

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
January 7, 2014

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	Peter Triolo
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas

William Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

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Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings:

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

November 5, 2013

Roll Call: 8 Yes (Canellas, Formicola, McCourt, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Thomas, Criscenzo,
Sullivan)

1 Abstain (Triolo)

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

November 19, 2013

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Mccourt, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Thomas, Triolo, Criscenzo, Sullivan)

2 Abstain (Canellas, Formicola)

Motion – Mr. Triolo, Mr. Schiffer . . .
December 3, 2013

Roll Call: 6 Yes (Formicola, Schiffer, Dr. Thomas, Thomas, Triolo, Sullivan)
3 Abstain (Canellas, McCourt, Criscenzo)

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.

Mr. Sullivan wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The following items were discussed:

Department of Education ROD Grant – Tentative award of 40% of approximately \$8,000,000 in projects.

On-going discussion at committee level, both Finance and Buildings & Grounds, to determine our 60%; really need to take advantage of this opportunity.

HIB Mandated Training for the Board

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Cirasella discussed the following items:

Our graduation rate is 92.78% - The change of the percentage is because some students are enrolled for and graduate in 4 years and some are enrolled for 5 years (Special Education Students) and are now included in the calculation. We are pleased with this graduation rate.

Dr. Cirasella presented a Report of District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)

Review of January 21st Agenda

The football team, family and coaches will be invited to the next meeting to celebrate their great season.

Mr. McCourt questioned why the increase in the amount of petty cash for the Continuing Education Department with the change in Policy 6620.

Ms. Garvey explained that there is a need for a higher amount of cash on hand to pay for specific items like bus driver tips, tolls, etc.

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

Mr. Opderbeck asked if the Board had plans to appeal the judge’s decision. He stated that the dispute has gone on long enough and offered again to meet with Mr. Sullivan to discuss the situation. Mr. Sullivan answered that the Board is waiting to see the Order signed by the judge and will then discuss an appeal.

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2013-2014 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.

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

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

1. **Approve a stipend in the amount of \$2,500 per month for Thomas Treta as the Interim Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, effective retroactive to January 2, 2014.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

2. **Approve the appointment of Mark Halliwell to work as a Volunteer for the high school Musical.**
3. **Approve the appointments of the following Aides for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective December 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014:**

**Denise Connolly
Jay Seiders**

4. **Approve the appointments of the following students for the Midland Park Continuing Education After School Child Care program, effective December 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014:**

**Mary Baladi
Jenny Cho**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. **Approve the appointment of Drew Strohmeier as a special education teacher at the high school. He will be placed on BA Step 16 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective on or about March 10, 2014 (or sooner) through June 30, 2014.**
6. **Approve the appointment of Karen Donohue as an Instructional Aide. She will be placed on Category V, Step 1 of the MPEA salary guide (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations), effective January 8, 2014 through June 30, 2014.**
7. **Approve the following addition to the list of Coaches at the high school for the 2013-2014 school year:**

Robert Kingsley Volunteer Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach

Roll Call: All Yes

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

APPENDIX

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, 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 November 30, 2013, 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. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

2. Approve the November 2013 direct pays in the amount of \$336,707.79.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

3. Approve the following block motion:

a. November 2013 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$32,496.98.

b. November 2013 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$34,331.14.

c. December 2013 claims in the amount of \$539,285.85.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

4. Approve the following block motion:

a. Second November 2013 payroll in the amount of \$513,349.21.

b. First December 2013 payroll in the amount of \$539,250.86.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period November 1-30, 2013, which are attached as an appendix. B-5

6. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period November 1-30, 2013, which are attached as an appendix. B-6

Roll Call: All Yes

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

7. **Approve the submission of the Amendment to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 and upon subsequent approval, accept the funds as follows:**

Title I Part A - \$20,274.00

Title II Part A - \$40,135.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Andrea Napolitano	Middle School PARCC Math	Monroe Township, NJ	\$185.58	Feb. 3, 2014
Lori Thiemann	How Did You Get That? Improving Open Ended Responses in Mathematics, Grades 3-12.	New Providence, NJ	\$138.56	May 1, 2014
Christine Carr	WINNERS! Workshop	Whippany, NJ	\$217.60	May 2, 2014

2. **Approve all courses and related instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Spring 2014 brochure of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the first reading of the following new/revised Board policies, which are attached as appendices:

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| a. Evaluation of Superintendent (revised) | Policy Section 1240 | <u>D-1a</u> |
| b. Evaluation of Teachers (new) | Policy Section 3221 | <u>D-1b</u> |

c. Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (new)	Policy Section 3222	<u>D-1c</u>
d. Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (new)	Policy Section 3223	<u>D-1d</u>
e. Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (new)	Policy Section 3224	<u>D-1e</u>
f. Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils	Policy Section 5111	<u>D-1f</u>
g. Petty Cash (revised)	Policy Section 6620	<u>D-1g</u>
h. School Volunteers	Policy Section 9180	<u>D-1h</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

There was a meeting tonight. A report will follow at the next meeting.

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

A meeting was held in December – Improving slowly – planning to schedule another date.

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

We will be ready as soon as possible.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The following scheduled dates/items were mentioned:

January 11th is Market Day Orders

January 15th is a combined meeting

January 17th is pick-up day

Elementary School PTA- (P.Triolo)

The following scheduled events/dates were mentioned:

Executive meeting last night

January 9th – Family fun night

January 16th-PTA meeting

January 24th – Highland Talent Show
January 31st - Godwin Talent Show
Guide Books given out today

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following events/dates were reported on:
Executive meeting January 8
Beef Steak is scheduled for January 25th
The Second Annual Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for March 22nd

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

The high school musical is scheduled for March 21, 22 and the 23rd.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

Special Education Parent Advisory Council will be looking at the PEAK Program that is run by Park Ridge.
Dr. Thomas suggested inviting the Director of the Recreation Program to see the program.

Education Foundation – (M. Thomas)

The following events/dates were mentioned:
January 13, 2014 Next Meeting
March 1, 2014 Blue Jean Ball

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

There was a meeting scheduled for January 6, 2014.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

The new Spring brochure has come out.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Peterson)

No Report.

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

We are scheduling a meeting hopefully for next week.

J. Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board for discussion.

K. New Business

Mr. Sullivan was contacted by the Lion's Club and he was informed that on January 23rd an event is being held at the Library hosted by the Lions' Eye Bank of New Jersey discussing donor eye tissue.

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of January 21, 2014, 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.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary