a third-party administrator for 403B plans, effective January 2018.**
- +6. **Adopt the Midland Park Board of Education 403(b) Retirement Plan Document, restated January 1, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-6**
- +7. **Approve Epic Health Services, Inc. to provide private duty nursing services to fill School Nurse absences. Their rate is \$60 per hour.**
- +8. **Approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education approves the participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program to provide health benefits for school district employees for calendar year 2018 at the established rates.
- +9. **Approve the disposition of surplus technology equipment, as per the attached appendix. B-9**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Rosalyn Kessler	Enhance Effective Medical Emergency Response Teams in School	West Orange, NJ	\$312.98	1/24/2018
Eurico Antunes Nicholas Capuano Peter Galasso	Techspo '18	Atlantic City, NJ	\$739.24 \$739.42 \$738.74	1/25- 26/2018
Loreto Angulo-Pizarro	Traditional Chinese Culture	Newark, NJ	\$280.00	5/2/18

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+2. Approve the following new course/program proposal at the high school:

Astronomy – Grades 9 – 12

Roll Call: All Yes

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

CS-3. Approve the recommendation for the placement of a non-classified high school student on home instruction through Silvergate Prep, effective retroactive from December 18, 2017 through January 5, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Policy 5111 is still being reviewed.

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

No report.

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

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

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

9/15/17	Bergen County Special Services Crossroads, Paramus, NJ, 12:00 p.m.
11/8/17	CTC Academy, Oakland NJ, 9:00 a.m.
12/5/17	Homestead School, Ridgewood, NJ, 2:15 p.m.
12/6/17	Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ, 7:50 a.m.
12/7/17	Forum School, Waldwick, NJ, 9:00 a.m.
12/7/17	Bergen County Special Services, Crossroads, Paramus, NJ, 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call: All Yes

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)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

The following items were commented on:

Winter sports started

Booster Fund raiser

The Hall of Fame Dinner will be held in March

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

Update on concerts:

- Choral concerts last week
- Chorus performed at Valley Hospital
- Great event for the HS Band in the city.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

The following items were commented on:

-Attended the presentation on preparing students with disabilities for college.

-The presentation was very interesting and it is recommend to all to attend this.

-Possibly we will repeat this presentation next year.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

At this time there are 8 tables remaining for the Gala.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

Spring classes start on February 26th.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

The following events were reported on:

- Spirit Week
- Pep Rally on Friday
- Take Action Party tomorrow at 7:30
- Madrigals singing at Valley Hospital tomorrow
- Track meet today At FDU
- Basketball teams both lost to Park Ridge by 2 points opening game.
- Basketball teams playing Palisade Park today.
- Girl up Fundraiser.
- Senate Clothing Drive.

K. Old Business

No one chose to speak at this time.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 2, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public:

COMMENTS only for action items on the agenda.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary