

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
November 4, 2014

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	Brian McCourt
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused: Peter Triolo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Ms. Stacy Garvey

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Dr. Maryalice Thomas

Midland Park Public School District 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.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS

Dr. Marie Cirasella

Approve the following resolutions:

- Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .
1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 092414347 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. 093014348 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: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Sullivan, Canellas,
Dr. Thomas)

Abstain (1) (Mr. Thomas)

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on November 18, 2014.
No one had any questions, at this time

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

No one from the public had comments on these items.

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 . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Allyson LaMarca as the AHSA teacher at the high school. She will be paid 3% of her salary, as per the MPEA contract, Article XIII, Section F for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. Approve the appointment of Susan MacMillan as a full-time Instructional Aide. She will be paid on Category V, Step 9 of the MPEA Secretarial salary guide (salary pending completion of negotiations), effective November 5, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
3. Accept the resignation of Maureen Roberts as a Building Aide at the high school, effective retroactive from October 29, 2014.
4. Approve the appointment of Theresa Kruis as a Building Aide at the high school. She will work four days a week and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective November 5, 2014 through June 19, 2015.
5. Approve the appointment of Karen Eldridge as a Building Aide at the high school. She will work one day a week and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective November 5, 2014 through June 19, 2015.
6. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute workers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Donna Jordan	Substitute Bus Driver
Maureen Roberts	Substitute Building Aide (High School only)

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-7. Approve the appointment of Catherine Prinsell, School Psychologist, to work an additional 5 days, effective November 10, 2014 through December 31, 2014, to provide case management services. She will be paid at the per diem rate of \$305.05 for a total of \$1,525.25.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

The Finance Company received a copy of the Audit. The Board will receive the Audit for the next meeting. Presentation of the Audit will for the fiscal year 2013-2014 will be at the November 18, 2014 meeting.

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school special education student on bedside instruction at St. Clare's Hospital, Denville, NJ, for a maximum of ten hours per week, effective retroactive from October 21, 2014 through October 27, 2014.
2. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Nina Fasciano Jenna Simon	"How to Utilize I&RS Support Anti-Bullying Student Remediation"	Lodi, NJ	\$99.00 \$99.00	Nov. 21, 2014
Jacqueline Goodell	"Flipping the Classroom Effectively"	Parsippany, NJ	\$106.13	Nov. 21, 2014

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

The following items were discussed/reviewed:

- a. The dug-outs for the Varsity Baseball field are proceeding
- b. Conduit under the field – Soccer donation for lights.
- c. The Board discussed and agreed to put conduit in as part of the upgrades to the field.

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

The Board reached out to the MPEA to continue negotiation.
Proposal sent by Board was met with a counter – still discussing.
Next mediation still not set, waiting to hear from mediator.

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 were commented on:
Market Day Orders are due on November 8, 2014.
Pick-up on November 14th.
Combination General Meeting is on November 12.
PARRC Testing Presentation

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following items were discussed:
The Waldwick/Midland Park Football Team is 8-0.
Volleyball is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

Marching Band placed 3rd in Syracuse and they beat school record.
Tickets being sold – Fund raisers for Theatre Arts.
Mr. McCourt asked if the band has been playing at the football games?
Mr. Canellas responded yes at least 4 games.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

Trivia Night has been sold out.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

The following items were reviewed/commented on:
The soccer coaches are grateful for the use of field lights.
Parking at the high school for students – work with the town to use spots behind the high school.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

The following items were discussed:
Afterschool Care – Halloween Party
French Trip

Student Representative to the Board – (Brian Mulligan)

No Report.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for 11/11/2014.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

There are no additional items at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There are no items at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of November 18, 2014, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel, updates on MPEA negotiations and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Stephen Vander Wiele spoke on an issue with students having to park on the streets. He stated that he believes spaces were lost with the new lining and the numbers. He also stated that he reached out to the Council and was told that they needed to talk to the Board. Students should not be parking on the streets when there is a town lot available.

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Dr. Thomas replied that we will put this item on the November 11, 2014 Agenda to discuss.

Ms. Ester Vierheilg questioned the installation of the conduit and if the soccer association would be paying for it. The Board will run the conduit.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .
To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary