

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**November 20, 2018**

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 2018 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:	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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**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.**

Mr. Canellas welcomed everyone to the action meeting and made the following comments:

- Congratulations to Pat Fantulin on the election and Nabil and Christine who will be joining us at the reorganization meeting on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.
- Thank you to everyone in the district who makes this place as special as it is.

Open to the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

October 2, 2018

October 16, 2018

Roll Call: All Yes

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

1. Approve the list of additional Winter Coaches at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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2. Approve the following staff members to provide academic support/intervention for the Academic Support Lab in the Highland School during the 2018-2019 school year. They will be paid at the rate of \$42.20 per hour through ESSA funds:

Jenna Abballe	Anne Edwards	Madalyn Messina
Loretto Angulo-Pizarro	Lisa Guarini	Stephanie Mont
Eileen Brown	David Hershberger	Maureen O'Hara
Elizabeth Brown	Kathleen LePage	Carol Steel
Kristen DiPaola	Nicole Marino	Carolyn Walsh

- +3 **Approve the revised paid medical leave for Employee No. 1146, effective November 12, 2018 through approximately December 6, 2018.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4 **Approve the Sidebar Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association modifying Schedule A1 of the Agreement Between the Midland Park Board of Education and the Midland Park Education Association, effective November 21, 2018 to June 30, 2020 to include the following:**

**Maintenance staff members will receive \$2000 additional compensation for experience in each the following areas:**

- **HVAC**
- **Plumbing**
- **Electrical**
- **Landscaping/Field Maintenance**
- **Auto/Maintenance Equipment Mechanic**
- **General Construction**

**An additional \$1000 will be paid to a maintenance staff member who holds a license in any of these areas.**

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

**+5 Approve the appointment of Kevin Smith as a full-time Maintenance worker. He will be paid a salary of \$42,250 (Step 13 on the Maintenance salary guide, in addition to Maintenance stipends of \$8,000) prorated, effective on or about November 26, 2018 through June 30, 2019.**

**+6 Approve the appointment of Craig Irvolino as a full-time Maintenance worker. He will be paid a salary of \$42,250 (Step 13 on the Maintenance salary guide, in addition to Maintenance stipends of \$8,000) prorated, effective on or about November 26, 2018 through June 30, 2019.**

Roll Call: All Yes

**B. Finance Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)**

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

**1. Approve the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of October 31, 2018, 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. October 2018 direct pays in the amount of \$94,086.80.
- b. October 2018 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$58,070.98.
- c. October 2018 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$62,539.61.

d. Second October 2018 payroll in the amount of \$646,135.30.

e. First November 2018 payroll in the amount of \$674,577.89.

f. November 2018 claims in the amount of \$1,204,562.51.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period October 1 – 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix.

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4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period October 1 – 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

5. Accept the donation of a Roland Electronic Keyboard from Heather Collins for use in Ms. Angulo-Pizarro's elementary music program, as per Board Policy 7311.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Sullivan...

6. Approve the use and rental of the high school Gym to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for basketball games on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, on the following dates:

December 23, 2018; January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 2019

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. Approve the use and rental of the high school Rear Field to NY Giants Youth Football Camp (Pro-Sports Experience), sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for summer camp from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. from July 8 – 12, 2019.

Roll Call: 8 Yes, 1 No

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

- S-1. Approve the recommendation for two classified elementary school students to receive Augmentative Communication Assessments through Bergen County Special Services, at a rate not to exceed \$875 per student.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Eileen Ietto Kathleen Lepage	School Based Speech/Language Therapy, Research & Treatment	Piscataway, NJ	\$301.24 \$269.00	11/30/2018
Christine Carr	Winners – The Best Books and How to Use Them	Whippany, NJ	\$224.50	5/17/2019

- +2 **Approve the recommendation for a non-classified elementary school student to be placed on bedside instruction, effective November 15, 2018 through December 15, 2018.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Approve the recommendation for the placement of a classified high school student to attend Paradigm Therapeutic Day School, Prospect Street, Midland Park, NJ beginning December 3, 2018, or sooner, at the per diem rate of \$380.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

- School/Funding Reform Legislation – In July 2018, Governor Murphy signed S-2 into Law, which goes into effect in for the 2019-2020 school year. The S-2 law made major changes to the States school funding formula. NJ has identified an allocation category, called Overfunded Act and some districts will experience reductions of overfunding through the 2024-2025 school year. Our district is not affected by this.
- Pass the Trash mandates that districts review the employment history of job applicants to ascertain they have not had any past allegations of instances of child abuse of sexual misconduct involving students.
- Mandatory Daily Recess – Starting in 2019-2020 daily recess is required for at least 20 minutes for grades K-5, except on delayed openings or early dismissal days.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

- The window project is coming to conclusion.
- The door project is starting – we will be breaking down the project over the next 3-5 years.

- Ms. Fantulin ask about the soffits at the high school, Marie read from her FYI sent to the board, like the door project, we will be breaking down the project over the next 3-5 years.

G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report

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

No Report

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

- We met the new Borough Administrator – Marc Semoon, he seems eager to build a collaborative relationship with the District.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (P. Triolo)

- Working on a March 2019 event – Your Mind Matters, an interactive full day for staff, students and the community.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

- The report cards were sent out.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are next week.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

- They are not having a fundraiser at the firehouse, they will come up with some place else to have it.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

- The show went on this weekend, it received great reviews, congratulations.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- Grants will be delivered to the teachers on 11/16.
- A \$20,000 grant was given from Columbia Bank to the Highland School for the STEM Lab.
- The spring fundraising event, a Casino Night, will be held on 3/9/19 at the Brownstone from 6:30-11:00, \$100 per person, tickets will go on sale on 12/7. It will feature a buffet and open bar.
- There is a new date for the 5K – 9/14/19.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

No Report

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

- The girls soccer team won the state's section. 1<sup>st</sup> time in 24 years.

K. Old Business

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of December 4, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Formicola attended the semi-final girls soccer game for group 1, they played a great game.

Ms. Fantulin reviewed NJSBB, the database for grants, and stated 16 could apply to us and some look promising.

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary