

# MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## WORK MEETING

October 1, 2013

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

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:

### Open Public Meeting Act Statement

“Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as specified in the Open Meeting Act. Notices of this meeting were sent to the Herald-News, the Record, Ridgewood News and to the Midland Park Borough Clerk for the 2013 elective year. A notice was also posted inside 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

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

#### **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. Sullivan spoke about the Northern Highland's Meeting. He wanted to clarify that at no time did the Northern Highland representatives say that they did not want to accommodate Midland Park students. At this point, the Midland Park Board has to decide whether to move ahead with a Feasibility Study. A resolution would have to be moved, but first, Mr. Sullivan asked the administration to get an idea of what the study would cost. At that point the Board can decide on moving forward.

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

The following items were reviewed/discussed:

Music in the Park – Sunday, October 13th

The calendar has been reprinted and mailed. The district will seek reimbursement from the US Post Office.

Special Education Back To School Night is October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

A tentative schedule has been developed for Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Meetings.

We will be presenting the 2012-2013 District Assessment Profile to the Board and the community at the October 15<sup>th</sup>, meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of agenda for Regular Meeting to be held on October 15, 2013.

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

No comments at this time.

#### Action Items:

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the adjustment to the maternity/child care leave for Patricia Sicree, Speech Therapist in the elementary schools, as follows: a paid maternity leave effective September 1, 2013 through September 17, 2013; a paid child care leave effective September 18, 2013 through October 15, 2013; an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave, effective October 16, 2013 through January 17, 2014 and an unpaid child care leave, effective January 18, 2014 through June 30, 2014.
2. Approve the following changes to the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2013-2014 school year:

Delete: Andrew Anderson      7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Newspaper Advisor (Panther Print)

Add: Michelle Janus              7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Newspaper Advisor (Panther Print)

3. Approve the following changes in the List of Coaches at the high school for the 2013-2014 school year:

Delete:	Kristyn Gentile	Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach
	William Whitney	Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach

4. Approve the appointment of Maher Boules as the Head Custodian at the high school. He will receive the Head Custodian stipend (amount to be determined, pending completion of negotiations), prorated effective October 2, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
5. Approve the increase in position for Nancy Ganguzza, Instructional Aide in the Highland School from a .5 position to a .6 position, effective October 2, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

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

1. Accept the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) grant awards, as follows:

Raina Paranov-Dawson	\$693.00
David Hershberger	\$500.42

Roll Call: All Yes

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Curriculum- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

No Report.

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 roofing project is almost complete at the high school and Godwin School. Netting at the Highland School field is being discussed with the Borough.

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

The committee met on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and we are making progress.

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

The committee has outlined articles/ideas for a November ChalkBoard.

I. Liaison Committee

High School PTA – (S. Criscenzo)

None

Elementary School PTA - (P. Triolo)

The following items were mentioned:

A General Meeting is scheduled for Monday.

The Harvest Festival is scheduled for 10/11.

There will be a Pumpkin Sale on 10/16.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

The following items were discussed:

Open positions were filled.

Administrators provided a list of items to address.

Discussed proposed fund raisers.

Sports Teams are doing quite well.

Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Special Education – (W. Sullivan)

SEPAC tentative meetings are being scheduled.

Education Foundation – (M. Thomas)

The following items were mentioned:

There was a meeting held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Newsletter was sent out.

Super 50/50

Trivia Night is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Blue Jean Ball is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (K. Peterson)

The following items were reported on:

Clubs are starting up.

Tons of School Spirit is being emitted from all the school teams.

Elections

On Friday the 7/8th graders are attending Ramapo College for an anti drug / alcohol trip.

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

There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night.

Public Safety Committee – (P. Triolo)

No Report.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Nothing additional to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Formicola applauded Ms. Kristyn Gentile on the great job she has done and also commented that he is sorry to see her go and the best of luck to her.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of October 15, 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.

Ms. Debbie Dragonetti mentioned an article written on the Football Co-Op program.

Ms. Dragonetti commented that both of her sons have gone through the program and she feels that it is fabulous for kids and that they could never have as safe a program if it were not with Waldwick. There are never any issues with kids- aren't any discrimination problems. I am sorry to hear that the Board would rethink their decision.

Mr. Sullivan commented that the article was based on comments from the public. At this time, there aren't any plans to pull out from this program.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he would like to see more identification for Midland Park.

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