

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**October 3, 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	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 welcomed everyone to the Work Session and commented on the following topics:

- Review of October 17, 2017 Agenda.
- Presentation of the ABA Program at Godwin.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – week-end football at 2:30
- Sunday – *Music In The Park*
- On behalf of the Midland Park Board of Education, I would like to thank the Public Relations Department for mailer.
- Two tours of the high school for the graduating years of 1967 and 1977. The Alumni were so impressed with what has happened in the last 10 years with our schools.
- New Committee is established for reviewing the process of CSA evaluation. They are looking at using our own form as opposed to the NJSBA form.
- Again, I would like to thank everyone for making the Midland Park schools a very special place.

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

Dr. Cirasella commented on the following topics:

Week of Respect – October 2-6 – highlighting a few of the events planned:

-10/3 – MPHS

- Presentation on Opioid Heroin Addiction
- Students were amazing and we were very proud of them
- Pat Battle (NBC) anchor here was involved with the presentation today.

-10/4 – Keynote Presentation: Gian Paul Gonzalez – All In concept – he is a very positive speaker.

-10/5 – Holocaust Presentation

High School Graduation Requirements are being revised.

The high school will be contacting the parents of effected students. The State requires all students graduating as of 2020 must take and pass the PARCC assessments in order to graduate. Alternates can be taken for graduation but the student had to have sat for the PARCC assessment.

District Assessment Report is scheduled for the Board of Education meeting on October 17, 2017.

Presentation: The Applied Behavioral Analysis Program at Godwin School

A video was shown featuring two of our PreK students and teacher, Ms. Erin Gallagher, working together using Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) methods.

**Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the October 3, 2017 agenda.**

No one chose to comment at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Action Items:

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

#### APPENDIX

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. Approve the high school teachers to provide home instruction for a classified high school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from September 18, 2017 through December 1, 2017, as follows:

Eric Ferro	Economics & US I	3 hours per week
Kristy Victory	PE & English IV	3 hours per week
Emily Walker	Art II & Algebra II	4 hours per week

2. Approve the appointment of Katherine Kuperus as the Math Enrichment teacher at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year. She will be paid 3% of her salary, prorated on an as-needed basis, as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA contract.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve an unpaid Family Medical Leave of absence for employee #0689, effective retroactive from October 2, 2017 through approximately December 22, 2017, or sooner.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Maureen Barbour	Substitute Bus Driver
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Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the appointment of Dana Coviello as a replacement ESL Instructor for the Midland Park Continuing Education program for the Fall 2017 season.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the creation of a Personal Day Bank for Employee #0689 and allow the donation of Personal Days by fellow district employees toward that bank.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following therapists to supply home programs for a classified high school student from October 2017 through June 2018:

Nancy Bellovich	- 4 hours per week @ \$75.00 per hour
Christine Grogan	- 2 hours per week @ \$120.00 per hour
Kimberly Tarabocchia	- 4 hours per week @ \$75.00 per hour

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the extension in the placement of a classified high school student on home instruction for ten hours per week, from October 15, 2017 through December 1, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of October 17, 2017 agenda items**

A. Personnel Committee- (M. Cirasella)

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

Minutes have been sent. Curriculum is in place and there is not a lot happening at this point.

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

The committee reviewed many policies. The Board will see these policies on the upcoming agendas.

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

No Report.

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

Status update on the following items:

- Preparing the entire facility for the football game and Music in the Park.
- Installed a/c window units in Godwin.
- New flooring and wall padding in multi-purpose room at Godwin.
- Replaced bleachers at Highland
- New stage floor in High School Auditorium.
- Hallway floors at Godwin
- Installed new water fountain in Highland School near the Gym.
- Repaired several pieces of equipment in kitchens.
- Repaired and installed several door locks in Highland School.
- Repaired the exhaust system for the kilns – Art room in MPHS.
- All boilers have been inspected and ready for heating season.
- The bid for the window replacement is being reviewed.
- Solar bid – Evaluation regarding the top two contractors.

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

No Report.

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

The following items were discussed:

- First addition of new Chalkboard has gone out.
- Meeting is scheduled for 10/17/17.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for 10/10/17.

J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

The following items/events were reported on:

- 10/3/17 – Midland Park Board of Education Meeting
- Home Football Game, Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm
- Music in the Park, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dance-Friday at Highland.
- Week of Respect –October 2-6 – Assemblies/presentations
- Career Day- Monday

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 17, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Dr. Thomas asked our webmaster to reach out to the PTA to update the information.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

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

No one chose to speak.

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

To go into closed executive session for the purpose of reviewing personnel evaluations.

No action will be taken at the conclusion of this closed session.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was called back to order at 9:30 pm.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary