

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 16, 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	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	

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 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'S REPORT

2014-2015 Back to School Update

Anti Bullying Statute School Self-Assessments

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded

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

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

August 7, 2014

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, McCourt, Schiffer, Sullivan, Thomas, Canellas, Dr. Thomas)

2 Abstain (Formicola, Triolo)

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

August 19, 2014

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Criscenzo, McCourt, Schiffer, Thomas, Triolo, Dr. Thomas)

3 Abstain (Formicola, Sullivan, Canellas)

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

- +2. **Approve the revisions to the Emergency Management Plan.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- BS-3 Approve the Midland Park School District's Anti Bullying Statute School Self Assessments 2013-2014, as presented.

Roll Call: All Yes

- 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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

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

- * **Russell Irving**
- * Connie Necel
- * Rachael Parent
- * **Karen Rizio**
- (s) Carissa Scarpa
- * Loretta Underwood – substitute school nurse
- * **Susan Wild**

* = NJ certification

(s) = County substitute certificate

- +2. **Approve the paid maternity leave for Katelyn Naranjo, elementary school teacher, effective December 22, 2014 through approximately January 9, 2015; a paid child care leave effective approximately January 10, 2015 through February 6, 2015; an unpaid NJ Family Leave, effective February 7, 2015 through May 1, 2015 and an unpaid leave of absence effective May 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015.**
- +3. **Approve the appointment of Jason Whelpley as an ELL Instructor at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year. He will paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for three days per week, 30 minutes per day.**
- +4. **Approve the following additions to the List of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year:**

			<u>Stipend</u>
Add:	JoAnn Polhemus	Advanced Chemistry advisor	\$1,048
	Jason Gangi	Chess Club co-advisor	\$667.50
	Ethan Grubman	Chess Club co-advisor	\$667.50
	Jason Gangi	Detention co-monitor	\$429
	Ethan Grubman	Detention co-monitor	\$429
	Joann Manicone	High School Bowl advisor	\$1,048
	LeAnn Tavtigian	Poetry Club advisor	\$858
	Jason Whelpley	7/8th Grade Science Club advisor	\$720

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +5. **Approve the following changes to the List of Coaches at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year:**

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Kaitlyn Mastrofilippo	Girls Soccer Assistant Varsity Coach	Volunteer
Add:	Kaitlyn Mastrofilippo	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	Volunteer
	David Herman	Varsity Head Boys' Basketball Coach	\$5,654

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Criscenzo, Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Sullivan, Triolo, Canellas, Dr. Thomas
1 No (Thomas)

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +6. **Accept the resignation of Earl Barker as a part-time Custodian, effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.**
- +7. **Approve the appointment of Lisa Dougherty as a substitute Instructional Aide for the 2014-2015 school year.**
- +8. **Approve the appointment of the following volunteer truck drivers for the 2014-2015 Marching Band season with permission to use Board owned vehicles:**

James Hartmann
Susan Opderbeck

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- S-9. Approve an extended leave of absence for Joseph Bounassi, maintenance worker, through December 31, 2014, or sooner.
- S-10. Grant approval for Midland Park School District staff members to donate sick days to create a sick bank for Joseph Bounassi, maintenance worker.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

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

To approve the following block motion:

- 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, 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.

- 2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. August 2014 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$17,804.86.
- b. September 2014 claims in the amount of \$523,386.53.

3. Approve the August 2014 direct pays in the amount of \$845,580.44.
4. Approve the following block motion:
 - a. Second August 2014 payroll in the amount of \$107,827.92.
 - b. First September 2014 payroll in the amount of \$540,375.52.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Mc. Court ...

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period August 1 – 31, 2014, which are attached as an appendix. B-5
6. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period August 1 – 31, 2014, which are attached as an appendix. B-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +7. **Approve the additional funding for the purchase of an L.E.D. Baseball Scoreboard from Spectrum Scoreboards for the high school, as follows:**

**Transfer \$4,600 from account #11 402 100 600 00 80 Athletic Supplies
to account #12 402 100 730 03 00 Athletic Equipment**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +8. **Approve the continuation of the Bergen County Special Services/Educational Enterprises Transition Program to be provided for CBI students at a maximum cost of \$16,205.00 for the 2014-2015 school year.**
- +9. **Approve the appointment of Phoenix Advisors, LLC to conduct a Continuing Disclosure Survey and serve as Continuing Disclosure Agent.**
- +10. **Approve the appointment of Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Financial Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year.**
- +11. **Approve the Professional Services Agreement between the Midland Park Board of Education and McManimon Scotland & Baumann, LLC as Bond Counsel for the 2014-2015 school year.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-12. Approve the Annual Contract for Non Public Nursing Services for the 2014-2015 school year with the Bergen County Health Department at Eastern Christian Elementary School.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Schiffer questioned when the Audit would begin?
Ms. Garvey responded that it will be starting tomorrow.

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
Stacy Boufford, Suzanne Kelly	Smartboard Training	Paramus, NJ	\$100.00 \$100.00	Sept. 30, 2014
Maureen Fister Craig Rush	LGBTQ Awareness and Sensitivity Training	Lodi, NJ	\$213.50	Oct. 3, 2014
Pamela Vermaas	NJALS Fall Symposium	Princeton, NJ	\$200.00	Oct. 23-24, 2014
Christine Carr	NJASL Fall 2014 Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$137.16	Oct. 26-27, 2014

+2. Approve the changes in summer Curriculum writing stipends, previously approved at the June 17, 2014 Board Agenda, as follows:

Math Essentials I - from full year @ \$500 to half year @ \$450 – Allyson LaMarca
Math Essentials II – from full year @ \$500 to half year @ \$450 – Allyson LaMarca

+3. Approve the following revised curricula for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a. **Graphic Design & Publishing – HS – New**
- b. **Math Essentials I – HS – revised**
- c. **Math Essentials II – HS – revised**
- d. **Calculus (Honors/AP) – revised**
- e. **Physical Education & Health – Grade 9 – revised**
- f. **Physical Education & Health – Grade 10 – revised**
- g. **Physical Education & Health – Grade 11 – revised**
- h. **Physical Education & Health – Grade 12 – revised**
- i. **Elementary General Music – Grades K-3 – revised**
- j. **Elementary Chorus – Grades 4-6 – revised**
- k. **Concert Choir – Grades 7-8 – revised**
- l. **Concert Choir – Grades 9 -12 – revised**
- m. **Band – Grades 7-8 – revised**
- n. **Band – Grades 9-12 – revised**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- +4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement and transportation of a middle school special education student in the Cornerstone Day School, Mountainside, NJ, effective retroactive from September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +5. Approve the submission of the NCLB Consolidated Grant FY 2014-2015 application to the NJ Department of Education, for the following amounts:**

Title I	\$17,391
Title II Part A	\$33,109

- +6. Approve the “Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials”.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The Legislature returned from summer recess this week with several Assembly committee meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014. The Assembly Education Committee will consider the following four bills:

A-1029 requires a training program for school bus drivers and aides on interacting with students with special needs.

A-1286 authorizes the establishment of a federal impact aid reserve account.

A-3256 requires public school health and physical education teachers in grades Kindergarten through six to possess the appropriate endorsement to the instructional certificate.

A-3360 requires each public middle school and high school to establish a food services advisory committee to consider menu options.

Today, the Joint Committee will hear testimony on the Superintendent Salary Caps.

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

The Buildings & Grounds staff has been short handed and extremely busy.
They continue to handle work orders.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for October 14, 2014.

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

The following items were mentioned:

- Back-To-School Nights
- Board members will be available for the Referendum questions
- The Second Referendum Presentation is scheduled for September 23, 2014.
- The Parent Groups have more information on their web-site.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed/reported on:

Combined General Meeting is scheduled for September 17

The Fall Plant pick up is scheduled for September 18

Market Day pick-up is scheduled for September 19th, 2014.

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

The following items were discussed/reported on:

-Kids Stuff Fund-Raisers

-Godwin Back-To-School Night is scheduled for September 17.

-Highland Back-To-School Night is scheduled for September 18

-School Spirit Day is October 5

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

A General Meeting is scheduled for September 17

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The MPHS Marching Band is on the road again traveling throughout the metropolitan New York area to compete within the New York State Field Band Conference.

The Marching Band arrived home from Brentwood on Sunday, 9/15/14, with a first place trophy win in its division.

Music in the Park is Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Indian Hills High School. Many volunteers are needed for a wide range of tasks.

Drama performances will take place on Friday, 11/21 and Saturday, 11/22.

The musical will be performed March 20 through the 22.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

Back-To School Night is scheduled for September 22.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The following items were discussed/reported on:

- The 5K Run raised \$13, 000
- Planning event schedules are underway
- Trivia night and the Blue Jean Ball are being planned
- Stage extension and Curtains for Highland
- Grants for Teachers

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

The following items were discussed:

- The Soccer Association is looking to put something across the existing opening to stop the balls from going in the street
- Experiencing communication problems between the Association and the school district.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Brian Mulligan)

Dr. Thomas referenced the opening school Bar-be-cue.

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

Representatives attended our recent Referendum presentation.
Hope to meet in the near future.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

At this time there was nothing to discuss.

K. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 7, 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. Kim Rupp spoke and represented 130 parents regarding the topic of Full Day Kindergarten. They would like to offer their support. There are many parents of multiples and with the high cost of day care, have to consider moving to a town that provides a full-day Kindergarten. We do understand that a Study is being implemented. We would like to volunteer time.

Dr Thomas responded that a Feasibility study is going forward and there will be a parent representation on that committee.

Ms. Rupp asked who would be doing that study.

Dr. Cirasella replied that the study would be conducted in house.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary