

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**January 16, 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
	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 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.**

Mr. Canellas commented that this meeting is an action meeting which means items that were discussed at previous meetings and some new items will be voted on.  
The Community Volunteer Dinner is set for January 19, 2018.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During Governor Christie's last day in office he signed more than 100 bills into law.

-Smokeless tobacco not permitted on school grounds.

-Computer Science Offerings

-Governor Murphy has stated he will be eliminating PARCC. However, it is not clear if this is the end or is it an exchange for something else.

-Dr. Lamont Repollet appointed as the New Jersey Commissioner of Education. Dr. Repollet was the Superintendent of Schools in Asbury Park, NJ.

-It is time for the Education Hall of Fame candidate nomination letters to be received by the Superintendent's Office.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

December 5, 2017

December 19, 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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

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

Deborah Marks          Astronomy – new semester course      \$550

- +2. **Approve the appointment of Nicholas Capuano as the School Safety Specialist for the district.**

- +3. **Approve the following staff members to provide supplemental instruction for the Academic Support Lab. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$41.17, as per Schedule D of the MPEA agreement:**

**Jenna Abballe  
Eileen Brown  
Dianna Grasso  
Paul Marino**

**Deborah Marks  
Madalyn Messina  
Stephanie Mont  
Maureen O'Hara  
Teresa Wecht**

- +4. Approve the following job description, as per the attached appendix:

Student Assistance Counselor

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- +5. Approve the following addition to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year:

Add:	Steven Bartosik	Musical Assistant Director (Instrumental)	<u>Stipend</u> \$571.95
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- +6. Approve the change in position for Kristin Mikolajczyk from a 1.0 position to a .7 position as an Instructional Aide and approve her appointment as .3 General Secretary at a salary of \$7,575 (Category III, 10 month, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective January 17, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
- +7. Approve the appointment of Rohan Senior as a full-time Custodian. He will be paid a salary of \$34,200.00 including night stipend (Step 4 on Custodial salary guide) prorated, effective January 22, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
- +8. Approve the appointment of Diana Ragone as the Instructor for the 2018 Kindergarten Readiness program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

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 December 31, 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. December 2017 direct pays in the amount of \$105,384.05
- b. December 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$41,380.46.
- c. December 2017 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$24,835.39.
- d. Second December 2017 payroll in the amount of \$614,948.72.
- e. First January 2018 payroll in the amount of \$635,194.56.

f. January 2018 claims in the amount of \$457,333.83.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period December 1 – 31, 2017, as per the attached appendix. **B-3**

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period December 1 - 31, 2017, as per the attached appendix. **B-4**

5. Approve Industrial Appraisal to provide inventory and valuation services at a fee of \$4,995.

6. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym and High School Gym to Summer Heatt for a youth Summer Basketball Camp, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Highland Gym: July 2 – 6 (off July 4<sup>th</sup>), July 9 – 13; July 30 – Aug. 3, Aug. 6 – 10 & Aug. 13 – 17, 2018

High School Gym: July 16 – 20, July 23 – 27, 2018

**+7. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Hoop Heaven for youth Basketball games, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:**

**January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2018**

**+8. Approve the agreement between Valley Medical Group and the Midland Park Board of Education to provide alcohol and drug testing services.**

**+9. Approve the following transfer between accounts to provide funding toward the purchase of a 54-passenger bus from H.A. DeHart & Son in the amount of \$24,034.00:**

**From: 11 000 261 420 00 00 Maintenance Repairs**

**To: 12 000 270 734 00 00 School Buses**

**Roll Call: All Yes**

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

**+1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:**

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Eurico Antunes	Power School University	Orlando, FL	\$4075.00	2/25/ - 3/2/2018
Christine Carr	Winners: The Best Books and How to Use Them	Whippany, NJ	\$224.50	5/18/2018

- +2. **Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0765, in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, for September 2018, as per Board Policy 5111.**
- +3. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified middle school student to be placed on home instruction, effective retroactive from January 9, 2018 through approximately January 31, 2018.**
- +4. **Approve the Kindergarten Readiness program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education, to be held in the Godwin School from July 9 – 26, 2018.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

There will be proposed revisions to some policies. Will see on future agendas.  
At this time, there will be no revision for Policy 5111.

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

No Report.

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

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

- S-F1. Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Midland Park School District in the County of Bergen, hereby approves the submission of the following “Other Capital Projects” to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan. It is further understood that the District is not seeking funding at the current time for these projects:

<i><b>School</b></i>	<i><b>Project</b></i>	<i><b>DOE Project #</b></i>
Godwin Elementary School	Godwin Entrance & Nurse Renovations	3170-300-18-1000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Working on winter edition of Chalk Board; focusing on Godwin School.

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 mentioned:

- Fundraiser on 1/27
- Girls game against Cresskill was a good win.
- Boys at Barclay Center.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following items were reported on:

- Winter concert last week
- Musical – practice started
- The Band is preparing for California next week.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

The following subjects were reviewed:

- Discussion of the grant process and requirements. Foundation would like pictures of donated items being used.
- Senior Scholarship application on website.
- Not much space available for April fund raiser.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

The new baseball coach reached out to the Little League about having a night game for little kids. Trying to promote baseball. Looking at field and if a net is needed.

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

The following items were reported on:

- The boys are playing at The Barclays Center
- Musical is on its way “Urinetown”
- Field trip for Middle School- BrainBusters
- Animal shelter drive – Senate
- ASL Club – American Sign Language Bergen County Special Services Course selections all week
- Astronomy – New Class Offering

K. Old Business

No Report.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 6, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Formicola attended the Boy Scout/Eagle Scout Ceremony and presented three boys with this highest achievement award. The three boys were: Robert Biebrich, William Krag and Patrick Monahan. Mr. Formicola commented that it was such a nice ceremony.

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one decided to address the Board at this time.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary