

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
April 7, 2015

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, 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 2014 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. In addition, all questions must be presented to the Board of Education during the public session and prior to the adjournment of the meeting."

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	James Canellas	Sandra Criscenzo
	Richard Formicola	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused:      Brian McCourt

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Garvey commented that the calendar for the Board of Education Meetings will be voted on at the next meeting. The meeting schedule will run from April 28-December, 2015.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### **Mission Statement**

**The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides students with a comprehensive, adaptive education in a positive environment by maximizing all resources and empowering them to realize their individual worth and responsibility with the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.**

For information regarding The Holocaust Trip follow blog on Curriculum Page of Website and Mr. Capuano will also tweet the news.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

Approve the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 022315369 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.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 022415223 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

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on April 28, 2015.

**Open to Public-** Comments only for action items on the agenda.

### **BOARD MOTIONS**

#### **Action Items:**

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2014-2015 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. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

1. Approve the appointment of Donald Turner as a Maintenance worker for the district. He will be paid a salary of \$38,367 (Step 11 on the Maintenance salary guide + Maintenance stipend), prorated effective May 1, 2015 (or sooner) through June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the request for Sarah Roberts, Hudson County Community College student, to complete 12 observation hours as a field experience requirement at Godwin School.
3. Approve the request for Claire Becker, Bergen Community College student, to complete 4 observation hours, as part of her college requirement, in a math class at Highland School.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

- S-4. Approve an extension in the paid sick leave for Linda Carr, Special Education teacher in the Highland School, effective April 11, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-5. Approve the termination of James Verbrugge as a Maintenance worker, effective May 7, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Pre Summer 2015 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available in the Board Offices).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the continuation of the cooperative sports program between the Midland Park and Waldwick School Districts for the 2015-2016 and 2016–2017 school years.

Mr. Formicola asked if anything is new. Dr. Cirasella responded everything is the same.

Mr. Thomas asked if a home game would be considered for the 2016-17 season when our fields are complete.

Roll Call: All Yes

### **LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

The Public Hearing on the Budget is scheduled for April 28, 2015.

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

Reviewed many mandatory policies, they will be on the April 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

E. Legislative Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

The crew is busy and doing a great job, although they are short-handed.

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

No Report.

H. Public Relations Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee- (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items have been scheduled for April 13-17 which is Cultural Awareness Week:

- Monday- Steve Bartosik will play the bongos/drums as the students come into school.
- Wednesday - Asian Food has been planned to be delivered from Asian Grille.
- Friday – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades will go to Elis Island.
- There is a variety of speakers and events coordinating with the Cultural Awareness Week Theme.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The following dates have events scheduled:

-April 10- School Spirit Day  
-April 17 – Panther Crawl Fund Raiser.  
-April 21-Godwin and Highland Open House  
Take your child to work day  
Alex & Andi Fund Raiser  
Cultural Awareness Week

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following events /items were mentioned:  
Sports Awards Night scheduled for April 9, 2015  
Hall of Fame 2016 inductees

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

There is concern with the rental of fields and how it will impact scheduling.  
The Administration stated that the rentals should not impact school or recreation programs.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

Program booklets are on line.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

The following items/events were reported on for Cultural Awareness Week:

- Ellis Island Trip – April 17, 2015- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders will be going on this trip as a part of Cultural Awareness Week.
- A few students are on the Holocaust trip to parts of Germany.
- Specialty lunches were brought in for students – for example, sushi and omelets.

In addition, the Prom is forthcoming in late May for juniors and seniors.

Borough Town Council – (M. Thomas and J. Canellas)

There is a meeting scheduled for next month.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

There weren't any additional items to discuss at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 28, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

**Open to the Public**

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to address the Board at this time.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary