

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
May 13, 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 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	Richard Formicola
	Brian McCourt	Robert Schiffer
	William Sullivan	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	

Maryalice Thomas

Excused: Sandra Criscenzo

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Excused: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Ms. Stacy Garvey

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Dr. Maryalice Thomas

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.

The following items were reported on:

Dr. Cirasella fell and broke her leg. Hopefully, she will be released to come back in the building in a couple of weeks.

I would like to recognize the Midland Park Girl Scouts for weeding the front high school flower bed on Saturday during Beautification Day.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 022814332 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.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 040914333 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.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 040814334 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: All Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on May 27, 2014.

Mr. McCourt questioned C-4 – What do other schools in the area do? Is this their league? Information will be sent to the board.

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

Dan Lynam and Kaitlin Lelinho spoke on behalf of the students regarding A5 – Personnel item. Their sentiments were every non-tenured teacher is being renewed except Stacey Millman. She is an important part of this community. She has experience in the District and has been building relationships with the students. She has been doing a great job. Also, she has been encouraging seniors to do their best. She goes way beyond her duties in her job.

In addition, she has introduced Naviance to the district and the students. Her door is always open to every student and through her knowledge of individual students has written many outstanding letters of recommendation. Dan and Kaitlin presented and read to the Board a petition signed by many students who do not support the decision to not rehire Ms. Millman.

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the Board of Education Standing Committees for the 2014-2015 school year, which is attached as an appendix.

BM-1

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years 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.

1. Approve the non-tenured reappointment and salary of Dr. Marie Cirasella as Superintendent of Schools for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the signed Contract of Employment.
2. Approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured administrators for the 2014-2015 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

June Chang	Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development
Michael Gaccione	Middle School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Peter Galasso	High School Assistant Principal
Christina Gouraige	Director of Special Services
Matthew Murphy	Godwin School Principal

3. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrators for the 2014-2015 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

Danielle Bache	Highland School Principal
Nicholas Capuano	High School Principal

4. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrator for the 2014-2015 school year (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

Stacy Garvey	Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

5. Approve the reappointment of all non-tenured certificated staff for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the attached appendix (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

A-5

6. Approve the first tenured appointment of the following certificated staff for the 2014-2015 school year (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

Andrew Anderson
Christine Carr
Hayley Devereaux (11/29/2014)
Sarah Grimaldi
Jill Klaasen (1/3/2015)
Kelly Scala
Emily Walker (1/3/2015)

7. Approve the reappointment of all tenured certificated staff for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the attached appendix (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations).

A-7

Roll Call: All Yes

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

8. Approve the appointment of Derrick Gordon as a part-time Custodian. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective May 14, 2014 through June 30 2014.
9. Approve Alissa Bevilacqua to observe a third grade class in Highland School for five hours on May 20, 2014 as part of her Hunter College graduate student requirements.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

B-1

1. Approve the purchase of Natural Gas Supply Service Contract through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) between the Midland Park Board of Education and South Jersey Energy Company, effective June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, which is attached as an appendix.

Mr. Sullivan asked why this agreement ends December. Ms. Garvey explained that the bids received did not reflect a substantial savings beyond December 31. The Alliance for Competitive Energy Services will re-bid in early Fall.

2. Approve the acceptance of a grant in the sum of \$2,000 for the Greenhouse/Community Garden from Whole Food/Whole Kids to Nancy DeRitter, Science teacher at the high school.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Evan Weber	Executive Dysfunction – Effective Strategies & Intervention	Fort Lee, NJ	\$199.99	May 20, 2014

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

The following items were reported on:

Open positions have been filled

Grass cutting schedule is now in place

Preparing fields for athletic events

Planning Graduation set-up

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

The committee met last week-continued work in progress.

There is a scheduled meeting for next week.

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

The next Board meeting there will be a meeting.

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

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were reported on:

Thank you to the PTA for hosting the Heroine Awareness Program.

There is a scheduled combined general meeting for the Boosters, PAP's and PTA beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.
Market Day orders are due by May 17th. The pick-up will be May 23rd between 5:00 -6:00 in the High School Cafeteria.

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

Mr. Triolo acknowledged the boy scouts for doing such a good job cleaning up around the school grounds.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following items were reported on:
Seth Zuidema became Athlete of the Week
Water fountain cooler was purchased for the weight room
The Hall of Fame case will be set up shortly

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

Jacob DeStefano was nominated for a Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award for his supporting role as Frau Blucher in this year's production of *Young Frankenstein*.
Leanna Agresta received honorable mention for her supporting role.
The Rising Star awards ceremony, which will be held on June 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse, will recognize outstanding students and professionals for their work in school musical productions from the entire state of New Jersey.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The next meeting of SEPAC is scheduled for May 15th in the MPHS Media Center and there will be a report at a upcoming Board of Education meeting.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The following items were commented on:
Cheryl Crocitto is the new President of the Education Foundation.
Find raiser for the Highland School stage curtains will be planned.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Peterson)

No Report.

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

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

A few of the Board members will be marching in the Memorial Day parade.

OLD BUSINESS

No items reported

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of May 27, 2014, for the purpose of personnel, negotiations and confidential student and association matters.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Formicola wanted to thank the students for coming out tonight. It is very important to take a stand. It does mean something.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary