

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
May 27, 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 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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff: Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Excused: Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**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.**

Dr. Thomas spoke about the following items:

There was a terrific turn out at the parade and there were a lot of positive comments about the band playing.

Emily Moran sang American Anthem and Taps at the end of the ceremony. The students did a great job.

Thank you to Mr. Sullivan for the years of service and on behalf of the Board of Education would like to present to you a token gift of our appreciation.

The Awards Dinner is June 4 at The Tides.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

To approve the following block motion:

**+1. Approve the following resolutions:**

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041614335 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. 041614336 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. 041614337 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.**
- d. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041614338 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.**
- e. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 042314339 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.**
- f. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 041714212 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.**

- g. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 042314340 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: 8 Yes (Criscenzo, Formicola, Schiffer, Sullivan, Thomas, Triolo, Canellas, Dr. Thomas)  
1 Abstain ( McCourt)

Open to the Public:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.  
No one wished to discuss anything at this time.

**BOARD MOTIONS**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on April 29, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

**A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)**

**APPENDIX**

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.

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

1. Approve the reappointment of Dr. Everett Schlam, School Physician, for the 2014-2015 school year. His yearly rate will be \$4,500.
2. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of Scott Collins as the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor for the 2014-2015 school year (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations).
3. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of Eurico Antunes as the District Technology & Data Coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations).
4. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of Ristem Sela as the Computer Technician for the 2014-2015 school year (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations).
5. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of Jay Esposito as the Media Technician at the high school. He will work 25 hours per week, (salary to be determined, pending completion of MPEA negotiations), effective September 3, 2014 through the last day of school, as per the approved calendar.
6. Approve the first tenured appointment of the following Confidential Secretary for the 2014-2015 school year (salary to be determined pending completion of negotiations):

Susan Schlosser, Secretary to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

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

Anne Schaper, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools  
Barbara Pierro, Secretary to the Business Administrator

8. Approve the tenured reappointment of all Clerk/Secretaries for the 2014-2015 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations) as per the attached appendix. A-8
9. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of all Instructional Aides for the 2014-2015 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations) as per the attached appendix. A-9
10. Approve the reappointment of all non-tenured full-time Custodial/Maintenance personnel for the 2014-2015 school year, (salaries to be determined pending completion of negotiations) as per the attached appendix. A-10
11. Approve the non-aligned salary schedule for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-11
12. Approve the reappointment of all non-aligned staff for the 2014-2015 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-12
13. Approve the appointment of Thomas Treta as a part-time Maintenance worker. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

14. Approve the following appointments as summer Custodial/Maintenance workers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2014 through August 29, 2014:

**Aaron Chaparian**  
**Christopher Damsma**  
**Connor Fogelstrom**  
**Michael Formicola**  
**Nicholas Ghalano**  
**Patrick Hagerty**

**Tim Hagerty**  
**Tyler Halliwell**  
**Ethan Monroe**  
**Christopher Montanaro, Jr.**  
**Michael Norcia**  
**Tyler Vassallo**

Roll Call: 7 Yes (Criscenzo, McCourt, Schiffer, Sullivan, Thomas, Triolo, Canellas)  
2 Abstain (Formicola, Dr. Thomas)

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

15. Approve the appointment of the following substitute summer Custodial workers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2014 through August 29, 2014:

**Louis Cerretta  
Russell Quinn  
Rafik Saad**

16. Approve the appointment of the following part-time Custodians. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2014 through August 29, 2014:

<b>James Addice</b>	<b>Michael Koeller</b>
<b>Derrick Gordon</b>	<b>Patrick Weaver (substitute)</b>

17. Approve the appointment of the following part-time summer Bus Drivers. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2014 through August 29, 2014:

Elizabeth Gibson	Rafik Saad
<b>Donna Jordan</b>	Margaret Soto

18. Approve the appointment of the following part-time summer Bus Aides. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective July 1, 2014 through August 29, 2014:

Alberta Dykstra	Russell Quinn	Laura Vierheilig
Louis Pellegrino	<b>Sigrid Smith (substitute)</b>	

- +19. Approve the appointment of the following teachers to provide home instruction to a middle school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from May 13, 2014 through June 24, 2014:**

<b>Eric Ferro</b>	<b>Yana Seminara</b>
<b>Jason Gangi</b>	<b>Drew Strohmeier</b>
<b>Paul Marino</b>	

- +20. Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year:**

**(s) Michelle Anders**  
**(s) Maureen Raymond (previously on list)**

**(s)=County Substitute certificate**

- +21. Accept the resignation of Edward Londono as a Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant for the district, effective June 30, 2014.**

- +22. Approve the staff appointments for the Extended School Year Program, effective July 1- 25, 2014, which is attached as an appendix: A-22**
- +23. Approve the summer hours for the following Child Study Team members to work on an as-needed basis during the months of July and August 2014:**
- Christina Eromenok, School Social Worker  
Catherine Prinsell, School Psychologist  
Pamela Vermaas, Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant**
- +24. Approve the appointment of Edward Londono, Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant, to complete evaluations and attend Child Study Team meetings as needed during the months of July and August 2014. He will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract.**
- +25. Approve the summer hours for Carole Treta, Technology Coordinator, for up to 60 additional hours.**
- +26. Approve the summer hours for the following Guidance Counselors for up to 12 additional hours:**
- Jenna Simon  
new Guidance Counselor (to be determined)**
- +27. Approve the summer hours for Diane Rebholz, Clerk/Secretary for the Midland Park Continuing Education program, for up to 80 additional hours.**
- +28. Approve the summer hours for Jo Ann Francolino, Bookkeeper for the Midland Park Continuing Education program, for up to 120 additional hours.**
- +29. Approve the summer hours for the following Secretaries, for up to 20 additional days each:**
- Carol Berninger, Godwin Secretary to the Principal  
Michele Callesano, Highland Secretary to the Principal  
Marie Pantina, High School Guidance Secretary  
Barbara Rasmussen, High School Secretary to the Principal  
Carol Weaver, High School Secretary to the Assistant Principal**
- +30. Approve the summer hours for the following Certified School Nurses to review student records to ensure that required immunizations are complete prior to the start of school. They will each work for two additional days, not to exceed 15 hours, and will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract:**
- Karen Corcoran  
Maxine Lynch  
Anna Parke**
- +31. Approve the summer hours for Karen Corcoran, Certified School Nurse, to provide services for the physical examinations for the athletic teams for five additional days.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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 April 30, 2014, 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 following block motion:

a. April 2014 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$68,758.85.

b. April 2014 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$31,511.33.

c. May 2014 claims in the amount of \$372,086.19.

3. Approve the following block motion:

a. Second April 2014 payroll in the amount of \$523,678.09.

b. First May 2014 payroll in the amount of \$571,930.05.

4. Approve the April 2014 direct pays in the amount of \$310,521.91.

5. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary, according to prescribed accounting procedures, for the period April 1-30, 2014, which are attached as an appendix.

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6. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period April 1–30, 2014, which are attached as an appendix.

B-6

7. Approve the schedule of tax payment requests from the Borough of Midland Park for the 2014-2015 school year.

8. Approve the use of Degler-Whiting, Inc. for the installation of bleachers at the Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School through the HCESC Co-op Contract #147.

9. Approve the 2014-2015 Cafeteria Prices, which are attached as an appendix.

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10. Approve the decommissioning of the Story & Clark piano S/N#392309, Green ID Tag #3103 in the Highland School Music Room

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +11. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period May 1 – 23, 2014, which are attached as an appendix. B-11**
- +12. Accept the donation of a used Hardman upright Piano with a matching storage bench to the Highland School Music Room made by Mr. Lawrence Kaplowitz, a Midland Park resident, as per Board Policy 7230.**
- +13. Approve the recommendation for the reimbursement to the Municipal Alliance, in the sum of \$660.00 towards the Municipal Alliance Summer Program hours for Craig Rush, Student Assistance Counselor, during July and August.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

- +14. Approve Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to provide Occupational Therapy services for two special education students for the 2014 Extended School Year and for the 2014-2015 school year.**
- +15. Approve Bergen County Special Services – Educational Enterprises to continue providing ABA Home Services for one special education student for the 2014 Extended School Year and for the 2014-2015 school year for four hours per week @ \$77 per hour, with additional hours added due to missed sessions during the 2013-2014 school year, not to exceed 90 hours.**
- +16. Approve the purchase of a district-wide cafeteria point of service system, Model J2225, from CC Productions, Inc. in the amount of \$14,440. Funds will come from the district lunch account.**
- +17. Approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education approve technology upgrades to the network/switches throughout the district, including cabling, equipment and labor through Core BTS, Inc. in the amount of \$113,949.98 – State Contract #A83083,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve a 0% 36-month financing for those upgrades through Cisco Capital, with an annual payment of \$37,983 to be paid for from Account #11-000-252-340-00-35.**
- +18. Approve the purchase of additional security cameras and door entry systems to upgrade the security systems in all three district facilities, in the amount of \$66,520.95. The upgrades will be done by Global Systems Integrators – GSA Contract #GS-07F-7820C and GS-35F-0284U.**



**+19. Approve the following equipment purchases:**

**Score Board for the Varsity Baseball Field - \$7500 from Spectrum Corp.**

**Ford F-350 Truck 2/Snow Plow & Utility Body - \$42,458 from Beyer Ford – Contract #15C Item #8A**

**Truck Craft Dump Insert - \$5,092 from FDR Hitches**

**Sound System for Multipurpose Room – Godwin - \$3,900**

**Poster Printing System – Highland - \$4,900 from Ecolor System**

**Projector for Auditorium – High School - \$5,020**

**Roll Call: All Yes**

**The items that are being purchased are with funding from 2013-2014 that will help offset future purchase.**

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

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance (support material attached):

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Stacy Garvey	Annual NJASBO Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$750.00	June 4-6, 2014
Magdalene Ptak	Spanish Language & Culture	New Brunswick, NJ	\$1,122.44	July 28-31, 2014

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the proposed overnight trip for the Marching Band to the New York State Field Band Championships at Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY from October 24 – 27, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

To approve the following block motion:

3. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the special education placements and transportation for the summer of 2014, which is attached as an appendix. **C-3**

- +4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school student on home instruction retroactive from April 21 - 22, 2014.**

- +5. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one elementary school student in the Bergen County Special Services HIP program at Godwin School, effective May 12, 2014 through June 24, 2014.**
- +6. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one high school student on home instruction, retroactive from May 13, 2014 through June 24, 2014.**

Roll Call: All Yes

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

No Report.

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

The following five Bills are being combined to establish a Common Core Standards Task Force that would address the implementation of PARCC as follows:

A2901/S1841, A990/S253, and A3081.

The Bills will delay the use of assessments developed by PARCC until the Task Force submits its final report including a two year delay in the use of SGP's in the teacher evaluation process.

In addition, S770/A2873 would make it difficult for a school system to privatize services. This bill has cleared the Senate and is in Committee in the Assembly.

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

The following items have been keeping the Maintenance/ Buildings and Grounds Personnel quite busy:

Field maintenance/grass cutting

Removal of overgrown brush

Preventative maintenance on general equipment and HVAC equipment

Installed water cooler in weight room

Continued installation of new door handle/lock hardware at high school

Countless work orders completed on general maintenance throughout the district

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

There was a meeting last week- there isn't another meeting scheduled at this time.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for June 3, 2014.

**I. Personnel Committee – (W. Sullivan, Chairperson)**

No Report.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)

The following items were discussed:  
Prom's Red Carpet is May 29, 2014.  
Market Day orders for June 10, 2014.  
A new Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 school year

Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)

The Highland School Spring Concert is May 28, 2014.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

New officers for the 2014-15 school year

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

It was quite nice seeing and listening to the students at the Parade.  
The Band / Chorus performances have been wonderful.

Special Education – (M. Thomas)

The following items were reported on:  
Ongoing collaboration with the Midland Park Recreation and open gym has been successful.  
Developing a collaboration program is on-going with the Midland Park Library.  
SEPAC wants to investigate websites that may be helpful to other parents in the district  
A question was raised as to whether there could be a possibility of before and after care through the MPCE that would be able to serve children with Special Needs.  
The last meeting was May 15, 2014.

Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)

The Education Foundation will be giving out three scholarships this year.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Kevin Peterson)

The following items were reported on:  
The Band Concert and the Chorus Concert went quite well  
The Prom is 5/29/14  
The Magical Show is June 1, 2014  
Senior Awards Day is June 4, 2014

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

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

Met tonight and we will have a report at a later time.

K. Old Business

No Report.

L. New Business

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of June 3, 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.

Dan Lynam commented he was very disappointed that the Board did not change their view regarding Ms. Millman. He is very sad that the student input did not play a larger roll.

Kevin Peterson commented that Ms. Millman is an amazing Counselor, and she will be an asset anywhere. She is very influential in his college placement and he wished that other students here would have had that opportunity.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8: 50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary