

MIDLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

October 8, 2012

Mission: The Midland Public Schools, in partnership with our community, prepares students as knowledgeable, self-reliant, cooperative and ethical learners who are contributing citizens.

Regular (twice-monthly) meeting at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan at 7 p.m. with adjournment not later than 9:30 p.m., except by unanimous approval otherwise.

The Board of Education receives agenda material in advance of the meeting and has the opportunity to ask clarification questions of the staff. In order to expedite routine items of business and operations and maximize the opportunity for discussion topics, the Board will utilize a consent format for portions of the agenda as noted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL

Board of Education: President Mault _____ Member Brandstadt _____
Vice President Wasserman _____ Member Gorton _____
Secretary Baker _____ Member Kaminski _____
Treasurer Ohle _____

Central Staff:
Superintendent: Mr. Ellinger _____
Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Verlinde _____
Associate Superintendents:
Finance/Facilities/Operations: Ms. Cline _____
Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development: Dr. Ellison _____

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, September 24, 2012.

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

Table with 3 columns: Name, Assignment, Effective Date. Row 1: Erica Angel Ray, Second Grade Teacher, Eastlawn Elementary, August 28, 2012

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

Table with 3 columns: Name, Assignment, Effective Date. Row 1: Mark Callahan, Paraprofessional, Eastlawn Elementary, September 20, 2012. Row 2: Ashton Cooper, Paraprofessional, Midland High, August 21, 2012. Row 3: Jodi Przybylski, Paraprofessional, Jefferson Middle School, October 5, 2012

2.4 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 will total \$42,619.24 if the Secret Wardle invoice is approved for payment this evening.

The Board has authorized a combined expense limit of \$42,000 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), July 16, 2012 (\$4,000). Based on continuing legal action, the administration recommends the authorization of an additional \$4,000.

2.5 Approval is requested to authorize payment for the following legal bills:

FIRM	DATE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Thrun Law Firm, P.C.	9/27/2012	\$752.00	Professional services
Secret Wardle	9/24/2012	\$1,935.95	Professional Services
AMOUNT DUE		\$2,687.95	

3. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

3.1 No hearings have been requested.

4. **CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION**

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

For Information:

4.1 The following textbooks are being presented for the 28-day period of examination. These books are available for review at the office of Curriculum and Instruction.

This book will be used for Sales Management A in grades 9-12:

Title: Who Moved My Cheese?
 Authors: Johnson & Blanchard
 Publisher: Penguin Putnam
 Copyright: 2002

This book will be used for Merchandising Operations A in grades 9-12:

Title: Start Something That Matters
 Authors: Mycoskie & Blake
 Publisher: Spiegel & Grau
 Copyright: 2011

This book will be used for Marketing A in grades 9-12:

Title: Rich Dad, Poor Dad
 Authors: Kiyosaki & Lechter
 Publisher: Warner Books
 Copyright: 2000

This book will be used for Marketing A in grades 9-12:

Title: Getting from College to Career
 Authors: Pollak & Lindsey
 Publisher: Harper Collins
 Copyright: 2007

5. **FINANCE**

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

For Information:

5.1 The following donation of items has occurred.

	Donor	Gift donated	Estimated Value
(1)	Tractor Supply Company	Hand tools for use in CTE programs at the high schools and middle schools	\$ 800.00

The following gifts, which total \$3,000.00, have been received and processed:

	Donor	Purpose	Amount
(1)	Dow Chemical communityGives Fund	Cheerleading at Dow High School	\$ 1,000.00
(2a)	Alan and Jean Ott	Support for the Dow High School Debate Program	\$ 1,000.00
(2b)	Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation	Matching Funds for the Dow High School Debate Program	\$ 1,000.00

Appropriate thanks to the donors is recommended.

6. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

For Information:

6.1 HR Study Committee Minutes Jerry Wasserman

6.2 The following staff member has announced her retirement effective as of the date indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mary P. Haney	Bus Driver, Transportation	January 1, 2013

7. **TECHNOLOGY**

Staff Resource Person – Mr. Verlinde

For Information:

7.1 Administration will be submitting an open bid request for any business interested in entering into an agreement with Midland Public Schools to be the sole service provider for the iPads that are part of this year's action research initiative. Bid packets will be available at the district administration center starting Wednesday, October 10, and may be acquired by contacting Mary Keegstra in the district's business office at 989-923-5064 or keegstrame@mps.k12.mi.us. All bid proposals must be submitted to the district administration office no later than Friday, October 19, at 5:00 p.m.

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

For Information:

8.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:
H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club

9. **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

For Information:

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

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

10. **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.

10.1 Hearing from Board Members

10.2 Announcements from Superintendent Ellinger

- Proposed Board of Education meeting dates for January-June 2013

11. **ADJOURNMENT**