

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

October 21, 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
	Peter Triolo	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused: Timothy Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Maryalice Thomas

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.

The Kindergarten and Technology Committees are being created. On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank you all for your letters of interest.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Marie Cirasella

Midland Park Public Schools 2013-2014 Assessment Profile presentation

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

Approve the following resolutions:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 091714345 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.**
- b. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 091814346 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 the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

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

September 2, 2014
September 16, 2014

Roll Call: All Yes

- A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion . . .

1. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs in the elementary schools for the 2014-2015 school year, which is attached as an appendix A-1

2. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

* Anthony Comanto
(s) Jack Goudswaard
(s) Colleen Monahan

* = NJ certification
(s) = County Substitute Certificate

3. Approve the following co-Advisors for the Winter Ski Program, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for the 2014-2015 school year:

David Hershberger
Jeffrey Peters

4. Approve the appointment of Edward Salvi as a volunteer chaperone for the Winter Ski Program, sponsored by the Midland Park Continuing Education program for the 2014-2015 school year.

5. Approve the following appointments as Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective October 22, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

Joseph Pappapietro
Caitlin Shannon

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +6. **Approve the appointment of Marie Idone as a one-to-one Aide to accompany a high school special education student during the Afterschool Homework Club. She will be paid as per the MPEA contract for two days per week for one hour, effective retroactive from October 16, 2014.**
- +7. **Approve the appointment of Beth Kasbarian as a substitute secretary for the 2014-2015 school year.**
- +8. **Accept the resignation of Terri Seltenrich as a Building Aide in the elementary schools, effective November 26, 2014.**
- +9. **Approve the appointment of Joan Pappapietro as a substitute for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program for the 2014-2015 school year, on an as-needed basis.**
- +10. **Approve the appointment of Loree Ranges as a one on one aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program for the 2014-2015 school year.**

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of September 30, 2014, 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.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. September 2014 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$37,783.79.
- b. September 2014 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$16,129.31.
- c. September 2014 direct pays in the amount of \$127,324.33.
- d. October 2014 claims in the amount of \$473,078.97.

3. Approve the following block motion:

- a. Second September 2014 payroll in the amount of \$509,857.26.
- b. First October 2014 payroll in the amount of \$569,690.94.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

4. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period September 1 – 30, 2014, which are attached as an appendix.

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5. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period September 1 – 30, 2014, which are attached as an appendix .

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

6. Approve the following NJ State Contracts:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
A51464	Lease/purchase of Copiers	Atlantic Tomorrow's Office
A87720	Data Communications Equipment	Core BTS, Cisco Systems

7. Approve the increase in the 2014-2015 Continuing Education budget by \$80,000.00 to go into the following expense account:

13 602 100 511 03 70 – Transportation (to be reflected in the income account Net Tuition, trips – 1990-03)

8. Approve the disposal of a Zenith VCR, inventory #1279 in the Godwin School.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

9. Approve the following resolution and attached appendices:

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Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Midland Park Public Schools are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Midland Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Midland Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

10. Approve the contract for Audiological Services provided by Educational Enterprises, Division of Bergen County Special Services for four special education students, as needed, for the 2014-2015 school year, not to exceed \$1,850.00.
11. Approve the contract for the General Education Sound Field System services provided by Educational Enterprises, Division of Bergen County Special Services, for services provided only, for the 2014-2015 school year, not to exceed \$1,850.00.

12. Approve Educational Translations, Inc. for translation and interpretation services, if needed, during Department of Special Education meetings at the rate of \$75 per hour for the 2014-2015 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

- +13. **Approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Midland Park Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Board and the Parents of a student, whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, which is annexed to this Resolution, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

- +14. **Approve the resolution awarding the bid for Substitute Teacher Staffing Services to Insight Workforce Solutions, LLC., which is attached as an appendix.**

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- +15. **Approve the resolution to appoint Solutions Architecture as Architect for Special Projects, which is attached as an appendix.**

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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt. . .

- +16. **Approve the use and rental of the Midland Park High School gym to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for Indoor La Crosse on Sundays from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., on the following dates:**

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2014

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer questioned the status of the audit.

Ms. Garvey answered that the audit is complete and the exit conference is on Monday.

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Maxine Lynch	NJ State School Nurses Association Fall Conference	Vineland, NJ	\$262.06	Oct. 25, 2014
Deborah Marks	AP Chemistry	Verona, NJ	\$201.64	Nov. 1, 2014
Denise Connelly	Employment Specialist Training	New Brunswick, NJ	\$215.10	Nov. 3-4, 2014
Nancy Stewart	New AP History Testing	Robbinsville, NJ	\$228.40	Nov. 6, 2014
Kelly Scala	How to Utilize I&RS to Support Anti-Bullying Student Remediation	Lodi, NJ	\$104.27	Nov. 21, 2014
Loreto Angulo-Pizarro	Use Outstanding Timesaving Resources to Enhance Your Music Instruction	Parsippany, NJ	\$244.99	Dec. 2, 2014
David Marks Jeffrey Peters	Band Director's Clinic Covering Curriculum Instruction, Technology & Trends	Chicago, IL	\$1,460.00	Dec. 17-20, 2014

2. Approve the following program for the Midland Park Continuing Education program for the 2014-2015 school year:

Winter Ski Program (Ski Club)

- +3. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2014-2015 school year, which is attached as an appendix.**

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. Approve the list of MPPEF approved grants for the 2014-2015 school year.**

Ms. Criscenzo thanked the MPPEF for the grant monies. It is a very impressive list.

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

Mr. Triolo reported for Mr. Thomas and commented that they are reviewing many policies –those policies that are State mandated and will be moving ahead on the next month's agenda..

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

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

Committee will be meeting following the open meeting tonight.

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

Met last Tuesday for 5.5 hours- unfortunately no progress was made. The next time the mediator is available is December, but we hope to continue talks in the mean time.

President Thomas stated that negotiations is a confidential process in which the Board has to refrain from commenting on. I would like the public to be aware that the committee is working very hard toward an agreement with nothing but the best interest of the community and especially the students of Midland Park, in mind.

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

No Report.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed:

- Director Cover Contest
- Send in Box Tops
- Market Day Orders
- At the General Meeting in November – Dr. Cirasella and Mr. Chang` will be present to discuss PARCC

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

The following items/events were discussed:

- Coffee Connection is scheduled for October 22, 2014.
- Robert Skead, an author will visit on October 23, 2014.
- Invention Convention scheduled for October 23, 2014.
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 24, 2014.
- General Meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2014.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The following items/events were reported on:

- Music In The Park* was an overwhelming success
- Band performance in Kingston took 1st place.
- Championship this weekend in Syracuse, NY.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Meeting last night – PARCC Accommodation
Coop with Recreation and the Library
Brainstorming for future speakers

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed/reviewed:

Approved Grants

Trivia Night is scheduled for November 13, 2014

Thank you to Foundation- very dedicated group of people

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Brian Mulligan – Absent)

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

Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2014.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

Nothing was discussed at this time.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of November 4, 2014, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

Ms. Pat Fantulin praised the Administrators for adhering to the DFG's for the testing presentation. The progress is astonishing. I can see for myself that there is progress in PARCC with Social Studies and History. I am glad to see that we are holding this ship steady with bumps in the ride of PARCC.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary