

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 11, 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:	Sandra Criscenzo	Patricia Fantulin
	Richard Formicola	William Sullivan
	Maryalice Thomas	Timothy Thomas
	Peter Triolo	

James Canellas

Excused: 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 commented on the following items:

- The Graduation Ceremony was wonderful. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Canellas thanked the staff and the administrators for their efforts. It is such a fantastic experience.
- Mr. Canellas thanked the staff, parents and everyone involved in making the school

district what it is.

-Since there is one meeting in July and one in August, they will both be Work and Action Meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation of School Self-Assessment Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

Report of District Violence & Vandalism and Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)

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

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 050517236 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

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

Mr. Nabil Eliya inquired about renting Lower Sunset field. He thought the Board was creating a group to discuss field use and would come up with a plan. He also thought the Board was not renting out the fields any longer.

Mr. Canellas answered that there will be some limits imposed on renting. There will not be any rental of the stadium field. Lower Sunset is being rented out for a few days, for a few hours. We are curtailing the amount of use and are working with the Borough with respect to maintenance of the field.

Mr. Eliya wanted to know what the committee is doing to improve conditions of the fields.

Mr. Canellas answered curbing the use and in discussion with the town to help with the maintenance. Also, reviewing the utilization of the fields – who are the primary users and what fields are used more than the others.

Mr. Eliya also asked what the process is for closing the fields on the week-ends.

Ms. Garvey answered the administration relies on borough and recreation personnel to help with the decision. Then I make the calls to the groups outside of recreation.

Mr. William Guarini, President of the Soccer Association, informed the Board that the association had approved the donation of nets for behind the goal. The donation was approved a year ago and asked for guidance to get the donation to the district. Mr. Thomas mentioned that the issue is how to install and not the accepting of this kind donation.

Mr. Guarini also asked how neighbors of the schools would know about things like the band playing out on the field over the past weekend. Ms. Garvey replied we would not normally announce facility uses, but there was an email sent out to everyone who receives district emails.

Mr. Eliya was curious to know who makes the ultimate decision when it comes to facility usage. There does not seem to be enough time for recreation and other Midland Park programs.

Ms. Garvey explained the process and advised that priority will always be granted to the school.

Mr. Thomas commented that it used to only have recreation programs on the weekends because of the lack of fields. Mr. Canellas reiterated that the District will always maintain that our teams hold priority status, then the town and we will remain committed to allocating the maximum amount of time possible.

Board Motions

APPENDIX

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

1. Approve the minutes of the following regularly scheduled public meetings held on:

June 6, 2017
June 20, 2017

Roll Call: All Yes

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

2. Approve the District Goals for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. BM-2

Roll Call: All Yes

- 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 the appointment of Kristen DiPaola as a special education teacher in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$48,500.00 (MA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
2. Approve the appointment of Madalyn Messina as a special education teacher in the Highland School. She will be paid a salary of \$46,750.00 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
3. Approve the appointment of Marina Lenihan as a special education teacher in the high school. She will be paid a salary of \$54,750.00 (MA +30 Step 3 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
4. Approve the list of Fall Coaches at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-4
5. Approve the appointment of Kathleen Marsden as an Aide for the Midland Park Continuing Education Kindergarten Readiness Program, effective July 12 – 27, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of June 30, 2017, 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. June 2017 direct pays in the amount of \$378,610.55.
- b. June 2017 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$126,879.43.
- c. June 2017 Cafeteria claims in the amount of \$18,242.27.
- d. Second June 2017 payroll in the amount of \$592,006.72.
- e. June 2017 supplemental payroll in the amount of \$50,216.76.
- f. June 2017 supplemental claims in the amount of \$485,011.55.
- g. July 2017 claims in the amount of \$209,549.70.

3. Approve the financial reports of the Board Secretary for the period June 1 – 30, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-3

4. Approve the transfers between accounts for the period June 1 – 30, 2017, as per the attached appendix. B-4

5. Approve the implementation of a mandatory direct deposit program for the 2017-2018 school year, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-15h.

6. Approve the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, (IDEA-B) Combined Basic and Preschool Flow-Through Grant FY 2018 application to the New Jersey Department of Education and receipt of entitlement funds, as follows:

Basic	\$243,142.00
Preschool	\$ 20,870.00

7. Approve the use and rental of the High School Gym to Summer Heatt for a youth Basketball Camp from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. the week of July 24 – 28, 2017.

8. Approve the use and rental of the Lower Sunset Field to Summer Heatt for LaCrosse Camp sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education on Sundays from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 15, 22, 29; November 5 & 12, 2017

Roll Call: All Yes

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

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

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the following staff members requesting workshop attendance:

Name	Workshop	Location	Cost	Date
Karen Corcoran	NJAAP School Health Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$259.60	10/18/17

2. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for the placement of a classified high school student to attend Region V SCOPE Community Internship Program, effective retroactive from July 5, 2017 through July 28, 2017.

3. Approve the New Course/Program Proposal for Highland School:

Robotics – Grade 6 – quarter-year course

Ms. Fantulin expressed her happiness in seeing Robotics incorporated into Grade 6. Maybe something to look into for Jr. High too.

4. Approval of revised curricula, which is aligned to the new NJSL standards, as per the attached appendix: C-4

5. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Fall 2017 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

- S-1. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Special Services for one special education student to return to Windsor Learning Center for the remainder of the Extended School Year Program from July 12, 2017 to August 2, 2017.

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Mr. Sullivan reviewed policies with the Board.

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

To approve the following block motion . . .

1. Approve the first reading of the new/revised policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. | Education of Homeless Children | Policy Section 5116 | <u>D- 1a</u> |
| b. | Records Retention | Policy Section 8350 | <u>D- 1b</u> |

2. Approve the reading of the revised Mandated policies, as per the attached appendices:

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| a. | Evaluation of Superintendent | Policy Section 1240 | <u>D-2a</u> |
| b. | Evaluation of Teachers | Policy Section 3221 | <u>D-2b</u> |
| c. | Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators | Policy Section 3222 | <u>D-2c</u> |
| d. | Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals | Policy Section 3223 | <u>D-2d</u> |
| e. | Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals | Policy Section 3224 | <u>D-2e</u> |
| f. | Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders | Policy Section 3240 | <u>D-2f</u> |
| g. | Suspension | Policy Section 5610 | <u>D-2g</u> |
| h. | Expulsion | Policy Section 5620 | <u>D-2h</u> |
| i. | Local Wellness Policy Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods | Policy Section 8505 | <u>D-2i</u> |
| j. | Unpaid Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Charges | Policy Section 8550 | <u>D-2j</u> |

Roll Call: All Yes

There will be a number of policies on the next agenda.

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

No Report.

F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)

The committee met today.

Items to report:

- Barn renovation
- Field Maintenance with the Borough
- Students hired as summer helpers are doing an exceptional job.

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

No Report.

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

We will meet before the end of the month to discuss preliminary design of 3 editions of Chalk Board.

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

Hopefully, another meeting will be scheduled in September.

J. Liaison Committee

High School PTA - (M. Thomas)

No Report.

Elementary School PTA- (J. Canellas)

No Report.

Booster Club – (B. McCourt)

No Report.

Performing Arts Parents – (P. Triolo)

There will be a meeting at the end of August and we will discuss different fund raisers.

Special Education – (B. Sullivan)

No Report.

Education Foundation – (P. Fantulin)

Gearing Up for the 5K
Began “Couch to 5K”

Board of Recreation – (T. Thomas)

No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (S. Criscenzo)

Catalogue going out in August.

Student Representative to the Board – (Emma Lein)

No Report.

K. Old Business

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

L. New Business

Motion - Ms. Fantulin, seconded - Ms. Criscenzo . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of August 15, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Mr. Formicola commented that the Drum Corp Group performed at our school over the weekend and our students participated. The students and Mr. Marks did a great job. Thanks to all that helped make this happen.

Ms. Criscenzo commented that the barn looks cool with the lettering from the original barn. Is there anyway to preserve it. Ms. Garvey answered we are looking into it.

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

Mr. Canellas invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Eliya asked about School Score Card – PARCC Test Presentation, factor into School Assessment. I didn't see it on an agenda.

Dr. Cirasella advised that the School Performance Report includes assessment and many other items. The true assessment report is not until October. The School Report Card was discussed at a Board meeting but not the full assessment report.

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

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