

MIDLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION Minutes

TUESDAY
April 4, 2017

8:00 P.M.
MEDIA CENTER,
MIDLAND PARK JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

The meeting was called to order by James Canellas at 8:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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 Record, Ridgewood News and to the Midland Park Borough Clerk for the 2017 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
Timothy Thomas

James Canellas

Excused: Peter Triolo

Others Present:

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

BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS *Mr. James Canellas*

Midland Park Public School District 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.

Mr. Canellas welcomed everyone to the Work Session. The Board will be refocusing on our Work and Action Sessions. There will be discussion on the April 18th Agenda and committee chairs will discuss what is happening in their committees. Comments from the public will be at the beginning on agenda items and at the end of the meeting on any issue.

Our new inductees for the Educators Hall of Fame is scheduled for June 6, 2017.

Thank you to those who make this district as special as it is, our staff, students, parents and the community.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Dr. Marie Cirasella*

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 020217235 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

Dr. Cirasella reported on a few items:

Wished Mr. Capuano and students who are going on The Holocaust Trip a safe and meaningful experience.

At the April 18th Board Meeting we will have a presentation of the School Performance Report and the negative impact of anyone who has opted out of PARCC.

Midland Park has been named the Best Community for Music Education by NAMM. Congratulations to the teacher, administration, and the parents of all the students in the program.

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

No comments were made at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Action Items:

- A. Personnel- (M. Cirasella)

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2016-2017 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 – Ms. Criscenzo, seconded – Dr. Thomas . . .

1. Approve the increase in position for Beth Kasbarian as a Clerk for the Midland Park Continuing Education Program, from a .3 position to a .4 position. She will be paid a salary of \$9,100 (Category IV, Step 1 of the MPEA Secretarial/Clerical Guide) prorated, effective April 5, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1 Approve the following high school teachers to provide home instruction to a non-classified high school student. They will be paid as per Schedule D of the MPEA contract, effective retroactive from March 21, 2017 through May 5, 2017:

Jaclyn Fitzmaurice – 21st Century Media, Algebra II for three hours per week

Nancy DeRitter/Deborah Marks – Physics & Physical Education/Health for three hours per week

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance - (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

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

- S-2. Approve Krystyna Makowski as a Consultant for home instruction to a non-classified high school student. She will be paid at the approved rate of \$34.14 per hour retroactive from March 21, 2017 through May 5, 2017, as follows:

US II, English III, Art I for four hours per week

- S-3. Approve the following consultants to provide in-home services for one classified pre-school student, effective April 4, 2017 through June 23, 2017. They will be paid at the rate of \$55 per hour for two days per week:

Julie Vlaskie

Giana Kozlowicz

Theresa Tircarico

Roll Call: All Yes

The Budget has been approved by the State/County.

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the Cooperative Program for Football, Wrestling and Cheerleading Between the Midland Park and Waldwick School Districts, effective July 2017 through June 2019, as per the attached appendix.

C-1

A discussion ensued with the following questions/comments:

- Mr. Thomas asked if there are any conversations on revenue sharing.
- Dr. Thomas replied there was no discussion on this topic.
- Mr. Formicola asked administration to look into revenue sharing.
- Mr. McCourt and Dr. Cirasella both noted the contract is silent on the subject so it can be discussed.
- Mr. Canellas asked if the intent of the committee was to have a game in Midland Park.
- Dr. Cirasella advised the intent is to have a game as long as it is agreed upon by the opposing team.
- There was further discussion on the hiring process of the head and assistant coaches.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-4. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of one non-classified high school student on home instruction, effective retroactive from January 17, 2017 through approximately May 5, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/ REVIEW OF APRIL 18, 2017 AGENDA

B. Finance- (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

B5- Mr. Sullivan asked if Region V is the primary source we use to perform special education services. Dr. Cirasella advised the district that we primarily use Bergen County Special Services but we do use Region V when needed.

B6- Mr. Sullivan asked what Educational Data provides. Ms. Garvey answered it is a joint purchasing service that we use for obtaining the best price for supplies, furniture, etc.

B7- Mr. Sullivan asked how much of our transportation is done by Region I or South Bergen. Ms. Garvey answered approximately 9 -10 routes.

C. Curriculum- (M. Thomas, Chairperson)

Recommendation for workshop listed on the agenda.

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

The following was reported:

Two revised policies and one new policy:

Opioid Antidote – Mr. Sullivan gave a brief history of how this policy was generated. Our school physician and our board attorney have reviewed and have vetted. Our staff is on board. Although there is no evidence of an opioid epidemic here, the committee is just being cautious. Dr. Thomas asked if a parent could opt-out. Dr. Cirasella responded that she would look into it. Ms. Criscenzo asked if this is only for the high school. Mr. Sullivan responded that yes it would be housed at the high school but that training for the staff would be throughout the district. Dr. Thomas questioned if there is any impact if antidote is administered and there was no opioid use. Dr. Cirasella answered we believe there is not.

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

Talk about School Funding Formula. Governor Christie is looking for reform before he does leave the office.

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

The following items were reviewed:
-Poll Barn/ Maintenance Barn Renovations
-Stage – New for Summer
-Auditorium Seats-looking into issue
-Field usage

Mr. Canellas asked when the space in the high school will be open for programs. Dr. Cirasella advised it is scheduled for January.

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

The Administrators' Contract will be put before the Board at the next meeting.

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

No Report.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017.

J. Student Representative to the Board- (Tess Steuerwald)

- The following items were reported on:
- The Musical was a resounding success.
 - Holocaust Study Tour
 - John Ballea – Regional jazz ensemble – 1st place
 - John Pallatucci is working with the band leading up to the concert in May.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Dr. Thomas commented that pocket-book bingo is scheduled for 4/20/17 and the tickets are going very fast.

Mrs. Criscenzo stated the blog for the Holocaust Study Tour is so powerful. Everyone should take a look and send a response.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

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

To go into closed session before the meeting of April 18, 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.

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Eliya commented that Waldwick Lacrosse were the first people to use the field. It was not the best time because it was raining. Now we have all new fields with outside programs utilizing them when the schools are not using them.

Mr. Eliya commented that the recreation program in Waldwick has a portion of the fees going to the upkeep of the fields. He feels that Midland Park should take some of those fees if they are using our fields.

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary