

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
September 2, 2014

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 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 - arrived (8:10)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS-** *Mr. James Canellas*

***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*

The following items were reviewed/commented on:

- Welcome our staff back today.
- Dr. Christopher Tienken was the Key Note Speaker for staff development.
- His presentation focused on Questioning Standardization.
- All administrators continue to Tweet and update blog.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on September 16, 2014.

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

No one decided to comment on these agenda items.

## **BOARD MOTIONS**

### **Action Items:**

#### 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 – William Sullivan, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Eileen Ietto, Speech and Language Specialist, to provide Extended School Year services in the summer for an elementary school special education student. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, not to exceed 8 hours.
2. Accept the resignation of Diana Ragone as an Instructional Aide in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to June 30, 2014.
3. Approve the increase in position for Jane Bandstra, Physical Therapist, from a .9 position to a full-time position, effective retroactive from September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
4. Approve a sixth period teaching assignment for David Marks to teach the “Intro to Computer class”. He will be paid an additional \$7,632.50 (pending completion of negotiations), effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

5. Approve two additional lab periods per week for Nancy DeRitter. She will be paid at the approved rate, as per the MPEA contract (pending completion of negotiations), effective January 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

6. Approve the appointment of Sarah Grimaldi, special education teacher in the elementary schools, to provide home instruction for a pre-school special education student for 8.5 hours per week. She will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective September 4, 2014 through June 19, 2015.
7. Approve the placement of the following student teachers at the high school:  
Morgan Altemus English/Language Arts – Rutgers University, effective 9/3/14 – 12/19/14  
Amy Biswurm School Nurse – Rowan University, effective 9/3/14 – 11/26/14  
Courtney Krup English/Language Arts – Rutgers University, effective 9/3/14 – 12/19/14
8. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2014-2015 school year, which is attached as an appendix:
9. Approve the appointment of the following one-on-one Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

Denise Connelly  
Karn Fracassini  
Jay Seiders

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the continued contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Wilma Bogertman, as a Non-Public Nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective September 1, 2014 through the end of Eastern Christian's school year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the submission of the ELS Three-Year Program Plan for School Years 2014-2017 to the New Jersey Department of Education.

2. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Denise Connelly	Employment Specialist: Introductory Level	New Brunswick, NJ	\$206.59	Sept 22, 23, 2014

3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a pre-school special education student on home instruction for a minimum of 10 hours per week, effective September 4, 2014 through June 19, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following new and revised policies:

- a. Board Member Number and Term (new) Policy Section 0141
- b. Board Member Election and Appointment (revised) Policy Section 0143
- c. Outside Activities Teaching Staff Members (revised) Policy Section 3230
- d. Outside Activities Support Staff Members (revised) Policy Section 4230
- e. Direct Deposit (new) Policy Section 6511
- f. Lunch Offer Versus Serve (OVS) (new) Policy Section 8508
- g. Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members Policy Section 3283 and Students – **M** (new)
- h. Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members Policy Section 4283 and Students – **M** (new)
- i. Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Policy Section 5613 Offenses – **M** (new)

Roll Call: All Yes

*To view Policies D 1 a-i, please refer to the August 19, 2014 Board Agenda posted on the district website.*

## **LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Governor Christie announced the veto of the union backed legislation, S-770/A -287e, on August 8. This legislation would have restricted school district and local government efforts to save taxpayer funds by subcontracting services.

On August 18, Governor Chris Christie conditionally vetoed S-387, a bill that would have permitted school board candidates to bracket themselves together on the ballot. The conditional veto directs the secretary of state to conduct a review in consultation with the commissioner of education, regarding the potential impact of the bracketing of school board candidates on school elections. The secretary of state would have one year to report findings and recommendations to the governor.

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

The following items were commented on:

- The High School interior bleachers will be finished tomorrow
- Drain leak in room M3 at the high school is repaired
- New flooring at Highland and Godwin- 9 classrooms and 1 nurse's office
- All new interior locks complete
- Interior painting at all schools
- Ceiling tile replacement at all schools
- General maintenance throughout the district has been addressed
- There was a walk-through of the buildings by the Committee last week.
- Buildings & Grounds Department has done a great job getting the buildings ready for the new school year.

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

The Mediation Process will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

The committee met tonight. We are asking Board members to attend any events that are coming up in order to answer any questions from parents on the Referendum.

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

No Report.

### **J. Liaison Committee**

#### **High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)**

The following upcoming events and dates were mentioned:

- Market Day is September 14, 2014.
- General Meeting is September 17, 2014.

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The Fall Plant Sale is scheduled for the beginning of September. The pick-up of flowers is for September 18, 2014.

The PTA is in support of the Referendum.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The first event is a Back-to-School movie on September 5, 2014.

A General Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

Setting up the agenda and discussing ideas for upcoming events.

Discussed contribution toward new score boards for the fields and gym.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The Marching Band has scheduled a car wash fund raiser for September 6, 2014.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

There is a 5K Fun Run fund raiser scheduled for 9/6/2014.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014.

On Saturday, September 6, 2014 there will be a Community Day picnic.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Brian Mulligan)

The Student Representative was absent.

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

They will be setting up a meeting shortly.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 16, 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. Monahan questioned if there is any literature being sent out regarding the referendum.

Dr. Thomas replied that at the information meetings there will be packets available and also on the website.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary