

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, NJ**  
**June 18, 2019**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Formicola at 8:00 p.m. and Ms. Garvey read the following statement:

“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 2019 elective year. A notice was also posted inside 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:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Patricia Fantulin	Brian McCourt
	Maryalice Thomas	Peter Triolo
	Richard Formicola	

Excused:	Christine Dell’Aglia
	Nabil Eliya

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** Mr. Richard Formicola

**Mission Statement**

**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.**

A reminder was given that the deadline to file to run for the Board of Education is July 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- Two students represented Midland Park in the Pass the Torch Run on June 7– Jayme Kajajian and Peter Gizzi. 40 Bergen County districts participated in the hand-to- hand run to kick off New Jersey's Special Olympic Games of 2019. Congratulations to both of them.

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0513193139 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. 0513193140 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 the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

May 7, 2019

May 21, 2019

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

2. Authorize the Superintendent to hire staff over the summer months with retroactive Board approval.

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2019-2020 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 – Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve the staff appointments for the Extended School Year Program, effective July 8 - 26, 2019, as per the attached appendix:

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2. Approve the appointment of the following part-time summer Bus Drivers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019:

Blanca Garcia	Neville Henriques
Ramon Guartan	Margaret Soto

3. Approve the appointment of the following part-time summer Bus Aides. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019:

Sharon Focaccia	Louis Pellegrino
Phyllis Kirchdoerffer	Sigrid Smith

4. Approve the appointment of the following HIB positions for the 2019-2020 school year. They will be paid a stipend of \$566.44, as per Schedule F of the MPEA contract.

Craig Rush	District Anti Bullying Coordinator
Theresa Soda	Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School Anti Bullying Specialist
Elizabeth Wall	Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School Anti Bullying Specialist
Kelly Scala	Godwin/Highland Elementary School Anti Bullying Specialist

5. Approve the appointment of Teresa Wecht as the Option II Coordinator at the high school for the 2019-2020 school year. She will be paid a stipend of \$1,606.72, as per Schedule F of the MPEA contract.

6. Approve the appointment of Lisa McNerney as a substitute Athletic Trainer for the 2019-2020 preseason and school year.

7. Approve the list of Fall Coaches at the high school for the 2019-2020 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

8. Approve the appointment of the following staff members as Coordinators for the Before/After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education program for the 2019-2020 school year:

Suzanne Esposito  
Barbara Makela

9. Approve the appointment of the following staff members as Aides/Substitute Aides for the Before/After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2019-2020 school year:

Katherine Marsden	Marie Theodorides
Jodie Nichols	Katiria Torres Soto
Joan Papapietro	Nora Zaldana
Loree Ranges	

10. Approve the appointment of the following high school students as Aides for the Before/After School Child Care program, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for the 2019-2020 school year:

Mackenzie Cleary	Eliana Kim
Alejandro Cruz	Nicholas Statuto
Gabrielle Esposito	Nicole Stoehr
Daniel Keegan	Hannah Zbierski

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

- +11. **Accept the retirement resignation of Aleksander Pobiarzyn, part-time Custodian, effective June 26, 2019.**
- +12. **Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1735, effective June 26, 2019.**
- +13. **Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1885, effective June 30, 2019.**
- +14. **Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1814, effective June 30, 2019.**
- +15. **Approve the employment contract for Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the 2019-2020 school year, approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.**
- +16. **Approve the appointment of Brianne Taylor as an English teacher in the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$49,000.00 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.**
- +17. **Approve the placement of Jennifer Haring, Rutgers University student, to complete her field work during the Fall of 2019 with Mrs. Christine Carr, Elementary Media Specialist.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

- S-1. Approve the following changes to the list of Fall Coaches at the high school for the 2019-2020 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Byron Blake	Football Assistant Coach	
Add:	Constantine Eliopoulos	Football Assistant Coach	\$5,266.00

Roll Call: All Yes

- B. Finance Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of May 31, 2019, 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. May 2019 direct pays in the amount of \$98,371.20.
- b. May 2019 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$98,262.28.
- c. May 2019 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$29,660.58.
- d. June 2019 claims in the amount of \$314,271.07.
- e. Second May 2019 payroll in the amount of \$627,095.11.
- f. First June 2019 payroll in the amount of \$691,980.38.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period May 1 – 31, 2019, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period May 1 – 31, 2019, as per the attached appendix.

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5. Approve the tuition rate for out-of-district students to attend the Midland Park Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year, as follows:

Pre-K/Kindergarten	\$16,178
Grades 1-5	\$19,685
Grades 6-8	\$19,496
Grades 9-12	\$20,413

6. Approve the list of scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix.
7. Authorize the School Business Administrator to execute the Agreement with Gravity Goldberg to provide on-site balanced literacy professional development for the 2019-2020 school year, not to exceed the cost of \$14,400.

8. Approve the following resolution for the transfer of current year surplus to reserve:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Midland Park Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Midland Park Board of Education has determined to retain as yearend unreserved undesignated fund balance for the year end June 30, 2019 an amount not-to-exceed the state mandated 2% cap plus an additional \$300,000.00; with the excess above this amount, in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable amount defined by the district's Long Range Facility Plan is to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account subject to the verification upon completion of the Audit;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Midland Park Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Mr. Canellas explained, \$300,000 designated for the 2020-21 school budget to offset tax increase and approximately \$102,000 will go to Capital Reserve to support district projects.

- +9. Authorize the Business Administrator to cancel outstanding checks in the various accounts, in accordance with the Auditor's recommendations, as per the attached appendix.**
- +10. Approve the renewal of the Substitute Placement Agreement with Insight Workforce Solutions for the 2019-2020 school year.**
- +11. Approve the use of SD Gameday for substitute trainers for the 2019-2020 preseason and school year, at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.**
- +12. Authorize the Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with EaglesTalent Speakers Bureau to provide an inservice speaker for Martin Luther King Day Staff Development on January 20, 2020 at a cost of \$6,500 to be financed through Title II funds.**

- +13. **Approve Daniela Carvalho, Physical Therapist, to provide home physical therapy for two classified students, one to two times per week for 30 minutes each for three weeks in August 2019 at the hourly rate of \$110.00.**
- +14. **Approve Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services, Inc. to provide nursing care for two classified students on an as-needed basis.**

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum Committee – (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

- 1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Danielle Vandenberghe	Code HS – Online System	N/A	\$1,500.00	7/1/19-6/30/20

- 2. Approve the recommendation for the special education placements and transportation for the summer of 2019, as per the attached appendix.
- 3. Approve the recommendation for the placement of two classified elementary school students to attend the “Social Club” Camp held at Eisenhower School, Wyckoff, NJ, effective July 8, 2019 through August 2, 2019.
- 4. Approve the following New Course/Program Proposals at the high school for the 2019-2020 school year:

Personal Finance – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploratory – quarter year  
Genius Hour – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploratory – quarter year

- 5. Approve the following New Club Proposal at the high school for the 2019-2020 school year:

Girls Who Code

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- 6. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Concert Band students to Chicago, IL from March 13 – 16, 2020.
- 7. Approve the start date of August 12, 2019 for preseason athletics for all sports including football, in order to comply with the State mandated heat acclimatization period for athletes.
- 8. Approve the membership resolution in the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +9. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified student to attend Camp @ Kaplan JCC on the Palisades, Tenafly, NJ, effective August 12 – 23, 2019.**
- +10 **Approve the overnight trip for the Girls' Soccer team to Allentown, PA from August 22 - 23, 2019.**
- +11. **Approve the overnight trip for the Football team to attend sleep away football camp in Roscoe, NY from August 25 - 29, 2019.**
- +12. **Approve the following college and university partnerships for dual enrollment for students:**

**Kean University (2019-2021):**

**Holocaust Studies and Human Behavior**

**Rutgers University (2019 – 2024):**

**Dynamics of Health Care (Honors) – semester**

**Medical Terminology (Honors) – semester**

**Seton Hall:**

**Computer Programming 1 (Honors)**

**Intro Web Design – semester**

Roll Call: All Yes

Dr. Cirasella stated it was an outstanding year with a tremendous amount of college credits through this program. There are 30+ students in the program.

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

- S-2. **Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified student to attend Camp Rainbow, ARC Program, Mahwah, NJ, effective July 1, 2019 through August 9, 2019.**

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report

- E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- Several pieces of legislation were recently introduced to the legislature:
  - No. 169: proposes a constitutional amendment to limit actuarial value of health care plans for all state, local government and school district employees, will not exceed 80%. Any savings from the amendment will be used to reduce property taxes.
  - No. 170: proposes constitutional amendment to a specific type of pension. The plan will cover a public employee for the amount of their salary that is over 40K. This applies to new public employees and ones with less than 5 years of service.



- No. 3775: this bill prohibits the Dept. of Education from regulating the maximum salary amount a school district may pay its Superintendent of Schools, returning the decision to local Boards of Education. The Governor is expected to sign it in due course.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the Midland Park Public Schools Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports on the following dates and locations:

3/26/19	Windsor School, Pompton Lakes, NJ, 8:25 a.m.
4/24/19	CTC Academy, Oakland, NJ, 8:34 a.m.
5/24/19	Godwin School, Midland Park, NJ, 8:22 a.m.
5/29/19	The Forum School, Waldwick, NJ, 9:00 a.m.
+ 6/7/19	<b>Career Crossroads, Paramus, NJ, 8:05 a.m.</b>
+ 6/17/19	<b>Fair Lawn HS, Fair Lawn, NJ, 8:10 a.m.</b>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

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

- More information for grade highlights mailer, will have final shortly.

I. Town Council – (R. Formicola, P. Triolo)

- Next meeting 7/10

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (J. Canellas)

No Report

Elementary School PTA- (C. Dell'Aglio)

- End of year party was held on 6/24
- Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Fantulin)

- A end of year rap-up meeting was held

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

- ESY program dates are 7/8-26, there are many programs in place for each level of service

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- All trustees were sworn in.\
- Registration is open for the 5K
- Coach to 5K starts 7/24

Board of Recreation – (N. Eliya)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (P. Triolo)

- Kindergarten readiness programs are offered
- Fall brochure will be ready in August
- Before & After care registration online opens 7/1

Student Representative to the Board – (Samantha Padovano)

- Finals begin on 6/20
- Chromebook collection begins on Tuesday for seniors and Monday for underclassmen
- Senior Activities:
  - Senior BBQ was yesterday at the firehouse
  - Senior Cruise around Manhattan is 6/19
  - Senior class breakfast is after graduation rehearsal on 6/21
  - Gradball will be held immediately after graduation

K. Old Business

No Report

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of July 16, 2019, 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. Formicola invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Van Vliet addressed the Board and asked to consider the day/week after Easter to close school. He stated it would help with the transition back to school and also give consideration to those who celebrate the holiday. He thanked the Board for their service and appreciates the time taken away from family.

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Canellas...  
To Adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy Garvey".

Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary