

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Board of Education
Midland Park, New Jersey
July 14, 2015

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Maryalice Thomas, 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 2015 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. In addition, all questions must be presented to the Board of Education during the public session and prior to the adjournment of the meeting."

ROLL CALL

Present:	James Canellas	Richard Formicola
	Robert Schiffer	William Sullivan
	Timothy Thomas	
	Maryalice Thomas	

Excused:	Sandra Criscenzo
	Brian McCourt
	Peter Triolo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mission Statement

The Midland Park School District as part of a strong, dedicated community, provides students with a comprehensive, adaptive education in a positive environment by maximizing all resources and empowering them to realize their individual worth and responsibility with the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

The President commented on Officer Burke's tragic death and sent prayers out to his family.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Approve the following resolutions:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 052015378 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.
 - b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060315379 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.
 - c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060815380 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.
 - d. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060815381 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.
 - e. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 060315382 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:

To discuss action items on the Agenda.

No items were discussed at this time.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

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

June 9, 2015
June 23, 2015
2. Designate the following as Depositories for School Funds for the 2015-2016 school year:

Columbia Bank
State of New Jersey Cash Management

3. Designate the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies for the 2015-2016 school year:
AXA Equitable
AIG Valic
Metropolitan Life
 4. Designate the following administrator for Chapter 125 flexible spending accounts services for the 2015-2016 school year:
Ameriflex
 5. Designate the School Architect for the 2015-2016 school year:
Solutions Architecture
 6. Designate the School Attorney for the 2015-2016 school year:
Fogarty & Hara
 7. Designate the School Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year:
Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP
 8. Designate the School Insurance Broker for the 2015-2016 school year:
FIRM, Inc. – Liability
Willis of New Jersey – Benefits Coordinator Consultant
 9. Designate the Indoor Air Quality Consultant for the 2015-2016 school year:
ER&M, Inc.
 10. Designate the newspapers for Official Notices:
North Jersey Media Group (The Record)
The Ridgewood News
 11. Designate the district financial advisor for the 2015-2016 school year:
Phoenix Advisors, LLC
- Roll Call: All Yes

Board resolutions related to hiring for the 2015-2016 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. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Thomas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approve the employment contracts for the following individual staff members, effective retroactive from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as per the attached appendices:
 - a. Eurico Antunes, District Technology & Data Coordinator A-1a
 - b. Scott Collins, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds A-1b
 - c. Stacy Garvey, School Business Administrator A-1c
 - d. Barbara Pierro, Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary A-1d
 - e. Anne Schaper, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools A-1e
 - f. Susan Schlosser, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor of Curriculum,
Instruction & Assessment A-1f
 - g. Ristem Sela, Computer Technician A-1g
2. Authorize the payment in the amount of \$17,198.50 to Marie Cirasella, Superintendent of Schools, for attainment of the 2014-2015 Merit Goals, as approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.
3. Approve the placement of David Fox to observe the Extended School Year program in Godwin School, for 10 hours as part of his Felician College requirements.
4. Approve the following addition to the list of Fall Coaches for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix. A-4
5. Approve the 6th period teaching assignment for David Marks to teach Intro to Computers. He will be paid a stipend of \$8,275 for the 2015-2016 school year.
6. Approve the 6th period teaching assignment for Kristy Victory to teach Algebra I. She will be paid a stipend of \$4,892.50 for the 2015-2016 school year.
7. Approve the 6th period teaching assignment for Andrew Anderson to teach Dramatics. He will be paid a stipend of \$2,605 for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year.
8. Approve the appointment of Beth Anne DeMarco as a 3rd grade collaborative Special Education teacher. She will be paid a salary of \$52,100 (MA Step 6 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
9. Approve the appointment of Alyssa Maimone as a 3rd grade elementary school teacher. She will be paid a salary of \$45,500 (BA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

10. Approve the appointment of Nicole Marino as a 6th grade collaborative Special Education teacher. She will be paid a salary of \$45,000 (BA Step 1 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
11. Approve the appointment of Yaris Rivera as a 5th grade maternity leave replacement. She will be paid a salary of \$47,500 (MA Step 2 on the MPEA salary guide), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To approve the following block motion:

12. Approve the increase in position for Nancy Ganguzza, Instructional Aide in the elementary schools, from a .5 position to full time, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
13. Approve the following appointments as Building Aides in the Godwin School. They will be paid at the approved hourly rate, effective September 3, 2015 through June 21, 2016:

Jean Sgambati	5 hours per week
Sigrid Smith	5 hours per week
Una Martina Timoney	10 hours per week

14. Approve the appointment of Ristem Sela as a substitute Bus Driver for the 2015-2016 school year. He will be paid at the approved hourly rate.
15. Approve the following revised job descriptions, as per the attached appendices:

- a. Confidential Secretary A-15a
- b. Secretary A-15b

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Sullivan, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

- AS-16. Accept the resignation of Allyson LaMarca as a Math teacher at the high school, effective September 14, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

B. Finance Committee – (R. Schiffer, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

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, 2015, 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 2015 Midland Park Continuing Education claims in the amount of \$129,365.32.
 - b. June 2015 cafeteria claims in the amount of \$21,497.69.
 - c. June 2015 supplemental claims in the amount of \$249,612.90.
 - d. July 2015 claims in the amount of \$176,095.98.
3. Approve the June 2015 direct pays in the amount of \$106,394.86.
4. Approve the supplemental June 2015 payroll in the amount of \$61,400.17.
5. Approve the transfers among accounts for the period June 1 – 30, 2015, as per the attached appendix. B-5
6. Approve the list of Educational Data Services – Time & Materials vendors for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached appendix. B-6
7. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Midland Park Board of Education hereby rescind “Other Capital Projects” for the three District Schools that were submitted and approved by the Department of Education in 2012. These projects were ultimately replaced with ROD Grant and Other Capital projects submitted in 2014 and 2015.
8. Accept the Elementary PTA donation to the Godwin School in the amount of \$6619.45 for the purchase of new technology items, as follows:

10 iPads
Power/Sync Tray
App Credit
10 iPad cases
9. Approve the decommissioning of items in the Highland School, as follows:

Cafeteria Tables Inventory Nos. 3124, 3130, 3131, 3132, 3133, 3134, 3135
Slideshow Projectors, Inventory Nos. 1079 & 1059
10. Approve the decommissioning of high school textbooks, as per the attached appendix. B-10
11. Approve the use and rental of the lower Sunset Field at the high school to Summer Heatt, sponsored by Midland Park Continuing Education for LaCrosse clinics, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. during the weeks of July 13 – 17 and August 10 – 14, 2015.

Roll Call: All Yes

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

BS-1. Approve the Change Order 001 for Project 14.188-Midland Park High School, Highland School And Godwin School Electrical and Ceiling Upgrades as follows:

Removal of existing ceiling tiles and light fixtures in the corridor from room C2 to C11
Painting of existing ceiling grid in the corridor from room C1 to C11
Furnishing and Installing new Acoustical Ceiling Tiles
Furnishing and Installing new Light Fixtures

Total Cost	\$20,000
Less Contract Allowance	-20,000
Net Contract Change	\$ -0-

Original Contract Sum was	\$1,374,000.00
Net Change	0
New Contract Sum including Change Order	\$1,374,000.00

Roll Call: All Yes

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

Motion – Mr. Canellas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

To approve the following block motion:

1. Approval of the following new courses:

Grades 9 – 12 – Math and Merchandising – half-year
Grade 6 - Exploratories – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM)
Grade 6 - Exploratories – Problem Based Learning (PBL)
Grade 6 - Exploratories – Creative Math
Grade 6 - Exploratories – Writing Workshop

2. Approve all courses, instructors, programs and trips which are included in the Fall 2015 semester of the Midland Park Continuing Education program (support material available in Board Offices).

Roll Call: All Yes

D. Policy Committee – (T. Thomas, Chairperson)

Motion – Mr. Thomas, seconded – Mr. Schiffer . . .

1. Approve the following revised Bylaws and Policies, as per the attached appendices:

a. Board Self Evaluation	Bylaws Section 0134	<u>D-1a</u>
b. Board Officers	Bylaws Section 0152	<u>D-1b</u>
c. Attendance – Teaching Staff Members	Policy Section 3212	<u>D-1c</u>
d. Attendance – Support Staff Members	Policy Section 4212	<u>D-1d</u>

Roll Call: All Yes

- E. Legislative Committee – (J. Canellas, Chairperson)
No Report.
- F. Buildings & Grounds Committee – (R. Formicola, Chairperson)
No Report.
- G. Negotiations Committee - (B. McCourt, Chairperson)
No Report.
- H. Public Relations Committee – (P. Triolo, Chairperson)
No Report.
- I. Liaison Committee
High School PTA - (S. Criscenzo)
No Report.
Elementary School PTA- (P. Triolo)
No Report.
Booster Club – (T. Thomas)
No Report.
Performing Arts Parents – (J. Canellas)
No Report.
Special Education – (M. Thomas)
No Report.
Education Foundation – (R. Formicola)
5 K Run Fund Raiser scheduled for 9/12/2015.
Board of Recreation – (B. McCourt)
No Report.

Continuing Education Program – (R. Schiffer)

No Report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Aidan MacLean)

No Report.

Borough Town Council – (M. Thomas & J. Canellas)

No Report.

Ad Hoc – (W. Sullivan)

No Report.

J. Old Business

No one chose to speak.

K. New Business

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Canellas . . .

To go into closed session before the meeting of August 18, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the hiring of personnel and confidential student HIB case reviews.

Roll Call: All Yes

Open to the Public

Dr. Thomas invited the public to address the Board.

No one chose to address the Board at this time.

Motion – Mr. Schiffer, seconded – Mr. Formicola . . .

To adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary