1. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL

Board members present: President Mault,
Vice President Wasserman,
Treasurer Ohle,
Member Baker,
Member Brandstadt,
Member Gorton,
Member Kaminski

Central staff present: Superintendent Ellinger,
Assistant Superintendent Verlinde,
Associate Superintendent Cline,
Associate Superintendent Ellison

Visitors present: 12 staff, citizens and guests

2. OATH OF OFFICE

2.1 President Mault welcomed and bestowed the Oath of Office to newly elected Board
Member, Yvonne Gorton.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT'S LEGAL STATUS

For Information:

3.1 Under the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., the district's legal status was
defined as a general powers school district, effective July 1, 1996.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Recommended for Action:
4.1 As outlined in Chapter II-C. 13. Of How Midland Schools work, a three person Board of Education nominating committee submitted a proposed slate of officers for 2012. The proposed slate was as follows:

- President: Mr. Kenneth D. Mault
- Vice President: Mr. Gerald L. Wasserman
- Secretary: Ms. Lynn M. Baker
- Treasurer: Mr. Rick Ohle

Kaminski/Wasserman proposed the Slate of officers to be voted on.

Since no additional nominations were added to the proposed slate, Kaminski/Wasserman moved that nominations be closed and that the proposed slate of offices, as presented, be approved for 2012.

Motion carried by those members present (7-0).

5. **APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, DELEGATES, AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Recommended for Action (Consent Items 5.1 – 5.2):**

Ohle/Kaminski moved that the following appointments for Study Committee membership, delegates, and representatives for 2012 be approved.

5.1 Study Committee Membership for 2012:

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5.2. To the Advisory Council for Adult Education.................................Dr. Kaminski

To the Midland County Educational Service Agency Board of Education's Special Education Advisory Council..............................................................Mr. Paris

To the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards Committee ..........................................................Mr. Ohle

Liaison persons between the Board and the following continuing committees and organizations:

a) Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Education and Birth Control.........Ms. Baker

b) Midland County Educational Services Agency Liaison ..........................................................Mr. Wasserman

c) Midland County Partnerships for Education........................................Ms. Brandstadt

d) MASB Legislative Liaison ...............................................................Mr. Wasserman

e) Liaison person between the Board and the Strategic Planning/District School Improvement Committee .........................................................Dr. Kaminski

f) Midland County School Board Association ............................................Mr. Mault

g) Health Wellness Committee .............................................................Ms. Gorton

h) Distinguished Service Awards Committee ..........................Mr. Mault

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2012 CALENDAR YEAR**

**Recommended for Action:**

Ohle/Wasserman moved that the following schedule be approved:
6.1 The Board of Education is required to give public notice of the dates of its regular meetings and of any special meetings. Dates of regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education of the Midland Public Schools for 2012 are listed below. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 East Carpenter Street, Midland, MI unless otherwise stated.

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<td>Budget Workshop of the Board of Education</td>
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Dates of special meetings or changes in the above dates of regular meetings will be posted at least 18 hours prior to the time of a special or rescheduled meeting.

The Superintendent, or designee, is authorized to post notices of meetings at the direction of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. **APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR 2012**

**Recommended for Action (Consent Items 7.1 – 7.3):**

Ohle/Wasserman moved that the following be approved:

7.1 Appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel:
The firms of Currie Kendall PLC, LaPointe & Butler, P.C., Secrest Wardle, and Thrun Law Firm PC, have been designated as the Board’s legal counsels. In addition, the Superintendent is authorized to retain specialized legal counsel through other legal firms, as appropriate. It was recommended that the Board approve legal representation as outlined through December 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kaminski/Baker moved that the following be approved:

7.2 Fiscal Designations and Authorizations:

(1) It was recommended that the Board designate The Chemical Bank and Trust Company and any other public depositories qualified in accordance with MCL 380.1221, The Revised School Code of Michigan, as approved depositories of school district funds through December 31, 2012.

(2) The Treasurer of the Board of Education is the legal financial officer for the school district and, as such, is authorized to sign checks for the Midland Public Schools.

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Associate Superintendent for Finance are the only members of the staff authorized to sign checks for the Midland Public Schools. It was recommended that the Board approve this authorization through December 31, 2012 for these three members of the staff.

Motion carried unanimously

Baker/Ohle moved that the following be approved:

7.3 The Board, in previous years, has authorized the Superintendent or his designee to sign any legal documents relating to personnel actions, which the Board has approved. This authorization has been made at the Organizational Meeting for the entire year rather than granting the authorization at each Board meeting.

It was recommended that the Board continue this authorization through December 31, 2012 to the Superintendent or his designee. It is further recommended that the Board delegate authority to accept resignations/retirements to the Superintendent of Schools or his designee through December 31, 2012. Resignations/Retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.

Motion carried unanimously.
8. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

**Recommended for Action:**

8.1 Ohle/Wasserman moved for approval for the Superintendent's designee, the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, be authorized to assist the Secretary of the Board in election matters through December 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **ADJOURNMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

9.1 Mr. Mault accepted a motion to adjourn the Organizational portion of the Board of Education Meeting. Board members welcomed Ms. Brandstadt and Ms. Gorton to the Board and encouraged them to attend MASB new Board member workshops. Wasserman/Kaminski moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 4:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – January 9, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Midland Public Schools, Midland, Michigan, was held at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan, on Monday, January 9, 2011, beginning at 4:23 p.m. in accordance with the requirements of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 *et.seq.* effective July 1, 1996, and the policies established in *How Midland Schools Work*.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ohle/Wasserman moved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved.

1.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 12, 2011.

1.2 Approval was requested to authorize payment for the following legal bills:

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<td>Currie Kendall PLC</td>
<td>12/08/2011</td>
<td>$137.03</td>
<td>Professional Services</td>
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<td>Thrun Law Firm P.C.</td>
<td>01/02/2012</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
<td>Annual Retainer Fee</td>
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<td><strong>AMOUNT DUE</strong></td>
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Motion carried unanimously.
2. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

2.1 Mr. Kelly Buell, 1910 Springwood, Midland, MI, addressed the Board with regard to the Property Management Plan Recommendation.

3. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

   **For Information**

3.1 Mr. Ellinger presented information on the newly passed legislation that allows school board elections to be held in November of even years only. Accordingly, recently elected Board members will be asked to serve through 2016 instead of 2015.

   **Recommended for Action**

3.2 On December 12, 2011 Mr. Ellinger presented the Board of Education with the recommendation for the District Property Management Plan. The plan came to the full Board at the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities & Operations Study Committee of the Board. The plan was presented for action. Board members discussed whether to make a decision at this meeting or wait to make a decision at the next Board meeting—January 23, which will be televised.

Kaminski/Ohle moved to table this action item until next board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ellinger asked that Board members bring their questions to him in the next two weeks. At the next Board meeting, Board members will be asked to make a decision on two questions: whether to cease to operate Central as a middle school and the time line - whether to close Central as a middle school in one or two years. A committee may be formed to determine future uses of the Central Middle School building given the impressive auditorium, its history and beauty of the building and its importance to the Midland community.

Ohle/Wasserman moved that the following item be approved.

3.3 After discussion with teachers, principals, the Parent Information Committee, and with various board study committees, Administration recommended the Board of Education extend the Midland Public Schools’ kindergarten program from half day to full day beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.
4. **FINANCE**

   **Study Committee Chair** – Mr. Ohle
   **Staff Resource Person** – Ms. Cline

   **For Information:**

4.1 The following gifts, which total $15,432.66, have been received and processed:

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<td>Midland Area Community Foundation</td>
<td>Central SAVE Club Student Activities for Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence</td>
<td>$ 200.00</td>
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<td>Midland High School Class of 1961</td>
<td>Musical Instruments for At-Risk Students, Midland High School Music Program</td>
<td>$ 3,800.00</td>
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<td>Competition/Safety Mat Midland High Cheer</td>
<td>$ 4,600.00</td>
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<td>Midland High Varsity Boys Basketball Uniforms</td>
<td>$ 2,400.00</td>
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<td>Midland High Softball Uniforms</td>
<td>$ 2,980.00</td>
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<td>Northeast Middle School Booster Club</td>
<td>Electric Pencil Sharpeners for Northeast Teachers' Rooms</td>
<td>$ 902.66</td>
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<td>American Institute of Professional Geologists - Michigan Chapter</td>
<td>Provide Adams Students with an Understanding of Wetlands and Their Importance</td>
<td>$ 250.00</td>
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<td>Anonymous</td>
<td>Sports Participation Scholarships</td>
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<td>Dow Chemical Foundation</td>
<td>Youth in Government Spring Conference for Dow High Students</td>
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<td>Colin &amp; Kerry Buell</td>
<td>Support for Reading Program</td>
<td>$ 25,000.00</td>
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<td>Mary C. Currie Foundation</td>
<td>Support At-Risk Student Needs</td>
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Motion carried unanimously.

Appropriate thanks to the donors was recommended.
5. **HUMAN RESOURCES**  

For Information:

5.1 The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Gwendolyn Bagley who passed away on December 17, 2011. She was a teacher with Midland Public Schools for 40 years, retiring in 1986. Ms. Bagley was a recipient of the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award in 1967.

5.2 The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Geraldine Matteson who passed away on December 24, 2011. She was a secretary at Chippewassee Elementary School for 24 years, retiring in 1988.

6. **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

For Information:

- If approved during the Organization Meeting portion of the agenda, the following is a list of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for the 2012 calendar year:

  - January 23, 2012
  - February 13, 2012
  - February 27, 2012
  - March 12, 2012
  - March 26, 2012
  - April 16, 2012
  - April 30, 2012 – 3:00 p.m. *(Budget Workshop)*
  - May 14, 2012
  - May 29, 2012 *(Tuesday)*
  - June 11, 2012
  - June 25, 2012
  - July 16, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.
  - August 13, 2012
  - August 27, 2012
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  - October 22, 2012
  - November 12, 2012
  - November 26, 2012
  - December 10, 2012

7. **CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

For Information:

7.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:
- Woodcrest Elementary School P.T.O.
- H. H. Dow High School Music Parents
The Laura Ludington Hollenbeck Foundation

8. **STUDY-DISCUSSION SESSION**

This portion of the agenda is utilized by the Board to introduce topics for future study, to discuss school district-related matters, to complete professional association business and to relate items of interest. No action is taken during this time. Occasionally closed sessions are scheduled to discuss confidential personnel, negotiations or property matters.

**For Information:**

8.1 Hearing from Board Members: We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. We are pleased we are going to all-day kindergarten; it is nice to be adding programs instead of taking them away as we’ve had to do in recent years. Board members welcomed Ms. Gorton and Ms. Brandstadt to the Board, expressed their eagerness to work with them in the future, and offered their assistance if Ms. Gorton or Ms. Brandstadt has questions or need help. Ms. Gorton expressed her thanks for the Board members’ words of welcome and their offers of assistance. She also expressed her thanks to the Board members for their service to the students of Midland Public Schools as both a parent of a current Midland High student and a Midland High graduate. Board members expressed their appreciation for the great job Mr. Mault has done as president this past year and thanked him for agreeing to serve as president for another year. They look forward to his leadership continuing for the coming year. Board members expressed their appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Buell’s extreme generosity, both with their time and financial resources. We are looking forward to the 21st Century Learning panel dialogue MPS is hosting on Thursday, January 19. It will be exciting to see how our local industry and educational leaders depict the future of 21st century learning within a global economy and the skills our students will need to be successful and competitive. Thank you to all of the Board members; everyone was so willing to serve on committees and boards. There are no words to describe the professionalism and dedication of the members of this Board. Best wishes to all of the high school students with their upcoming end of semester exams. January is School Board Recognition month; it is a pleasure to serve with all of you.

8.2 Announcements from Superintendent Ellinger

- The Board may want to consider meeting an additional date for a work session to determine Board goals and goals for Midland Public Schools’ as a whole. In the past our goals have been threefold: budget driven, school improvement planning at both the building & district levels prioritizing student achievement and technology focused. As we look at our next three-year technology plan, we need to determine how to evaluate ourselves and the progress of the District as you make decisions and examine accountability models.
• We may have an opportunity to create a student and/or staff exchange in Taipai, Taiwan in the next year or so. We have spoken with a local foundation and have received a positive response for a possible week-long exchange program. As we seek insights into 21st Century Learning these types of experiences are vital as we globalize our curriculum and create a global awareness for our students. MHS Principal, Janet Greif, deserves the credit for getting this project started.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Mault accepted a motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education. Kaminski/Wasserman moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President: ______________________ Secretary: ______________________
_________________________                   Lynn M. Baker

Approved by the Board on:

C. Young 23-Jan-2012