

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 19, 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 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 made the following comments:

This is the first meeting being held after school is back in session. He thanked the staff and the administrators for a smooth opening and hoped for a very enriched academic year.

All of the back-to-school nights went off without a hitch.

This is an Action Meeting. The Board will be voting on items discussed at the Work Session with a few additional items.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella discussed the following:

- BTS Highlights
- Each school's first newsletters for the 2017-2018 school year.
- School based presentations, noting that the first one will be 10/3 on the Godwin School ABA Program.
- District Assessment Report – 10/17.

Open to the Public:

COMMENTS only for action items on the agenda.

No one spoke at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

APPENDIX

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

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

August 15, 2017

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Fantulin, McCourt, Sullivan, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Triolo,
Formicola, Canellas)

1 Abstain (Criscenzo)

+September 5, 2017

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +2. Approve the District Organizational Chart, as per the attached appendix.**

BM-2

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. Fantulin . . .

Approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following revised job descriptions, as per the attached appendices:

a. Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Staff
Development

A-1a

b. Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator

A-1b

c. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

A-1c

+d. One to One Aide/Personal Aide

A-1d

+e. Special Education Instructional Aide

A-1e

2. Approve the following Instructors for the Midland Park Continuing Education Fall 2017 program:

Giovanni Pilosio	Italian class
Barbara Shanley	French class

- +3. **Rescind Motion A-1 of the September 5, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda accepting the resignation of Martina Timoney as a Building Aide in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to August 15, 2017.**
- +4. **Amend Motion A-2 of the September 5, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda accepting the resignation of Marie Idone as an Instructional Aide in the high school, effective September 27, 2017 to reflect the revised resignation date effective retroactive to August 29, 2017.**
- +5. **Approve a paid sick leave of absence for Employee #0238, elementary school teacher, effective retroactive from September 5, 2017 through September 21, 2017.**
- +6. **Approve the appointment of Joann Manicone as the English Enrichment teacher at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year, as needed. She will be paid 3% of her salary, as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract.**
- +7. **Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2017-2018 school year:**

Sharon Focaccia	Building Aide
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Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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 August 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. August 2017 direct pays in the amount of \$1,105,697.43.

+b. July 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$14,093.00.

- c. August 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$36,158.44.
- d. August 2017 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$9,306.91.
- e. Second August 2017 payroll in the amount of \$128,679.16.
- f. First September 2017 payroll in the amount of \$618,812.08.
- g. September 2017 claims in the amount of \$576,296.60.

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

4. Accept the New Jersey Department of Education funding for the 2017-2018 school year, as follows:

Services Under Chapters 192 & 193 school year in the amount of \$159,554.00

5. Approve Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training Workshops, offered by Region II for the 2017-2018 school year.

6. Approve the use and rental of the Highland School Gym to Hoop Heaven for Basketball Clinics on the following dates from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.:

September 27, 29; October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 26 & 27, 2017

7. Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym to Hoop Heaven for Basketball Clinics on the following Sundays from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.:

October 1, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 2017

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 proposed overnight trip for the Social Studies Department to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. from May 31 – June 1, 2018.

+2. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Eurico Antunes	Genetech Certificaiton for Security Systems	Moonachie, NJ	\$815.00	10/30 & 31/2017
Christine Carr	NJASL Annual	Long Branch, NJ	\$234.32	11/16 &

	Conference			17/2017
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+3. Approve the revised curricula, aligned to the new NJSL standards:

Personal Finance

Robotics

+4. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2017-2018 school year, which is attached as an appendix. C-4

+5. Approve the placement of a classified high school student on home instruction for ten hours per week, effective retroactive from September 18, 2017 through approximately October 15, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies:

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| a. Student Representative to the Board of Education | Policy Section 0143.2 |
| b. Board of Education Website Accessibility | Policy Section 1511 |
| c. District Mentoring Program | Policy Section 3126 |
| d. Bed Bugs | Policy Section 7424 |
| e. District Sustainability Policy | Policy Section 7461 |

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

Minutes from the meeting tonight will be prepared.

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

No Report.

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

Draft of the first ChalkBoard presented to the Board. Committee will be moving ahead with mailing.

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

Regarding the Borough's tennis court renovation, we hope to have seven (7) home matches for the girls before the end of session. To date, the Borough has not shared the amount of the renovation with the district.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (M. Thomas)

Packets have been handed out asking for parents to join parent groups.

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas)

The following events have been scheduled:

- First event is an outdoor movie
- KidStuff Books
- PTA membership campaign
- 10/3-4 Pictures
- 10/13 Harvest Festival
- 10/21 Pantherbowl

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

The following items were mentioned:

- Sports Programs are starting
- Booster applications are out
- Home football game October 7th
- Last year for the Sports Journal, pictures will now be online

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

The following items were discussed:

- Tryouts for drama and casting
- Musical tryouts yesterday
- There is a push for past band members to participate in the 60th Reunion Home Game.
- A wine tasting fundraiser is scheduled for 11/4.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

The following items were reported:

- Enrollment is up in both Special Ed and ESL
- SEPAC – Presentations
 - Transitioning to College and to the work-force
 - ABA Presentation on 10/3/2017.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

These items were commented on:

-5 K run

-Grant applications are due on 9/30

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

The following events are scheduled:

Community Day

Jr. Football Cheerleading Festival- 10/28 at Wortendyk Park

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

The following items were discussed:

Dress Through the Decades, Open House and Decades Dance 10/6

Home Football Game 10/7

Music in the Park 10/8

Girls' soccer and volleyball new coaches, hearing great things

New class offerings- Macro Economics, AP Computers, and Accounting 1-
also hearing great things.

K. Old Business

Mr. Thomas commented that a slat on the bench in front of the school needs to be fixed.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 3, 2017, 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 by Mr. Sullivan, Seconded -Mrs. Fantulin . . .

To go into closed session to discuss personnel evaluations. There will be no action taken by the Board at the conclusion of this closed session.

Roll Call: All Yes

Board returned into open session at 9:50.

Motion by Mr. Formicola, Seconded - Mr. Sullivan . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary