

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**December 5, 2017**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In the absence of Mr. Canellas, Mr. Formicola called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and the following statement was read by Ms. Garvey:

"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	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	

Excused:	Brian McCourt
	James Canellas

**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, 2017 by Donna Japhet, Auditor from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins. Ms. Japhet reviewed the CAFR and Management reports and discussed recommendations.

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Formicola read the following statement:

### *Midland Park Public School District Mission Statement*

*The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adaptive 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 *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:
  - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1017173117 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. 102017319 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.
  - c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1025173118 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 Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the December 5, 2017 agenda.**

No one chose to make any comments.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Action Items:

#### B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 and the recommendations contained therein, as per the attached appendix.
2. Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Auditor's recommendations, as contained in the Annual Audit for fiscal year 2016-17, as per the attached appendix.
3. Approve the acceptance of the 2017-2018 IDEA Carry Over funds as follows:  
  
Basic: \$6,703 (Non-public)  
Preschool: \$1,144

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Roll Call: All Yes

#### C. Curriculum Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the "The Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials".
2. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips in the Spring 2018 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of December 19, 2017 agenda items**

#### A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

No Report.

#### D. Policy Committee- (B. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Policy 5111 – Final recommendation sent to the Board. Revisions will not effect Employees' families currently enrolled.

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

No Report.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

Everything going well with the renovations to the Barn.

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

No Report.

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

We are still looking at the January release of Chalk Board.

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

No Report.

J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

The following items were reported on:

- Sports Awards
- New J.V. Teams have more opportunities.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Sullivan reminded everyone that there is a meeting being held at the high school on 12/6/2017 at 7 pm on transitioning classified students to college life.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of December 19, 2017, 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. Formicola invited the public to address the Board.  
No one chose to speak.

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, 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