

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Midland Park, New Jersey**  
**February 6, 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 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

James Canellas

**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, adoptive education aligned to 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

With deep regret, President Canellas informed the public of the passing of a high school student, Sam Sullivan. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of Sam and his family. President

Canellas continued to say, Sam embodied the spirit of “I can”. Nothing he couldn’t do or achieve. Preparations for resources were made to support students.

President Canellas thanked everyone who makes the district the special place it is, especially during times like these.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

**Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the February 6, 2018 agenda.**

**BOARD MOTIONS**

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

S-1 Approve the Board Committees, as per the attached appendix

BM-1

Roll Call: All Yes

**Action Items:**

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2017-2018 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 – Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve a paid sick leave of absence for employee No. 0046, effective retroactive from January 29, 2018 through approximately April 27, 2018.
2. Approve the revised retroactive paid disability leave for employee No. 1824, effective January 30 & 31, 2018 and an unpaid disability/child care leave, effective February 2, 2018 through March 29, 2018.
3. Approve the following teachers to provide Orton Gillingham instruction for a classified middle school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract for 2 hours per week after school, effective retroactive from January 29, 2018 through June 30, 2018:

Elyssa Miller  
Therese Seiders

4. Approve the appointment of Richard Boland as a volunteer lift operator during the production of the high school musical.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. McCourt . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve Maryann Kroll, Physical Therapist, to provide physical therapy services at \$100 per hour 2 days per week, retroactive from February 1, 2018 through March 30, 2018.
2. Approve Lena Gazetas, Physical Therapist of Miriam Skydell and Associates to provide physical therapy services at \$110 per hour 3 days per week from February 1, 2018 through August 30, 2018.
3. Approve the following consultants to provide home instruction for two elementary school classified students, effective retroactive from February 5, 2018 through April 30, 2018:

Jessica Duran, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, \$75 per hour, 2 hours per day, 5 days per week

Melissa Bengal, Speech Therapist, \$110 per hour, ½ hour per day, 3 days per week

Elizabeth Stich, Speech Therapist, \$110 per hour, ½ hour per day, 3 days per week

Joan Moscarello, Occupational Therapist, \$110 per hour, ½ hour per day, 3 days per week

Milagros Salerno, Physical Therapist, \$110 per hour, ½ hour per day, 3 days per week

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff member requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Byron Blake	Using Fitness to Teach Self Growth and Empowerment in PE	Long Branch, NJ	\$189.44	2/26 - 27/2018

2. Approve the overnight trip for high school French students to Quebec and Montreal, Canada from November 5 – 9, 2018.
3. Approve the recommendation for the extension of home instruction for a non-classified high school student, effective retroactive from December 20, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

4. Approve the placement of two elementary school classified students on home instruction, effective retroactive from February 5, 2018 through April 30, 2018.
5. Approve the following resolution:

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for a SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) Waiver from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for the 2018-2019 school year, due to the fact that there are forty or fewer Medicaid eligible students in the Midland Park School District.

Roll Call: All Yes

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of February 27, 2018 agenda items**

- B. Finance Committee- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.

- C. Curriculum Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report

- D. Policy Committee- (B. Sullivan, Chairperson)

Our committee will be moving many policies, as follows:

- Educational Adequacy of capital projects
- Employee Military leave
- School Security
- High School transcripts release
- Electronic Surveillance in school buildings and on school grounds
- Bus driver/bus aide responsibility and training

- E. Legislative Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

Status update on projects:

- New doors at Godwin
- Maintenance on plumbing and HVAC systems
- Eco-friendly water fountain at Godwin
- Upgrades on Maintenance barn.

- G. Negotiations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report.

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

The committee is working on winter issue of Chalk Board. New ideas from Highland and Godwin newsletters.

I. Town Council- (J. Canellas, R. Formicola, M. Thomas)

The committee had a joint meeting with the Mayor and Councilwoman Peet. Many items were discussed including working together on cost savings. Also discussed was the resurfacing of College Road tennis courts. This will not effect the tennis season.

J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of February 26, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-** general **COMMENTS** only at this time.

No comments.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary