

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES – August 27, 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, August 27, 2012, beginning at 7 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,  
  Secretary Baker,  
  Treasurer Ohle,  
  Member Brandstadt,  
  Member Gorton,  
  Member Kaminski

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

Visitors present: 6 staff, citizens and guests

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

2.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, August 13, 2012.

2.2 The following person was recommended for employment for the 2012-13 school year:

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Assignment</u>                               | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Amanda M. Thoms | Orchestra Teacher (1.0), Midland Public Schools | August 27, 2012       |

2.3 The following staff members announced their resignation effective as of the date indicated:

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Assignment</u>                        | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|
| David McPeak   | eLearning Facilitator, H. H. Dow High    | August 23, 2012       |
| John Schwartz  | Head Mechanic, Transportation            | July 18, 2012         |
| Karen Gardner  | Paraprofessional, Woodcrest Elementary   | August 8, 2012        |
| Adam J. Hamlin | Paraprofessional, Carpenter Elementary   | August 9, 2012        |
| Mary E. Tiede  | Paraprofessional, Post Secondary Program | August 9, 2012        |

- 2.4 Approval of the payment of the school system's bills for the months of June 2012, as listed in the check register prepared by Ms. Laux, in the total amount of \$12,367,830 was recommended. The distribution of obligations, by fund, is as follows:

|  | Through<br>6/15/2012 | Through<br>6/30/2012 | Totals              |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund / Athletics               | \$3,029,459          | \$2,425,060          | \$5,454,519         |
| Capital Projects                       | -                    | -                    | -                   |
| Sinking Fund                           | 7,975                | 6,447                | 14,422              |
| Middle School Science Lab Renovation   | -                    | -                    | -                   |
| Technology Grant                       | -                    | 445,405              | 445,405             |
| School Services:                       |                      |                      |                     |
| School Stores                          | 1,556                | 1,232                | 2,788               |
| Kindergarten Complement                | 10,797               | -                    | 10,797              |
| Food Service                           | 231,426              | 147                  | 231,573             |
| Student Activities                     | 55,042               | 73,793               | 128,835             |
| Sub-totals                             | 3,336,255            | 2,952,084            | 6,288,339           |
| Federal Withholding                    |                      |                      | 478,709             |
| State Withholding/Sales Tax            |                      |                      | 156,923             |
| Social Security/Medicare               |                      |                      | 580,498             |
| Payroll Transfers                      |                      |                      | 251,846             |
| ACH Transfers                          |                      |                      | 3,661,330           |
| Connectcare Transfers                  |                      |                      | 587,333             |
| Consumers payments paid electronically |                      |                      | 84,387              |
| PESG payroll (contracted substitutes)  |                      |                      | 55,920              |
| Purchase Card Transactions             |                      |                      | 222,545             |
| Total June Distributions               |                      |                      | <u>\$12,367,830</u> |

Submitted herewith are the following financial reports:

- 2.4.b Investment Report for June 2012 prepared by Ms. Laux
- 2.4.c Listing of Purchase Orders exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or more for the month of June 2012 prepared by Ms. Laux
- 2.4.d Listing of Purchase Card transactions exceeding three thousand (\$3,000) or more for the month of June 2012 prepared by Ms. Laux

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- 3.1 No hearings were requested.

4. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

**For Information:**

4.1 Mr. Ellinger and Mr. Kostus presented the capital projects planned for 2013.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Concrete Replacement:      | \$15,000        |
| Floor Tile Replacement:    | \$45,000        |
| Fence Repair:              | \$ 5,000        |
| Parking Lot Crack Sealing: | <u>\$10,000</u> |
|                            | \$75,000        |

We will discuss necessary future capital projects at an upcoming Board meeting and the possibility of a future sinking fund.

5. **CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION**

**Study Committee Chair – Dr. Kaminski**  
**Staff Resource Person – Dr. Ellison**

**For Action:**

Kaminski/Wasserman moved that the following item be approved.

5.1 Administration sought approval to deliver a purchase order to Trivalent Group of Mt. Pleasant, MI for \$42,680 to upgrade the oldest laptops in the Juvenile Care Center mobile labs. Pricing includes the purchase of forty-four (44) Hewlett-Packard 6570b laptop computers as well as configuration and installation. The computers being replaced are between five and seven years of age. This pricing is bid by the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) of which the State of Michigan is a member. This purchase is being funded by a Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 grant.

Motion carried unanimously

6. **FINANCE**

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

**For Action:**

6.1 The following gifts, which total \$500, have been received and processed:

|     | Donor                    | Purpose   | Amount    |
|-----|--------------------------|---|-----------|
|     | Walmart Vision Center    | Digital projector for District use                                      |           |
| (3) | Aaron and Esther Oberlin | Support for at-risk students' positive outcomes program at Midland High | \$ 500.00 |

Acceptance of the following gifts totaling \$24,215 was recommended:

Ohle/Wasserman moved that the following items be approved.

|     | Donor               | Purpose  | Amount       |
|-----|---------------------|--|--------------|
| (1) | Plymouth School PTO | Classroom supplies, field trip support, classroom magazines, office supplies, books and materials for media center | \$ 13,850.00 |

|     |                   |  |              |
|-----|-------------------|--|--------------|
| (2) | Chestnut Hill PTO | Classroom magazines, safety patrol materials, playground signs/posts for exercise program and replacement blinds for classroom | \$ 10,365.00 |
|-----|-------------------|--|--------------|

Motion carried unanimously.

Appropriate thanks to the donors was recommended.

7. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

**For Information:**

7.1 The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Katharine Wilson who passed away on July 29, 2012. Mrs. Wilson served as elementary school secretary for Midland Public Schools from 1966 through 1979.

8. **TECHNOLOGY**

**Staff Resource Person – Mr. Verlinde**

**For Action:**

Wasserman/Ohle moved that the following item be approved.

8.1 Administration sought approval to deliver a purchase order to Apple Inc. of Cupertino, CA in the amount of \$20,900 to purchase 50 second generation iPads and protective covers to begin exploring the possibilities of using these devices to enhance instruction and improve efficiencies. iPads are only available directly through Apple, making them a sole source provider. This expenditure was included in the regular budgeting process for 2012-2013 and is being paid for out of general funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**For Information:**

9.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:  
 City of Midland, Attention: Mr. Ron Beacom  
 Mr. Ray Leenhouts  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dana Everson  
 Mr. David Aumann  
 H. H. Dow High Music Parents

9.2 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) letters to the Board of Education or the school system from Cortney Goddard requesting information regarding a retired MPS employee.

10. **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

**For Information:**

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

|                    |        |   |
|--------------------|--------|---|
| 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 |

11. **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.

11.1 Hearing from Board Members: We are looking forward to the beginning of the new school year, visiting classrooms and enjoying the fall sporting events. With the new school year beginning very soon with students walking and riding their bikes, we urge all drivers to please take extra care to be sure students get to and from school safely. Parents, please pay attention to what your children are bringing home from their classrooms. Teachers can't do it all; they need our parental support. It was nice to meet and welcome the 17 new teachers that were at orientation today. Thank you, Mrs. Koch, for the information you presented about the Juvenile Care Center this evening, and welcome to Danielle Rutterbush who will now oversee the JCC program. We wish to commend the PTO groups for all their hard work and support through the years; we appreciate the gifts that were presented by the Plymouth and Chestnut Hill PTOs this evening. We wish to give a shout out to Andrew Maxwell as this year's starting quarterback for MSU; we wish him and all of our MPS graduate college athletes well. Mr. Mault and Mr. Ohle expressed their gratitude to the four candidates who have chosen to run for the MPS Board of Education in November. They encouraged the candidates to take advantage of the resources available as they prepare for the election. Mr. Mault and Mr. Ohle expressed their appreciation for their time on the Board and stated they are leaving the District in the very competent hands of the remaining board members.

11.2 Announcements from Superintendent Ellinger: Mr. Ellinger and Board members discussed the book *Schools Cannot Do It Alone*, by Jamie Vollmer, which causes all of us (community-wide) to look at the challenges faced by public education and our District in particular. Mr. Ellinger encouraged the Board members in the next couple of weeks to think about how to strategize and move this conversation forward. An important public forum/facilitated discussion on education was held last week in Midland by the non-partisan organization, "Center for Michigan," out of Ann Arbor. The survey/discussion outcome revealed that there is a high priority and need for more support for public education in the State of Michigan. A local Community Success Panel, working on community development in Midland, has asked Mr. Ellinger to come back to them with our District priorities. We need to have the community working hand-in-hand with our educators as we pinpoint these priorities. We look forward to

the synergy with the Community Success Panel as we move this discussion forward. We can do the same thing with MiTech+, who is very in tuned to the international competencies our students are going to need to make them truly competitive in the global economy.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Wasserman/Ohle move to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Mault Lynn Baker

Approved by the Board on:

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C. Young 10-September-2012