

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

8:00 P.M.

AUGUST C. DePREKER MEDIA CENTER, HIGHLAND SCHOOL

District policy states that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item prior to its vote by the full Board will have an opportunity to do so without prior notice.

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	Robert Schiffer
	Peter Triolo	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	
	William Sullivan	

Excused:	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt
	Sandra Criscenzo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS *Mr. William Sullivan*

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. Sonny Santorine has passed away. He was a teacher, a coach and the first Athletic Director for our school district. In addition, he was inducted into the Education Hall of Fame. The Board offers condolences to the family.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 110613331 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: 5 Yes(Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Thomas, Triolo, Sullivan)
1 (Abstain) Canellas

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on December 17, 2013.

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

There were no comments made by the public.

Action Items:

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities & Clubs at the high school for the 2013-2014 school year:

			<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:	Joyce DeMartino	7 th /8 th Gr. Middle School Science Club Advisor	
Add:	Nancy DeRitter	7 th /8 th Gr. Middle School Science Club Advisor	\$360.00
	Lori Menken	7 th /8 th Gr. Middle School Science Club Advisor	\$360.00

2. Accept the resignation of Christopher Swank as the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, effective January 17, 2014.

Mr. Sullivan asked if a plan has been put in place. Dr. Thomas answered that resumes are being received and we are moving forward with an interim who will be approved at the next board meeting.

3. Approve a paid maternity leave for Laurie Belthoff, elementary school teacher in the Highland School, effective January 29, 2014 through February 25, 2014; a paid child care leave, effective February 26, 2014 through March 25, 2014 and an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave, effective March 26, 2014 through June 24, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Schiffer asked for an update on the ESIP with Honeywell
Ms. Garvey responded that they have completed their research and should submit a proposal by the Holiday break.

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

No Report.

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

There was a scheduled meeting tonight and the first read of the policies for the December 17th meeting were reviewed.

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

No Report.

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

Mr. Schiffer reported that the roof at Highland is close to being finished and the equipment is being removed.

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

Last meeting was November 12th – Another scheduled for 12/11/13 and negotiations are progressing.

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

The last edits for Chalk Board are being done and will proceed to being published as soon as possible.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

The next SEPAC meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 7 p.m. in the August C. DePreker Media Center in Highland School. Members of the Child Study Team will be presenting general information about eligibility for special education, with particular focus on the process used by the district in determining a student's eligibility. The LDTC and School Psychologist will explain the different standardized tests used to make this determination.

Also, the CBI classroom is in the process of a makeover to enhance instruction and better meet identified goals and objectives for this critical program. Teacher Jason Gangi is working with his students and the maintenance staff to design and install a kitchen area in the classroom. This enhancement will provide for additional hands-on learning opportunities in measurement and real-world calculation endeavors.

Education Foundation – (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

Tree Lighting is 12/6/2013. The football team is invited to wish them luck.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Peterson)

Everyone is excited about the musical, football game fundraisers and the Holiday Season.

Borough Town Council – (W. Sullivan, S. Criscenzo)

We will be setting up a meeting as soon as possible.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

There are no additional items to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Mr. Schiffer seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of December 17, 2013, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Sullivan invited the public to address the Board.

No one from the public chose to speak.

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

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