

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
February 27, 2018

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 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
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	

James Canellas

Excused:	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt
	Peter Triolo

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.

Mr. Canellas commented that this meeting was a regular action meeting and items that were discussed at the last meeting will be voted on along with a few new resolutions. Welcome back from break, although some are in California and returning soon. Thank you to everyone that makes our district the special place that it is.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Read Across America week. A lot of events scheduled throughout the district.

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

+1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 01015183121 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. 010918236 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: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

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

January 2, 2018

January 16, 2018

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+2. Approve the revised 2018-2019 Budget Calendar, as per the attached appendix. BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1 Approve the resolution on Gun Control and Mental Health Services to Protect Our Youth, as per the attached appendix: **BM-3**

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

Christine Carr	K-6 Media Center	Full year new course	\$800
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2. Approve the tenured appointment for the following certificated staff members:

Kristi Fucarino, effective March 13, 2018

Drew Strohmeier, effective March 11, 2018

3. Approve the list of Spring coaches at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. **A-3**
4. Accept the retirement resignation of Jack Ferriday, Art/English teacher in the high school, with regret and gratitude, effective June 30, 2018.

- +5. Approve the agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and Employee No. 1594, as per the attached appendix. A-5**

- +6. Approve the appointment of Danielle Bache as the Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer for the district, effective February 28, 2018.**

- +7. Approve a paid maternity leave for Employee No. 1631, effective approximately April 23, 2018 through May 18, 2018; and an unpaid child care leave, as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective approximately May 19, 2018 through October 12, 2018.**

- +8. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year:**

		<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Steven Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director (Instrumental)
Add:	Terry Alnor	Musical Assistant Director (Instrumental) \$571.95

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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 January 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. January 2018 direct pays in the amount of \$789,651.24.

b. January 2018 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$53,650.21.

c. January 2018 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$32,267.79.

d. Second January 2018 payroll in the amount of \$616,352.75.

e. First February 2018 payroll in the amount of \$630,693.22.

f. February 2018 claims in the amount of \$560,189.56

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period January 1 – 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period January 1 - 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-4

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the proceeds from the Musical Raffle in the sum of \$2,905.00 to be given to the Performing Arts Parents for deposit into the Internal Musical Account.

6. Accept the Verizon Volunteers Incentive Program donation in the amount of \$750 from Mr. Ron Agresta to be used for the Marching Band, as per Board Policy 7230.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

7. Approve the use and rental of the Lower Sunset Field to Summer Heatt for LaCrosse practices on Sundays from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., as follows:

March 25; April 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 2018

- +8. **Approve the use and rental of the Midland Park High School Gym to Hoop Heaven for youth basketball games on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., as follows:**

April 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26; May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31; June 5 & 7, 2018

- +9. **Approve Viva Your Voice, Inc. to provide translation and interpretation services during Department of Special Education meetings, on an as needed basis, at the hourly rate of \$125.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +10. **Accept a donation in the sum of \$2,000 from Dan Recht, Director of TEEEM, to be used for humanitarian purposes, as per Board Policy 7230.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0115, in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, for September 2018, as per Board Policy 5111.
2. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0115, in the 3rd grade class in the Highland School, for September 2018, as per Board Policy 5111.
3. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 1296, in the 3rd grade class in the Highland School, for September 2018, as per Board Policy 5111.
4. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0237, in the 11th grade class in the High School, for September 2018, as per Board Policy 5111.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

+5. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Michael Gaccione	DAANJ & NJSIAA Information Sessions	Atlantic City, NJ	\$653.12	3/12-16/2018
Jessica Lee	AP Summer Institute– Statistics	Somerset, NJ	\$1139.57	7/16-19/2018

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

+6. Approve the proposed overnight trip for Take Action Drug and Alcohol Prevention Club Leadership and Prevention Conference to Camp Nyoda Hills, Oak Ridge, NJ from August 20 – 22, 2018.

Ms. Fantulin expressed her happiness to see the Take Action Program on the agenda. She feels that some of the best programs for drug awareness comes through the Take Action Club.

+7. Approve the proposed overnight trip for Girls Soccer Scrimmage to Allentown, PA from August 26 – 27, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

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

a. Military Leave – Teaching Staff Members	Policy Section 3437	<u>D-1a</u>
b. Military Leave – Support Staff Members	Policy Section 4437	<u>D-1b</u>
c. School District Security (M)	Policy Section 7440	<u>D-1c</u>
d. Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds (M)	Policy Section 7441	<u>D-1d</u>
e. Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M)	Policy Section 8630	<u>D-1e</u>
+f. Student Tracking Devices	Policy Section 5516.01	<u>D-1f</u>
+g. Lead Testing of Water in Schools	Policy Section 7425	<u>D-1g</u>
+h. Use of Electronic Signatures	Policy Section 9242	<u>D-1h</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

The following items were reported on:

Full Day Kindergarten, S-1055

- Requires all school districts to provide full-day kindergarten programs for their students.
- DFG A, B, CD, DE—must begin in 2019; all others to begin in 2020.
- Establishes uniform age requirement for student enrollment in kindergarten: child must be five years old by October 1st of the school year.

NJSBA supports FDK, but not the legislation as it represents another unfunded state mandate.

Daily Recess Period, S-847

- Requires all school districts provide a daily recess period of at least 20 minutes for students in grades K-5.
- Recess periods are to be held outdoors as much as possible.
- Recess not required on a substantially shortened school day.
- Recess will not be permitted to be used to meet the current statutory requirements for health/safety/PE courses.

NJSBA supports the proposed legislation.

New Department of Early Childhood, S-698

- Established this as a new principal department within the executive branch of state government.
- Transfers the functions of the current Division of Early Childhood Education.

Referred to Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee for additional deliberations.

Physical Exams for 8th Graders, S-631

- Requires all 8th grade students to have a physical examination that includes a cardiac comment, moving beyond current law for gr.6-12 which indicates student physicals must use the Pre-participation Physical Evaluation form prior to participating in school-sponsored interscholastic/intramural athletics.

May be posted for a Senate floor vote; NJSBA supports.

Superintendent Salary Cap, S-692—PASSED IN THE NJ SENATE, February 26th!

- Prohibits the NJDOE from regulating the maximum salary amount a district may pay its superintendent of schools.
- The CAP has been a major factor in superintendent turnover and has resulted in a decrease in experience level of candidates for the position.
- Controls are already in place, thereby eliminating the need for a “cap within a cap.” Controls include:
 - 2% tax levy cap
 - Statutory limits on administrative expenditures
 - NJDOE contract review and oversight.

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

Facilities Update:

- Repaired high school gym bleachers
- Fixed and replaced restroom faucets at Highland
- Serviced all uni-vents with new filters and oiled blower motors
- Repaired handrail from main parking lot at the high school
- Removed steam table from the high school kitchen
- Hung wall signs
- Serviced the following equipment; backhoe, golf carts and field machine
- Repaired the high school stage curtain
- Snow removal Sunday, February 18th

During vacation week the following custodial /maintenance measures took place district wide:

- All classroom desks/tables, keyboards and door handles were disinfected and sanitized
- All restroom fixtures were disinfected and sanitized
- Media center tables disinfected
- Senior lounge tables disinfected
- All cafeteria tables disinfected
- Hallway floors scrubbed and burnished

F. Negotiations Committee - (**B. McCourt**, Chairperson)

No Report.

G. 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**)

No Report.

Booster Club – (**T. Thomas**)

The following items were commented on:

- Spring Season is upon us
- Girls' basketball team is still playing strong.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

Musical performances are scheduled for March 23-25.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

Mr. Sullivan reported on the following items:

- The District is focusing on transitioning to adulthood –higher education or employment.
- Grand opening of JoyDew Foundation Program for Adults with Autism has opened on Sunday, February 4, 2017 at 22 Paterson Avenue, Midland Park.
- JoyDew’s mission is to provide high quality employment in a supportive environment for adults with all levels of autism.
- They focus on providing a meaningful life to people with autism ages 21 + and their families by offering these young adults the training programs needed to acquire high-valued careers based on their unique abilities, as well as, offering long term employment, an enriched quality of life with a sense of purpose, friends and community.

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

Status Update:

- Working on April Fund Raiser.
- Filling two positions this year.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

Status Update:

- They would like people to give ideas or feedback.
- Also welcome criticism or complaints.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

The following items were reported on:

- Girls basketball plays Cedar Grove in round 2 of States tomorrow at 5:30.
- Science League won 1st place.
- Read Across America* will take place on March 2nd, 2018.
- The Band will return from Disneyland tomorrow.
- The Boys basketball season ended.
- Spring sports will start Friday.

K. Old Business

There is nothing to discuss at this time.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of March 13, 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.

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary