

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**September 18, 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	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	James Canellas

Excused: Brian McCourt

**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, 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.**

- Welcome to Action meeting.
- Buildings are back to normal, grateful to all staff for a smooth opening.
- Election update – 3 open seats with only one candidate. If interested in being a write in candidate, meet with Ms. Garvey for details.

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

- Dr. Cirasella introduced the School Resource Officer – Jason Tillson. Jason spoke and shared his past experience and new ideas for his new position.
- Saturday, September 29 – home football game
- Sunday, October 7 – Music in the Park
- Tuesday, October 16 – District Assessment presentation.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

#### BOARD MOTIONS

#### APPENDIX

- Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo...
1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting on August 21, 2018.

Roll Call: 8 Yes, 1 Abstain

- Motion – Ms. Fantulin, seconded – Mr. Formicola...
- +2. **Approve the District Organizational Chart, as per the attached appendix.**

**BM-2**

Roll Call: All Yes

- Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola...
- +3. **Designate the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies:**

**Lincoln Investment Planning  
National Life Group**

Roll Call: All Yes

- 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. Formicola, seconded – Dr. Thomas...

- +1. Rescind Board Motion A-5 of the August 21, 2018 Agenda to approve Deborah Marks to teach two additional lab periods per week at the high school during the 2018-2019 school year.
- +2. Revise Board Motion A-7 of the August 21, 2018 Agenda to approve a 6<sup>th</sup> period teaching assignment for Kristy Victory to reflect the effective dates as September 1 – 11, 2018.
- +3. Revise Board Motion A-2 of the September 4, 2018 Agenda to approve the payment of stipends for Fall curricula writing, as per the attached appendix. A-3
- +4. Approve the following additions to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	Hanora Bellucco	Girl Up Club Advisor	\$428.66
	Paul Marino	Spectrum Club Co-Advisor	\$474.35
	Jason Whelpley	Spectrum Club Co-Advisor	\$474.35
	Jessica Leigh	Outdoor Club Advisor	\$948.71

- +5. Approve the following additions to the list of Coaches at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Jessica Leigh	7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach	
Add:	Avery Dravis-Stark	7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach	\$2,736.87
	Jessica Leigh	Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach	\$4,251.88

- +6. Approve the following staff members to provide supplemental instruction for the Academic Support Lab in the Godwin School during the 2018-2019 school year. They will be paid at the rate of \$42.20 per hour through the ESSA Grant:

Stacy Boufford -Reading (45 days)  
 Suzanne Esposito, Barbara Makela - Math Instruction (45 days total)

- +7. Approve the employment contract for Trina Bradley, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services & Child Study Team, effective September 19, 2018 through June 30, 2019, as per the attached appendix: A-7

- +8. Approve a paid suspension for Employee No. 1601, effective September 7, 2018 until further notice.

- +9. Approve the following appointments for the Midland Park Continuing Education Ski Program for 2019:

David Hershberger – Advisor  
 Jenna Abballe – Chaperone

- +10. Approve the following addition to the list of substitute workers for the 2018-2019 school year:

**Janet Dribnack      Building Aide**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the appointment of Ramon Guartan as a part-time Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate of \$22.20, effective September 24, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-2. Amend the appointment of Una Martina Timoney as a Building Aide to the position of substitute Building Aide for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

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, 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. August 2018 direct pays in the amount of \$1,164,062.86.
- b. August 2018 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$45,359.09.
- c. August 2018 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$9,639.72.
- d. Second August 2018 payroll in the amount of \$124,122.81.
- e. First September 2018 payroll in the amount of \$629,865.17.
- f. September 2018 claims in the amount of \$628,461.39.

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

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

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. **Accept the 2018 Bergen County Utilities Authority Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant in the sum of \$900, awarded to Dr. Raina Parvanov-Dawson, Science teacher at the high school.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +6. **Accept the donation from the Midland Park Soccer Association in the sum of \$7,462.96 to defray the cost for new backstop netting, sandbags and soccer goal weight containers, as per Board Policy 7230.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-3. Approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Midland Park School District in the county of Bergen, hereby approves the submission of the following “Other Capital Project” to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan. It is further understood that the District is not seeking funding at the current time for this project:

School	Project	DOE Project #
Godwin Elementary School	Solar Panels	3170-300-19-1000
Highland Elementary School		3170-070-19-1000
Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School		3170-050-19-1000

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-4. Approve the non-resident enrollment of a student in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class in the High School, at the tuition rate of \$19,642, effective September 20, 2018 through June 30, 2019, as per Board Policy 5111.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

- +1. Approve the new/revised curricula which has been aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards and new QSAC regulations, as per the attached appendix.
- +2. Approve the Midland Park Continuing Education Winter Ski Program – 4 trips to Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ, January – February 2019 (dates to be determined).
- +3. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nicholas Capuano	Safe Schools Resource Officer/School Liaison Training	Mahwah, NJ	\$368.60	11/26-30, 2018
Christine Carr	NJASL Annual Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$259.32	12/2-4, 2018

Roll Call: All Yes

- D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)
  - The committee met tonight – 4 mandated policies will be on the Oct. 16. Agenda.
- E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)
- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)
- G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)
  - The committee met tonight – Prospective facilities update newsletter and possibly issue on graduating class.
- I. Town Council – (J. Canellas, R. Formicola)
- J. Liaison Committee
  - High School PTA - (P. Triolo)
    - Beth Ann DeMarco, President, spoke about raising attendance by promoting speakers, ideas to raise awareness.
  - Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)
    - Back to School nights went very well.
    - Parents were commenting on the schools looking great.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

- At the kick-off meeting the annual journal will be distributed.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

- Music in the Park – October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraiser – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55/person – Bus leaves from town 12:00-6:30 to the Newberry Brewery.
- The Marching Band won first place this weekend.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

- Reviewing IEP's and having meetings
- Surveys were sent out during the summer.
- Advocacy Group will be running meetings.

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K - 9/16/18.
- Casino Night – 3/9/19.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

- Marching band came in 1<sup>st</sup> place on Sunday at the competition in Brentwood, NY.
- Girls soccer record 4-1. They play Waldwick Friday, home at 4:00.
- Boys soccer record 1-4. They play Waldwick Thursday, home at 4:00.
- Football game – home on Saturday 9/22 at 12:00.

K. Old Business

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of October 2, 2018, 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 at this time.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary