BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – July 16, 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, July 16, 2012, beginning at 4 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. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: Secretary Baker,
Member Kaminski

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

Visitors present: 8 Staff, citizens and guests

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Ohle/Brandstadt moved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved

2.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, June 25, 2012.

2.2 Adoption of Michigan School Code Articles 105/105C (Schools of Choice)

The administration requested approval from the Board of Education to continue accepting Nonresident Schools of Choice students. This applies to nonresident students from other districts within the Midland County Educational Service Agency (Meridian, Bullock Creek and Coleman) and to nonresident students from contiguous intermediate districts (Bay-Arenac, Clare-Gladwin, Gratiot-Isabella, and Saginaw).

There will be two application periods each year: from February to September for students who wish to enroll for the new school year, and during January for second semester enrollment. Information will be made available to parents at the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second semester for the fall enrollment process.

As specified by law, in situations in which a special education student from a contiguous intermediate district wishes to enroll, it is required that there be a written agreement between the district of residence and the Midland Public Schools to specify the responsibility for paying the special education costs for the student.
Nonresident students who enroll in the Midland Public Schools through this process can maintain their attendance until they graduate and they pay no tuition. Nonresident students who enroll at different times of the school year will be required to pay tuition.

2.3 The following textbooks were presented for the 28-day period of examination on June 11.

This book will be used for German 2 in grades 8-12:
Title: Deutsch Aktuell 2, 6th Edition
Author: Wolfgang Kraft
Publisher: EMC / Paradigm
Copyright: 2010

This book will be used for German 3 A in grades 9-12:
Title: Deutsch Aktuell 3, 6th Edition
Author: Wolfgang Kraft
Publisher: EMC / Paradigm
Copyright: 2010

This book will be used for Spanish 2 A in grades 8-12:
Title: ¡Así se dice! Level 2
Authors: Schmitt, Conrad
Publisher: Glencoe
Copyright: 2009

This book will be used for Spanish 3 A in grades 9-12:
Title: ¡Así se dice! Level 3
Authors: Schmitt, Conrad
Publisher: Glencoe
Copyright: 2009

The administration recommended approval of these books. If approved, these purchases are contingent on the available funding as approved in the 2012-13 budget.

2.4 Bids were recently received from custodial supply vendors to provide Affex hard wound hand towels for our district facilities. The administration recommended that a purchase order be issued to the low bidder, Midland Paper Company of Midland, Michigan for a cost of $11,104 to provide these supplies to Midland Public Schools for the 2012-2013 school year.

2.5 As part of the second phase of the project to place wireless service across the entire District, the administration requested approval to issue a purchase order to Site Services, Incorporated of Midland, Michigan for $151,525. This will provide cabling and installation for the Cisco Access Points purchased in the first phase of the project last spring. This project was budgeted in the 2012-2013 budget.

2.6 Approval was requested to purchase the second phase of Cisco hardware and software for full wireless network coverage across the District. This set of hardware and software included blades for the core switch, Secure Access Control System 5.3, and a flat project rate for installation. The administration sought approval to deliver a purchase order to Netech of Novi, MI for $57,060. This project was budgeted in the 2012-2013 budget.
2.7 On October 9, 2000, Midland Public Schools joined other districts in a lawsuit against the State of Michigan seeking full funding for newly required programs and services since the people of Michigan adopted the Headlee Amendment in 1978. Each participating district pays a prorated share of the legal costs based on Durant I judgment amounts. The Midland Public Schools payments for legal services totaled $40,683.29 as of July 1, 2012.

The Board has authorized a combined expense limit of $38,000 based on action taken on October 9, 2000 ($4,000), August 13, 2001 ($4,000), November 25, 2002 ($4,000), July 12, 2004 ($2,000), July 11, 2005 ($2,000), July 10, 2006 ($2,000), March 12, 2007 ($2,000), July 9, 2007 ($4,000), July 14, 2008 ($4,000), July 30, 2009 ($2,000), July 12, 2011 ($4,000), April 16, 2012 ($4,000). Based on continuing legal action, the administration recommended the authorization of an additional $4,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wasserman/Ohle moved for a roll call vote.

2.8 Administration recommended Board approval of an application to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for the addition of a cooperative program between Central Middle School, Jefferson Middle School, Northeast Middle School and Bullock Creek Middle School for girls and boys cross country teams. Although this program would be administered and financed by the Midland Community Center, Board and MHSAA approval is needed since three of these teams are exclusively associated with Midland Public Schools and since our athletes are subject to eligibility requirements of the MHSAA membership.

A roll call vote was conducted with those members present (5-0) accepting the resolution.

3. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

3.1 No hearings were requested.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recommended For Action:

Wasserman/Brandstadt moved that the following item be approved.

4.1 Proposed Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2012-13 Delegate and Alternate:

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Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 The Michigan Attorney General ruled in 1977 that the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is a private organization and, therefore, cannot be delegated
governmental authority to regulate public school athletics. However, a school district may join the Association and may adopt the Association’s rules as its own. The school district must then accept the responsibility to enforce these rules in the district. The Midland secondary schools have long been members of the MHSAA.

To obtain membership, it is necessary that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution for its junior high/middle and senior high schools. This resolution must be formally ratified by the Board of Education and properly signed. One signed copy must be returned and one copy must be retained for district files. Vice President Wasserman read aloud the following resolution.

“MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2013. The (listed)

Central Middle School
Jefferson Middle School
Northeast Middle School
Midland High School
Herbert Henry Dow High School

secondary school(s) which are under the direction of this Board of Education/Governing Body, School District of Midland, City of Midland, County of Midland, of State of Michigan, are hereby:

(A) enrolled as members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., a nonprofit association; and
(B) are further enrolled to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by said association.

The Board of Education/Governing Body hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of said association and adopts as its own rules, regulations, and interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current HANDBOOK as the governing code under which the said school(s) shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations, and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association’s meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies and procedures and schedules.

This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2012 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2013, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

RECORD OF ADOPTION

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Education/Governing Body of the Midland Public Schools, on the 16th day of July, A.D., 2012 and is so recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the said Board/Governing Body.

Board of Education, Midland Public Schools
600 E. Carpenter Street
Midland, MI 48640

/s/ Gerald Wasserman
GERALD WASSERMAN
(Board Vice President)

A roll call vote was conducted with those members present (5-0) accepting the resolution.

Ohle/Wasserman moved that the resolution that embodies the following recommendations be accepted and that the Secretary of the Board or designee be authorized to sign the resolution to:

- Approve membership in the MHSAA for the five Midland secondary schools again in 2012-13.
• Adopt the rules of the MHSAA as published in its current *HANDBOOK* and qualifications as published in the *Bulletin* with above changes, to govern athletic competitions in the Midland Public Schools in 2012-13.
• Accept the responsibility of enforcing these rules for the Midland schools.

Ayes:  Brandstadt, Gorton, Mault, Ohle and Wasserman  
Nays:  None  
Absent:  Baker, Kaminski  
Motion:  Motion carried by those members present (5-0).

**For Action**

4.3  Ohle/Wasserman moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Mr. Dirk DeBoer as Assistant Principal, Level II at H. H. Dow High, effective immediately.

Motion carried unanimously

5.  **FINANCE**

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

**For Information:**

5.1  The following legal bills have been processed and paid:

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5.2  The following gifts, which total $3,390 have been received and processed:

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<td>Dow Chemical Community Gives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation</td>
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<td>Atsushi &amp; Hiroko Teshima</td>
<td>Dow High Cool Campus Club</td>
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<td>Dow Corning Donor Advised Endowment Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation</td>
<td>Eastlawn Students to Attend the SMEK+ Math and Science Camp</td>
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<td>Anonymous</td>
<td>Dow High Band Club</td>
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Appropriate thanks to the donors was recommended.
6. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

   **Study Committee Chair** – Mr. Wasserman  
   **Staff Resource Person** – Mr. Verlinde

   **For Information:**

   6.1 The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Julia Yonkers who passed away on June 30, 2012. She taught first grade at Siebert and Longview, retiring in 1986.

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

   **For Information:**

   7.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:  
   - American Association of University Women  
   - Consumers Energy Foundation  
   - Carpenter Street P.T.O.  
   - Midland Area Community Foundation  
   - Ms. Ruth Ann Wright  
   - Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation

8. **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

   **For Information:**

   The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for 2012:

   - August 13, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - August 27, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - September 10, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - September 24, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - October 8, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - October 22, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - November 12, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - November 26, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
   - December 10, 2012 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

9. **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.

   9.1 Hearing from Board Members: Congratulations and best wishes to Dirk DeBoer for being appointed as the Assistant Principal at H. H. Dow High. Our sympathies go to the Weckesser family for the recent loss of their daughter in a tragic automobile accident. We are excited about the middle school cross country cooperative agreement resolution that was adopted this evening. In a MIRS press release this afternoon, we’ve learned of some breaking news out of
Lansing. Gov. Snyder has plans to recommend a rewriting of the school aid act that reflects the Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace public school learning model he supports.

9.2 Announcements from Superintendent Ellinger: With regard to the State’s press release this afternoon, Mr. Ellinger made the comment that we will take a wait and see attitude to determine what the announcement means for the future of Midland Public Schools. Mr. Ellinger presented a copy of the book Schools Cannot Do It Alone by Jamie Vollmer to each Board member. Mr. Ellinger asked that the Board members read their copy of the book this summer as we look at the future of education and our MPS educational community. We will follow-up with facilitated discussion regarding this book in the future.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

President: _________________________     Secretary: _________________________

Ken Mault                        Lynn Baker

Approved by the Board on:

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C. Young                           13-August-2012