

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**March 5, 2019**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Peter Triolo 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**

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| Present: | James Canellas       | Sandra Criscenzo |
|          | Christine Dell’Aglio | Nabil Eliya      |
|          | Patricia Fantulin    | Brian McCourt    |
|          | Peter Triolo         |                  |

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| Excused: | Richard Formicola |
|          | Maryalice Thomas  |

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – In the absence of Mr. Formicola, Mr. Triolo read the following statement.

***Midland Park Public School District 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.***

- Mental Wellness Day is scheduled for 3/11

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0205193135 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 March 5, 2019 agenda.**

No one chose to speak at this time.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Action Items:

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

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2018-2019 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. Canellas, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...

1. Revise Motion A-4 of the February 26, 2019 Board Agenda to approve Jaclyn DeMagistris to teach Math Enrichment at the Middle School (period 4) for three days per week. She will be paid 3% of her salary as per Article XIII, Section F of the MPEA contract, pro-rated effective from February 25, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Roll Call: All Yes

#### B. Finance- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the amendment to the Midland Park Power Purchase Agreement, as per the attached appendix.

B-1

Mr. Canellas advised of the changes- scaled back size of project causing kWh to be lower. Still expect approximately \$54k in saving.

Roll Call: All Yes

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of March 19, 2019 agenda items**

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

- Committee continues to review the budget
- We will be receiving state aid figures shortly
- 3/19 Tentative Budget for Board approval, 5/7 Public Hearing and Adoption
- Included in the Budget – new Special Education Teacher and Cap Reserve money for door and hs soffit projects

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

- Overnight trip for take action

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

- 3 policies were discussed, they will be on the next agenda for approval

E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Mr. Triolo asked for more information on the district field use and what committee Discussed on fields. Mr. McCourt answered- committee agreed with administration not to allow use of the stadium or rear field for soccer. Highland and Sunset will still allowed. Mr. Triolo asked whether that was enough. Mr. McCourt responded we are not sure at this time, it depends on the fall season. The weather conditions of North Jersey has a lot to do with the condition of the fields. Mr. Eliya stated he is interested to see how the stadium field does from resting. Mr. Canellas asked about outside groups renting the field and rental income.

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

- We will be meeting before the April 9 Board meeting

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

No Report

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

- The next meeting is Tuesday 3/12

J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

- Girl basketball had a close state sectional semi-final game vs. Park Ridge
- Senate field trip was today at Hawthorne Christian Academy round table
- Spring sports have started
- Musical is coming up – March 29, 30 and 31

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Canellas...

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of March 19, 2019, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

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

Mr. Triolo invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Eliya, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...  
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary