

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**January 2, 2018**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Garvey, 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:	Patricia Fantulin	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	
	James Canellas	

Excused: Sandra Criscenzo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REORGANIZATION MOTIONS**

**APPENDIX**

- A. Presentation of the Annual School District Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017:

For Members of the Board of Education

<u>3 three-year terms</u>	<u>Votes</u>
James Canellas	564
Maryalice Thomas	667
Peter Triolo	661

- B. Administration of Oath of Office to James Canellas, Maryalice Thomas and Peter Triolo.

C. Election of Officers:

1. Mr. Thomas nominated Mr. Canellas for Board President and Mr. Formicola seconded the motion.

No other nominations were put forth.

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Fantulin, Formicola, McCourt, Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Thomas, Triolo)  
1 Abstain (Canellas)

2. Mr. Triolo nominated Mr. Formicola for Board Vice President and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

No other nominations were put forth.

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Canellas, Fantulin, McCourt, Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Thomas, Triolo)  
1 Abstain (Formicola)

The Board Secretary turned the meeting over to the elected Board President Canellas.

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

To approve the following block motion:

- D. Approve the appointment of Stacy C. Garvey as the Board Secretary.
- E. Approve Continuation Under "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."
- F. Reaffirm the present Board policies.
- G. Reaffirm the standing Board Committees.
- H. Reaffirm the District Affirmative Action Plan.
- I. Reaffirm the K-12 Curricula as outlined in the Course of Study Guides, as per the attached appendix.
- J. Reaffirmation of the following negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and the:
  1. Midland Park Education Association
  2. Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association
  3. Individual staff members:
    - a. Superintendent of Schools
    - b. School Business Administrator
    - c. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent
    - d. Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator

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- e. Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
- f. Assistant to the Business Administrator
- g. Payroll & Benefits Coordinator
- h. Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
- i. Computer Technician
- j. District Technology & Data Coordinator

K. Designate the following as Depositories for School Funds:

Columbia Bank  
State of New Jersey Cash Management

L. Designate the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies:

AXA Equitable	Metropolitan Life
AIG Valic	Security Benefit

M. Designate the following administrator for Chapter 125 flexible spending accounts services:

Ameriflex

N. Designate the following third-party administrator for 403B plans:

US Omni

O. Designate the School Architect:

Solutions Architecture

P. Designate the School Attorney:

Fogarty & Hara

Q. Designate the School Auditor:

Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP

R. Designate the school Financial Advisor:

Phoenix Advisors, LLC

S. Designate the School Insurance Brokers:

FIRM, Inc. – Liability  
Brown & Brown Advisors – Benefits Coordinator Consultant

T. Designate the Indoor Air Quality Consultant:

ER&M, Inc.

- U. Designate the newspapers for Official Notices:

North Jersey Media Group (The Record)  
The Ridgewood News

- V. Approve the following appointments, effective January 1, 2018:

Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer	Melissa Quackenbush
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Stacy Garvey
Substance Awareness Coordinator	Craig Rush
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	Scott Collins
Custodian of Records	Stacy Garvey
ADA Officer & 504 Committee Coordinator	Anne Marie Bruder
Asbestos Management & PEOSA Coordinator	Environmental Remediation & Management
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Stacy Garvey

- W. Approve the authorization to award contracts up to a bid threshold of \$40,000 and to set the quote threshold at \$6,000.

- X. Approve the following officials to sign checks:

Board President  
Board Secretary  
High School Principal  
Elementary School Principals

Roll Call: All Yes

- Y. Annual discussion of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics and adoption of the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, as per the attached appendix.

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

- Z. Approve the use of the following cooperative purchasing groups:

Educational Data Service  
Educational Services Commission  
Hunterdon County Services Commission

Roll Call: All Yes

## **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT** *Mr. James Canellas*

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

Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 2, 2018

*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.*

Mr. Canellas wished everyone a Happy Healthy New Year and welcomed all to the Work Session with some Action Items. Mr. Canellas also thanked everyone for their confidence in re-electing Mr. Formicola and himself to their current positions as President and Vice President.

Mr. Canellas asked the Board to submit to him by January 8th, the committees each would like to serve on.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Report of District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) for Reporting Period 1, 2017-2018

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1129173120 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 January 2, 2018 agenda.**

No one commented on any items.

#### **BOARD MOTIONS**

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

1. Approve the tentative 2018-2019 Budget Calendar, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed Board of Education Schedule of Meetings from January 16, 2018 through January 7, 2019, as per the attached appendix.

BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .
1. Approve the submission of the amended grant application for Title I Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA) FY 18.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the non-resident enrollment of the child of Employee No. 0439, in the Kindergarten class in the Godwin School, for September 2018, as per Board Policy 5111.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed Academic Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix:

C-2

Roll Call: All Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of January 16, 2018 agenda items**

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.

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

The following items are in discussion:

- Additional funding for the Bus Lease/Purchase
- Industrial Appraisal Re-evaluation

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

No Report.

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

Revised Policy #5111 will be brought forth at the next Action meeting.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

There were 2 Basketball team Winter Tournaments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 16, 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.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary