

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
August 21, 2018

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by James Canellas, 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 2018 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.”

ROLL CALL

Present:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	Brian McCourt
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Peter Triolo	James Canellas
Excused:	Timothy Thomas	

OTHERS PRESENT

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mission Statement

The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides its students with a comprehensive, adaptive education aligned to 21st century knowledge and skills needed for success in college and career. The district maximizes all resources to empower students to realize their individual worth and responsibility, with the expectation they achieve the New Jersey state standards at all grade levels.

President Canellas reported the new teacher orientation will be August 22nd and the staff orientation will be September 4th. Best wishes for a productive and great year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Marie Cirasella

- New Teacher orientation agenda
- Opening day convocation
- September 6th, students are back to school

Open to the Public: **COMMENTS** only for action items on the agenda.

No one chose to speak at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Ms. Fantulin...

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meeting held on July 17, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

A. Personnel – (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2018-2019 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.

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. Formicola...

1. Authorize the payment in the amount of \$2,854.00 to Stacy Garvey, School Business Administrator, for attainment of the 2017-2018 Merit Goal, as approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.
2. Approve Kelly Varady, William Paterson University student, as an LDTC intern to shadow Christy Kearney during the month of August 2018.
3. Approve the appointment of Janell Caruso as an elementary teacher in the Godwin School. She will be paid a salary of \$48,500 (BA Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
4. Approve the following appointment of ELL Instructors for the 2018-2019 school year. The stipends will be paid out of ESSA Title I funds, as follows:

Tarra Lawlor – ELL Instructor – Middle School (period 4) 3 days per week
Jason Whelpley – ELL Instructor – High School (period 6) 3 days per week
5. Approve the appointment of Deborah Marks to teach two additional lab periods per week at the high school during the 2018-2019 school year. She will be paid an additional salary of \$4,040.00.

6. Approve the appointment of Nancy DeRitter to teach one additional lab period per week at the high school during the 2018-2019 school year. She will be paid an additional salary of \$1,764.00.
7. Approve the appointment of Kristy Victory to teach a sixth period assignment at the high school during the 2018-2019 school year. She will be paid an additional salary of \$5,325.00.
8. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-8

Roll Call: All Yes

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

9. Approve the following Truck Drivers for the Marching Band during the 2018-2019 school year:

Susan Hartmann
 James Hartmann
 Susan Opderbeck
 Joseph Statuto

10. Approve a paid medical leave of absence for Employee No. 1728, effective approximately November 7, 2018 through November 30, 2018; and an unpaid child care leave, as per the New Jersey Family Leave Act, effective December 1, 2018 through March 8, 2019.
11. Accept the resignation of Employee No. 1730, effective retroactive to June 30, 2018.
12. Approve the appointment of Joanna Van Vliet as a .64 Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$17,024.00 (Category V, Step 3 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
13. Approve the appointment of Ramon Guartan as a part-time Bus Driver. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
14. Approve the appointment of Jean Sgambati as a Building Aide in the elementary schools. She will work 2 hours per day and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
15. Approve the following new job descriptions, as per the attached appendices:
 - a. Computer/Media Technician A-15a
 - b. Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services A-15b
 - c. Girl Up A-15c
 - d. Leaders Beyond Borders A-15d

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Ms. Criscenzo

- S-1 Approve the appointment of Vanessa Veenstra as a .5 Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$12,500 (Category V Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), and approve her additional appointment as a Building Aide for one hour per day. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of July 31, 2018, 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.

2. Approve the following block motion:

- a. July 2018 direct pays in the amount of \$377,555.54.
- b. July 2018 Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$30,826.05.
- c. July 2018 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$3,092.50
- d. Second July 2018 payroll in the amount of \$143,601.55.
- e. First August 2018 payroll in the amount of \$181,625.46.
- f. August 2018 claims in the amount of \$859,322.07.

3. Approve the cash reports and the Board Secretary's report for the period July 1 – 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period July 1 – 31, 2018, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Approve Bergen County Special Services to provide hospital instruction for the 2018-2019 school year to students receiving medical or rehabilitative care at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, NJ at the rate of \$65.00 per hour.

- 6. Accept the New Jersey Department of Education funding for non-public schools for the 2018-19 school year as follows and approve the purchases using the entitlement funding, as per the attached appendix:

Security	\$14,025.00
Technology Aid	\$ 6,516.00
Textbook Aid	\$ 9,665.00
Nursing Aid	\$18,139.00

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

- 7. Accept the receipt of entitlement funds for the ESEA Grant FY 2019, as follows:

Title I Part A Basic	\$103,139.00
Title II Part A	\$ 22,031.00
Title IV	\$ 10,000.00

and approve the denial of Title III funds in the amount of \$1,916.00.

- 8. Approve the acceptance and appropriation of the 2017-18 Extraordinary Aid, as follows:

11-000-100-562 Tuition- Special Ed.	\$25,754
11-000-230-100 General Administration	\$43,530
11-000-240-103 School Administration	\$53,554
11-000-240-104 Other Professionals	\$138,920
11-000-240-105 Secy./Clerk	\$49,300
11-000-251-100 Central Services	\$68,988

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

- 9. Approve the Annual Contract for Non Public Nursing Services for the 2018-2019 school year with the County of Bergen, Department of Health Services and the Midland Park Board of Education/Eastern Christian School.
- 10. Approve the contract between the Midland Park Board of Education and Susan Vander Pyl, as a Non-Public Nurse at Eastern Christian Elementary School, effective August 29, 2018 through the end of Eastern Christian’s school year, subject to Chapter 226 funding provisions.
- 11. Approve Jacqueline Grabowski, Physical Therapist, to provide in-home physical therapy for two classified students during the last two weeks in August. She will work 2 times per week for 30 minutes each, at the rate of \$110 per hour.
- 12. Approve the therapists for the 2018-2019 school year, including the summer months of July and August 2019, as per the attached appendix.

13. Approve the joint blanket agreement for Participation in Coordinated Transportation between the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey and the Midland Park Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year.
14. Approve Kathleen Tracey as a School Nurse to assist students with medical needs on the French trip to Quebec, Montreal, Canada from November 5 – 9, 2018. Her rate is \$165 during the day and \$205 for the evening.
15. Approve Delta T-Group to provide nursing services on an as-needed basis for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Triolo, seconded – Mr. McCourt...

16. Approve the following providers of optional employee funded disability, accident and/or cancer care plans:

American Family Life Assurance of Columbus, ‘AFLAC’
Prudential Insurance Company of America

17. Approve the Bosch Grant Agreement in the amount of \$979 to be used for the Girl Up Advisor and STEM trip during the 2018-2019 school year.

- Mrs. Fantulin asked how this grant came about. Dr. Cirasella responded Bosch reached out to us and Mr. Cata complied with grant submission.

18. Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym to Hoop Heaven for Basketball games to be held on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. as follows:

September 23, 30; October 14, 21, 28; November 4 and 18, 2018

19. Approve the use and rental of the Lower Sunset Field to Summer Heatt for LaCrosse games to be held on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., as follows:

September 9, 16, 23, 30; October 14, 21, 28; November 4 and 11, 2018

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Mr. Triolo

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

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Emily Trent	Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) Train for the Trainer	Norwood, NJ	\$3,221.81	9/25-28/2018

2. Upon the recommendation of the Director of Special Services, approve the out-of-district placements and/or transportation of special education students for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix. C-2

3. Approve the out-of-district placements and/or transportation for the students attending the Bergen Academy in Hackensack, Bergen County Tech in Paramus (part-time and full-time), Bergen County Tech in Teterboro, Bergen County Applied Technology High School at Bergen Community College and Eastwick Technical School in Paterson for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix. C-3

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

1. Approve the second reading of the following new/revised policies:

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| a. Board Member Use of Social Networks | Bylaws Section 0169.02 |
| b. Field Trips | Policy Section 2340 |
| c. Social Events and Class Trips | Policy Section 5850 |

Roll Call: 7 Yes, 1 Abstain

E. Legislative Committee – (Administration)

The Governor's office recently released new school funding distribution totals based on increased appropriations made to the school funding formula. In total, almost \$8.5 billion will be disbursed to the state's 577 school districts, including an additional \$68 million to bring aid in balance for underfunded districts.

- **\$195 million** in extraordinary special education aid that is provided through an application process to reimburse districts for eligible high-cost special education services;
- **\$5.4 million** for the nonpublic technology initiative, an increase of \$2.4 million;
- **\$2 million** in funding for a new Secondary School Computer Science Education Initiative, which will support advanced computer science course offerings;
- **\$400,000** for STEM Dual Enrollment and Early College High Schools; and
- **\$750,000** for a new High Poverty School District Minority Teacher Recruitment Program

The Murphy Administration recently announced first steps in transitioning away from the PARCC assessments and toward a new generation of statewide testing through a report, detailing proposals for draft regulations and other upcoming changes in the 2018-2019 school year.

- Streamlining graduation requirements by reducing the number of required test in high school from six to two.
- Ensuring that educators and parents receive test data in a timely manner.
- Providing flexibility for first-year English learners on the English language Proficiency test.

- Reducing the length of testing for all grades by approximately 25 percent.
- Reducing the weight of the assessment on teacher evaluations.

The New Jersey Department of Education today applauded New Jersey schools for achieving top Scores as reported by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). According to the 2017 NAEP data, New Jersey's fourth-grade students' scores were tied as the highest in the nation in both reading and math, and the Garden State's eighth graders' scores were tied for second in the nation in reading and math.

A sweeping study by a panel of tax experts and economists for how to improve New Jersey's fiscal stability includes a recommendation to curb rising property taxes and make local government more efficient calls through the elimination of nearly half of the state's nearly 600 school districts.

In Bergen County, all of the k-8 districts are on the list, Midland Park is not.

The Senate Transportation Committee has approved a series of bills aimed at enhancing the safety of students who ride a bus to and from school. Among those bills are those for:

- School Bus Aides
- Reporting Driver Misconduct
- School Bus Safety Study
- Transportation Supervisor Certificate

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

- Window replacement at all schools
- Classroom renovations at the High School – new broadcasting and small group Instruction/special education room
- Relocation of Godwin School main office to create safe visitor entry
- Summer cleaning and preparations for opening going very well
- Ms. Garvey, the architects and engineers met with the Planning Board regarding the solar and Godwin main office projects for a courtesy review.

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

No Report.

H. Technology & Public Relations Committee – (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report.

I. Town Council – (J. Canellas, R. Formicola)

No Report.

J. Liaison Committees

High School PTA - (P. Triolo)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (R. Formicola)

No Report.

Booster Club – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (M. Thomas)

- Band Camp Practice has begun
- Beauty and the Beast is this year's Musical
- The Breakfast Club is this year's Drama

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (S. Criscenzo)

- 5K Registration is open
- Couch to 5K is 6:30 on Wednesdays

Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (P. Fantulin)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

No Report.

K. Old Business

No one chose to speak at this time.

L. New Business

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

Motion to go into closed session before the meeting of September 4, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public - general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to speak at this time.

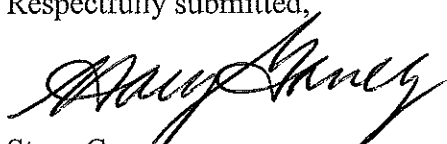
Motion – Mr. Formicola, seconded – Mr. Sullivan...

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