

# **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**

## **Board of Education**

### **Midland Park, New Jersey**

May 7, 2013

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by William Sullivan, 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 2013 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	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	William Sullivan	

Excused: Peter Triolo

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

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

#### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS**

#### **BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS**

#### ***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.***

Mr. Sullivan reported on the following items:  
Committee assignments will be received within the next day or two.  
SBA/CSA Evaluation- contact representative if you have not received e-mail.  
Board Goal Setting-need to schedule date.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on May 28, 2013.

C2 – Mr. McCourt feels that there is a lot of days missed by students after a long break.  
Details of the trip were discussed by the Board.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

### **Action Items:**

#### **A. Personnel-** (M. Cirasella)

#### **APPENDIX**

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the non-tenured reappointment and salary of Dr. Marie Cirasella as Superintendent of Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, as per the signed Contract of Employment.
2. Approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured administrators for the 2013-2014 school year, salaries to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

June Chang	High School Assistant Principal
Peter Galasso	High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Matthew Murphy	Godwin School Principal

3. Approve the second administrative tenure appointment of the following administrator for the 2013-2014 school year, salary to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

Nicholas Capuano	High School Principal
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4. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrator for the 2013-2014 school year, salary to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

Danielle Bache	Highland School Principal
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5. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrator for the 2013-2014 school year (salary to be determined):

Stacy Garvey	Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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6. Approve the reappointment of all non-tenured certificated staff for the 2013-2014 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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7. Approve the first tenured appointment of the following certificated staff for the 2013-2014 school year:

Theresa Hept  
Deborah Kilgore  
Michelle Maietta  
Justin Soccol (due 1/4/2014)  
Phyllis Stepien

Mr. Sullivan and Dr. Cirasella congratulated all employees who were granted tenure tonight.

8. Approve the reappointment of all tenured certificated staff for the 2013-2014 school year, as per the attached appendix.

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Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Accept the retirement resignation of Linda Pellegrino as the Head Building Aide in the elementary schools, effective May 15, 2013 (support material attached).

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the revised Science curricula for Grades 6, 7 & 8.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- SC1. Approve a revision in the 2013-2014 School Calendar

The Board discussed the reasoning for a change. Having Rosh Hashanah fall on the first day of school makes it very difficult for parents to take their children out. The Committee decided to recommend a change to the first day and to move Spring break back one week. There is only one school in Bergen County that is scheduled to open for the Holiday.

Roll Call: All Yes

## **LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

No Report

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

No Report.

E. Legislative Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

No Report.

F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (J. Canellas, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

Met last week – continue to negotiate- Next meeting will be June 11

H. Public Relations Committee- (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Personnel Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

Plant sale pick up is on Thursday.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (R. Formicola)

The following sports were reported on:

Softball 1<sup>st</sup> place in the division and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the County.

Baseball – Just under 500

Track & Golf are having a great Season.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

Summer programs were approved.

Student Representative to the Board – ( )

Mr. Sullivan commented that the Board is starting the process of finding a new student representative.

Borough Town Council – (W. Sullivan)

There will be a meeting after the end of the school year.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

No additional items needed to be added at this time

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session after tonight's meeting to discuss personnel/CSA contract and to go into closed session before the meeting of May 28, 2013, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

No action will be taken at the conclusion of tonight's 2<sup>nd</sup> closed session.

Roll Call: All Yes

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

No business was brought before the Board.

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

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary