

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
September 5, 2017

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 2017 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:	Patricia Fantulin	Richard Formicola
	William Sullivan	Maryalice Thomas
	Timothy Thomas	Peter Triolo

James Canellas

Excused: Sandra Criscenzo
Brian McCourt

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.

Mr. Canellas wished everyone good luck in the new academic school year, with hopes that the year and the opening will be as successful as in the past.

Open to the Public:

COMMENTS only for action items on the agenda.

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No one chose to speak.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

APPENDIX

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 Dr. Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Accept the resignation of Martina Timoney as a Building Aide in the Godwin School, effective retroactive to August 15, 2017.
2. Accept the resignation of Marie Idone as an Instructional Aide in the high school, effective September 27, 2017.
3. Approve the appointment of Dr. Kathryn Fedina as Interim Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer, effective September 6, 2017 through December 8, 2017.
4. Approve the appointment of Theresa Soda as a Guidance Counselor at the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$72,200 (MA +30 Step 12 on the MPEA salary guide) prorated, effective November 6, 2017 (or sooner) through June 30, 2018.
5. Approve the appointment of Theresa Soda as an Anti-Bullying Specialist at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year. She will be paid a stipend of \$539.15, as per Schedule F of the MPEA contract.
6. Approve the increase in salary for the following teachers, effective retroactive to September 1, 2017:

Loreto Angulo-Pizarro	BA Step 6 (\$48,850) to MA +30 Step 6 (\$56,750)
Drew Strohmeyer	MA Step 18 (\$86,750) to MA +30 Step 18 (\$94,000)
Amy Tamburri	BA Step 3 (\$47,500) to MA Step 3 (\$49,500)
Emily Walker	MA Step 6 (\$51,500) to MA +30 Step 6 (\$56,750)
7. Approve a 6th period assignment for Ethan Grubman to teach AP Statistics at the high school. He will be paid an additional salary of \$6,100 for the 2017-2018 school year, as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract.

8. Approve a 6th period assignment for Kori Smith to teach Middle School Resource English. She will be paid an additional salary of \$4,750 for the 2017-2018 school year, as per Article XIII Section F of the MPEA contract.
9. Approve the list of Advisors to Activities and Clubs at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix: A-9
10. Approve the appointment of Kathleen McKinless as an Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$26,100 (Category V, Step 2 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
11. Approve the appointment of RoseAnn Pollio as an Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$26,100 (Category V, Step 2 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide), effective retroactive from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
12. Approve the appointment of Nora Zaldano as a Building Aide in the Godwin School. She will work 10 hours per week and will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 6, 2017 through June 26, 2018 (or the last day of school).
13. Approve the list of substitute workers for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-13
14. Approve the following Truck Drivers for the Marching Band during the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Ron Agresta
 - Susan Hartmann
 - James Hartmann
 - Susan Opderbeck
 - Joseph Statuto
15. Approve the appointment of Heather Currier as a Homebound Instructor for the 2017-2018 school year. She will be paid at the approved hourly rate, on an as-needed basis.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the appointment of Kasey Damiano as an Instructional Aide. She will be paid a salary of \$25,000 (Category V, Step 1 on the Secretarial/Clerical salary guide) prorated, effective September 6, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Triolo . . .

1. Approve the Annual IDEA Agreement between Bergen County Special Services School District and Midland Park Public School District for the provision of educational services for non-public school students through IDEA funding for the 2017-2018 school year.

Roll Call: All Yes

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

1. Approve the educational tuition and Child Study Team educational portion for the placement of a classified high school student at Bonnie Brae, residential facility in Liberty Corner, NJ, effective retroactive from August 28, 2017.
2. Approve the recommendation for the placement and transportation of a classified high school student in the North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities High School, Clifton, NJ, effective September 6, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Roll Call: All Yes

OLD BUSINESS

No items needed to be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of September 19, 2017, 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 at this time.

Open to the Public

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary