

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 7, 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	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	

James Canellas

Excused: Brian McCourt

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

APPENDIX

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

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

SR-1

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the following resolutions:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0914173114 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. 0915173113 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. 0920173115 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 November 7, 2017 agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action 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.

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Amend Motion A-3 of the October 3, 2017 Board Agenda to approve an intermittent unpaid Family Medical Leave of absence for employee #0689, effective retroactive from September 28, 2017 through approximately December 22, 2017, or sooner.

2. Approve a paid sick leave of absence for employee #0581, effective retroactive from October 30, 2017 through November 21, 2017 and an unpaid sick leave of absence, effective November 22, 2017 through December 18, 2017, or sooner.
3. This item was pulled from the Agenda.
4. Approve the transfer of Denise Connelly as an Instructional Aide in the high school to the Godwin School, effective November 13, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
5. Approve the request to amend the unpaid leave of absence for employee #1594, to reflect the return date of November 20, 2017.
6. Approve the request for an extension in the unpaid child care leave for employee #0717, effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
7. Approve the appointment of Jenna Abballe to continue in the position of elementary teacher leave replacement in the Highland School. She will be paid a prorated salary of \$28,050 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
8. Approve an unpaid maternity leave for employee #1824, effective approximately February 17, 2018 through March 16, 2018 and an unpaid child care leave, effective approximately March 17, 2018 through April 13, 2018.
9. Approve the following job descriptions for Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school, as per the attached appendices:
 - a. Computer Club – Middle School A-9a
 - b. Computer Club – High School A-9b
10. Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year:

	<u>Stipend</u>
Add: Jason Whelpley Chess Club Advisor	\$1,440.13
Danielle Vandenberghe Computer Club - High School	\$ 925.58
Danielle Vandenberghe Computer Club - Middle School	\$ 776.95

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve Pediatric Therapy of Hudson Valley to supply physical therapy for a classified high school student twice a week at \$100 per session, effective retroactive from September 2017 through June 30, 2018.
2. Approve the resolution for cost reimbursement for Food Service Management Services, as per the attached appendix. B-2
3. Approve the resolution to award a Power Purchase Agreement to implement a solar energy project, as per the attached appendix: B-3
4. Approve the submission of the Final IDEA 2016-2017 Part B Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education for Combined Basic and Preschool Funds, as follows:

Basic	\$255,081
Preschool	\$ 31,776

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the submission of the revised ESL 3-Year Program Plan for the 2017-2020 school years to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of November 21, 2017 agenda items

A. Personnel Committee- (M. Cirasella)

No Report.

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

Mr. Triolo presented an overview of a School Bus Leasing/Purchase.

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

The following items were reported on:

- 3 Year ESL Program
- Agreement between the Waldwick and Midland Park School Districts for Middle School Wrestling

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

There will be a second reading of four (4) policies on 11/21/2017.

The committee is revisiting the Policy of allowing employees' children to attend Midland Park schools tuition free. Existing students will be grandfathered.

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

No Report.

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

Update on facilities:

- Repaired leaking sinks and toilets
- Installed new water fountain Highland School
- Installed new warming box in the high school kitchen
- Repaired several doors and door closers
- Leaf season pick-up is in full swing
- Seed and feed all fields during Thanksgiving break

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

No Report.

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

Meeting over Thanksgiving weekend. January is the target for the next Chalk Board.

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

A tentative meeting is scheduled for 11/28/17.

J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

Ms. Lein discussed the following topics:

- The Band went to Syracuse and took 3rd place
- The Halloween pep-rally
- Fall pep-rally
- Senior Day games
- Our participation in sports-States – Girls Soccer beat WoodRidge 5-2; lost to Emerson 1-0
- The PSAT's were given
- Volleyball lost to Bogota
- Football in play-offs

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of November 21, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Ms. Fantulin commented that there are two students to be recognized and commended for the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are Katarina Fantulin and Sean Keegan.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Ms. Fantulin . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary