

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
May 1, 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	

James Canellas

Excused: Peter Triolo

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 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.

Welcome to the Work Session. We are privileged to have some students here from Godwin School for a presentation on Flexible Seating in the Classroom.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

Motion – Dr. Maryalice Thomas, seconded- Mr. Thomas. . .

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0319183126 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

Presentation on Flexible Seating in the Classroom by Danielle Bache and Mr. Michael Winters, Godwin School.

Presentation of the proposed 2018-2019 School Budget and Public Hearing.

Mr. Sullivan commented that Administration did a good job in keeping increases down as benefits and special education costs continue to greatly increase.

Mr. Canellas commented that the creation of the budget is no easy task—Dr. Cirasella and Ms. Garvey worked hard in order to have a budget that supports student’s needs while keeping in mind the tax payers’ burden. It was such an incredible job and it is amazing they were able to get so much into this budget. He commended Administration and the Committee. The tax-payers thank you.

Open to Public – for comments or question on the proposed 2018-19 School Year Budget:

No one from the public chose to speak.

Motion – Mr. McCourt, seconded – Mr. Sullivan . . .

1. Resolution to Approve the 2018-2019 School Year Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Park Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the 2018-2019 School Year Budget, as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$21,932,135
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 323,275
Special Schools (Fund 13)	<u>\$ 734,400</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$22,989,810
SPECIAL REVENUE (Fund 20)	\$ 517,122
DEBT SERVICE FUND	<u>\$ 932,675</u>

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS

\$24,439,607

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve- Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$300,000 for other capital project costs for first phase of a door replacement and installation project district-wide. This effort will result in the creation of mantrap areas at the main entrance of each building for security purposes. We will also be replacing interior doors throughout the buildings that are in most need of replacement. Funds will also be used for the renovation of classroom spaces at the high school, which will be created from the relocation of the district administrative office. The total cost of these projects represent expenditures for renovation elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the CCCS.

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$20,021,446 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$918,388 to support Debt Service, for the 2018-2019 school year budget. Included in the General Fund Tax Levy is a Health Care Cost Adjustment in the amount of \$97,666.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to Public – COMMENTS only for action items on the May 1, 2018 agenda.

No one decided to address the Board at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2017-2018 and 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 – Dr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the appointment of Zachary Smith as a Substitute Media Technician for the district. He will be paid at the rate of \$35.00 per hour, effective May 7, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
2. Approve the following addition to the list of Spring Athletic Coaches at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year: Stipend

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Add: Kasey Damiano Part-time Assistant Softball Coach \$ 2,356.48

3. Approve the tenured reappointment of Stacy Garvey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2018-2019 school year (contract and salary to be determined).
4. Approve the non-tenured reappointment of Ann Marie Bruder, Director of Special Services for the 2018-2019 school year; salary to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract.
5. Approve the reappointment of the following tenured administrators for the 2018-2019 school year; salaries to be paid as per Schedule A of the Midland Park Administrators & Supervisors Association contract:

Danielle Bache	Godwin School Principal
Nicholas Capuano	High School Principal
Jason Cata	High School Assistant Principal
Michael Gaccione	High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Peter Galasso	Highland School Principal

6. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all non-tenured certificated staff for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-6
7. Approve the tenured appointment of the following certificated staff for the 2018-2019 school year:

Shawn Savage
Jason Whelpley

8. Approve the reappointment and salaries of all tenured certificated staff for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-8
9. Approve the appointment of Anthony Cornetta, high school student, as an Aide in the Before/After School Child Care Program, sponsored through Midland Park Continuing Education, effective May 2, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

1. Approve the recommendation for the placement of a non-classified student to receive home instruction through High Focus, Paramus, NJ, effective retroactive from April 25, 2018 through May 25, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/Review of May 15, 2018 agenda items

- B. Finance Committee- (P. Triolo, Chairperson)
Mistake on the March 13, 2018 agenda – Motion B-1 \$42.00 should have been \$75.00.
Correction will be reflected in the Minutes.
- C. Curriculum Committee- (S. Criscenzo, Chairperson)

The following items were reviewed:
-Workshop Requests
-New Course proposals
- D. Policy Committee- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

Policies will be approved at the May 15, 2018 Agenda.
- E. Legislative Committee- (Administration)

No Report.
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

No Report.
- G. Negotiations Committee- (B. McCourt, Chairperson)

Discussed single contracts- Renewal for July 1, 2018.
- H. Technology & Public Relations Committee- (P. Fantulin, Chairperson)

No Report.
- I. Town Council- (J. Canellas, R. Formicola)

The next scheduled meeting will be June 12, 2018.
- J. Student Representative- (Emma Lein)

The following items were reported on:
-Spirit Week, Pep Rally this Friday.
-Wellness Month
-AP testing has started.

OLD BUSINESS

No one chose to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

No one chose to speak.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary