The Board of Education Retreat of the Midland Public Schools, Midland, Michigan, was held at the Administration Center, 600 East Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan, on Saturday, January 12, 2013, beginning at 8:30 a.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: Vice President Wasserman, Member Kaminski, Secretary Baker, Member McFarland, Member Brandstadt, Member VanderKelen, Member Gorton,

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

   Visitor present: Dr. Thomas Pillar, Regional Representative, Michigan Assoc. of School Boards (MASB)

2. **AGENDA GROUP PRESENTATION**

   2.1 MPS Administration members presented the goals, priorities and challenges faced by the District in their respective areas of responsibility.
   - Mr. Carl Ellinger, Superintendent
   - Mr. Gary Verlinde, Assistant Superintendent (Human Resources, Technology)
   - Mrs. Linda Cline, Associate superintendent (Finance, Facilities and Operations)
   - Dr. Kathy Ellison, Associate Superintendent (Curriculum)

3. **MASB PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THOMAS J. PILLAR, Ed. D.**

   3.1 Dr. Thomas Pillar conducted a workshop for Midland Public Schools Board members, which encompassed board responsibilities including governance vs. management, characteristics of an effective board; board roles including policy, finance and collective bargaining; and board expectations of the board president, members and superintendent.

4. **REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

   4.1 No hearings were requested

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

   5.1 The Retreat was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

President: _________________________     Secretary: _________________________
Gerald Wasserman         John Kaminski

Approved by the Board on:
C. Young       28-January-2013