BOARDS OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – May 13, 2013

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, May 13, 2013, beginning at 7:00 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 Wasserman,
Secretary Kaminski,
Treasurer Brandstadt,
Member Gorton,
Member McFarland,
Member VanderKelen

Board member absent: Vice President Baker

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

Visitors present: 18 staff, citizens and guests

2. CONSENT AGENDA

McFarland/Brandstadt moved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved.

2.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 15, 2013 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 29, May 6, May 7, May 8, 2013.

2.2 Bids were accepted, and tabulation provided for District Concrete Replacement. This project includes concrete sidewalk and slab area replacement. The project is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of classes this fall. The administration recommended issuing a purchase order to the low bidder, DCM Construction of Midland, Michigan for the amount of $11,128. This project is part of previously approved 2013 Capital Projects by the Board of Education; funding is included in the 2013 Capital Projects.

2.3 Bids were accepted, and tabulation provided for Plymouth Elementary Roof Replacement. This project includes total removal of old roof and replacement with new E.P.D.M. membrane system. The Project is scheduled to be completed during the summer of this year. The administration recommended issuing a purchase order to the low bidder, Kawkawlin Roofing of Kawkawlin, Michigan for the amount of $21,610. This project is part of previously approved 2012 Sinking Fund Projects by the Board of Education; funding is included in the 2012 Sinking Fund budget.
2.4 Bids have been accepted and tabulation provided for a Midland High School varsity baseball field scoreboard. The work to be performed includes the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard and removal and disposal of the old scoreboard. The project is scheduled to be completed before the start of school this fall. Administration recommended issuing a purchase order to Daktronics for 14,892.00. Support for this project is provided by Meijer, the Michigan Baseball Foundation and the Midland High School Varsity Club. Installation will be donated by Blasy Electric of Midland.

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

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<td>Melissa Bressette</td>
<td>Paraprofessional, Plymouth Elementary</td>
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<td>Deborah Doan</td>
<td>Paraprofessional, Eastlawn Elementary</td>
<td>January 18, 2013</td>
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<td>Scott McMath</td>
<td>Paraprofessional, Northeast Middle School</td>
<td>May 10, 2013</td>
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2.6 Approval was requested to authorize payment for the following legal bill:

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<td>Thrun Law Firm P.C.</td>
<td>3/28/2013</td>
<td>4,018.50</td>
<td>Professional services</td>
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AMOUNT DUE $4,018.50

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 Action:

4.1 Brandstadt/Gorton moved that the following item be approved by a roll call vote.

The summer Tax Rate was read aloud by Secretary Kaminski as follows:

WHEREAS, this Board of Education was authorized by the electors of the Midland Public Schools on May 3, 2005 to assess up to 18 mills of the taxable valuation of the school district for 10 years, 2006-2015, for the general operating fund, subject to the limitations of Article 9, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 1211 of the Revised School Code, as amended, provides that the Board of Education of the school district may levy 18 mills of the taxable valuation of non-homestead property within the school district for school operating purposes and exempts principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, industrial personal, and commercial personal property from such levy; and
WHEREAS, Section 1211 of the Revised School Code, as amended, further provides that if the foundation allowance of a school district calculated under Section 20 of the state School Aid Act for the 1994-95 state fiscal year was more than Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($6,500) per pupil, such school district may reduce the number of mills from which principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, industrial personal, and commercial personal property are exempted by up to the number of mills, as certified by the Michigan Department of Treasury, required for the school district's combined state and local revenue per membership pupil for the school fiscal year ending in 1995 to equal the school district's foundation allowance for the state fiscal year ending in 1995, and may levy that number of mills in succeeding years for school operating purposes on principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, industrial personal, and commercial personal property, subject to certain limitations; and

WHEREAS, the supplemental millage rate applicable to principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, industrial personal, and commercial personal property of the Midland Public Schools for the 1994-95 fiscal year was certified by the Michigan Department of Treasury as 5.6523 mills; and

WHEREAS, the Midland Public Schools has taken the action required by Section 1613 of the Revised School Code, as amended, to conduct a summer tax levy for 2013, and communicated such action to the City of Midland by letter dated November 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 38 of 1999, being MCLA 211.39, requires that millage rate assessments be rounded down to four decimal places;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there be spread on the 2013 Summer Tax Roll a tax levy on the taxable value of non-homestead property of the school district within the City of Midland of 9 mills for the general operating fund; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there be spread on the 2013 Summer Tax Roll a tax levy on the taxable value of principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, industrial personal, and commercial personal property of the school district within the City of Midland of 1 mill for the general operating fund; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there be spread on the 2013 Summer Tax Roll a tax levy on the taxable value of commercial personal property of the school district within the City of Midland of 3 mills for the general operating fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if the revenues produced by the above levies for operating purposes result in revenues exceeding or falling short of the limits specified in Section 1211 of the Revised School Code, as amended, such difference shall be made up in the school district's next regular tax levy, in accordance with such section; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Clerk of the City of Midland be and hereby is authorized and instructed on behalf of the Midland Public Schools to assess and spread the amounts and only those amounts required by the above mills on the 2013 Summer Tax Roll.

Motion carried by those members present (6-0).
5. **CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION**

   **For Information:**

5.1 The “Curriculum and Special Services (CaSS) Study Committee Report” was read aloud by Ms. Yvonne Gorton. The meeting was held on April 15, 2013. Members present were Lynn Baker (chair), Yvonne Gorton, Kimberly VanderKelen, Carl Ellinger, Kathy Ellison, and Gary Verlinde. Also present: Randy Schaedig.

**Next Generation Science Standards**

Randy Schaedig shared with the committee that the final draft of the Next Generation Science Standards were finally released in early April. Michigan was one of 26 lead states involved in the development of these standards, so it is expected that they will be adopted by the State Board of Education as early as mid-May. These standards represent a significant shift in how science will be taught and assessed. The standards are fewer in number to provide students with the opportunities to go deeper in topics, and they also reflect an increased focus on the practices of science and engineering.

Testing on the new standards is expected to begin in the spring of 2017, with 2013-2014 being a year of transition planning and implementing some of the practices in science and engineering that students will be expected to master.

**Science Kits**

Mr. Schaedig then showed the committee an example of one science kit that is sent out to K-6 teachers in the district. The kits are pre-packed with all materials, activity instructions, background information and books so that all K-6 staff have all the resources they need to conduct those hands-on activities that are essential to student engagement and learning. Each teacher receives 3-4 kits every year, depending on grade level, which are aligned with current state content expectations.

Currently first grade teachers are preparing their incubators for the arrival of their dozen eggs so their students can watch their development as they eventually hatch into chicks!

Members then toured the Science Resources Center to see where kits are packed and restocked with materials for the next time they will be used.

**Robotics**

While touring the Science Resources Center, the group also looked in on the rooms used by the district Robotics Team. The team is led by Dow High teacher Sean Murray and several adult mentors. They’ve had a very successful season, and qualified for the state tournament held the previous weekend at Eastern Michigan University. As a result of their performance this year, the team qualified to compete in the Robotics World Championship in St. Louis April 24-26. The team is making arrangements to make their trip! The challenge for this year was to construct a mobile robot that could throw a Frisbee with accuracy and also do a “chin-up”.

**Remaining CaSS meeting for 2012-13:** May 20, 1:30 – Building Trades House, 1202 E. Haley

5.2 The following textbooks were 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 IB Math Studies SL 2/Pre-Calculus A in Grades 11 & 12:
Title: Precalculus with Limits, 3e
Author: Larson
Publisher: Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning
Copyright: 2014

This book will be used for AP Calculus AB in grades 11 and 12:
Title: Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic, 4e AP edition
Authors: Demana, Waits, Kennedy
Publisher: Pearson
Copyright: 2012

This book will be used for Psychology A/IB AP Psychology SL H
Title: Introduction to Psychology, 10th edition
Authors: Plotnik & Kouyoumdjian
Publisher: Wadsworth Cengage Learning

6. FINANCE

For Information:

6.1 The “Finance, Facilities and Operations (FFO) Study Committee Report” was read aloud by Ms. Angela Brandstadt (chair). The meeting was held on May 7, 2013. Members present were: A. Brandstadt (chair), G. Wasserman, J. Kaminski, C. Ellinger, G. Verlinde, L. Cline, C. Laux

The committee discussed the format of the budget workshop to be held on Monday, May 13. At this time, three revenue scenarios will be presented representing the State School Aid Act proposals of the Governor, the House, and the Senate. In all three cases, revenue will be less because of declining enrollment. Forecasted expenditures will reflect staffing teachers using the existing ratios with options for reducing class size to be presented. Administration will recommend that we reduce administrative FTE by 1, rather than 2, and that the second FTE be shifted to address increasing needs within the special education department. The 2013-14 budget will be presented at the June 10 Board of Education meeting with action taken on June 24.

Since the two-year agreement with the Midland Community Center to maintain the middle school pools expires at the end of this school year, Mr. Ellinger and Mr. Verlinde discussed options and the interest of the Community Center in keeping the pools open into the indefinite future. Mr. Verlinde will meet with a representative from the Community Center to negotiate a new agreement.

The next meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3.

(It was later determined there is an FFO meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.)

6.2 The following gifts, which total $14,838.36, were received and processed:

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<td>1 Home Builders Association of Midland County</td>
<td>Support for Midland Public Schools Building Trades Program</td>
<td>$1,082.00</td>
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<td>2 Siebert Elementary PTO</td>
<td>Two-way radios and batteries for Siebert classrooms</td>
<td>$558.90</td>
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<td>4 Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee</td>
<td>Science Olympiad t-shirts for participants</td>
<td>$240.00</td>
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Acceptance of the following gift totaling $5,950 was recommended:

McFarland/Gorton moved for acceptance of the following gift:

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<td>3 Siebert School PTO</td>
<td>Gym PA system and electrical work at Siebert Elementary</td>
<td>$5,950.00</td>
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Motion carried unanimously.

Appropriate thanks to the donors is recommended.

7. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Study Committee Chair** – Ms. Baker  
**Staff Resource Person** – Mr. Verlinde

**For Action:**

Brandstadt/Kaminski moved for approval of the following item.

7.1 Under the terms of the current contract between the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools and the Midland City Education Association, a contract lease was granted to Ms. Viola Collin, President of MCEA, for the 2013-14 school year--August 27, 2013 through June 12, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

**For Information:**

7.2 The following staff members announced their retirement effective as of the date indicated:

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<td>Paraprofessional, Woodcrest Elementary</td>
<td>June 12, 2013</td>
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<td>Monty Mondeau</td>
<td>Bus Driver, Transportation</td>
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<td>Dawn Sauve</td>
<td>Paraprofessional, H. H. Dow High</td>
<td>June 12, 2013</td>
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7.3 The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the families of

- Mrs. Dorothy Barto who passed away on April 17, 2013. Mrs. Barto was a food service worker for Midland Public Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1990.


8. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For Information:

8.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:
- Adams Elementary P.T.O.
- Midland Kiwanis Foundation
- American Chemical Society

- TNW Management, Inc.
- Midland Area Community Foundation
- H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club

8.2 Letters to the Board of Education or the school system from:

FOIA request from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy requesting information about collective bargaining agreements or related extensions, letters of understanding, letters of agreement, tentative agreements or any agreements related to union security clauses or agency fees, or the deduction of any union dues or agency fees signed after December 11, 2012 and any future issuances of said documents created before March 28, 2013 for all employee groups that bargain with the district.

9. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

For Information:

The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for 2013:

- May 28, 2013 (Tuesday) 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- June 10, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- June 24, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- July 15, 2013 4 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- August 12, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- August 26, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- September 9, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- September 23, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- October 14, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- October 28, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- November 11, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- November 25, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
- December 9, 2013 7 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

These Special Meetings of the Board of Education will be held related to the Superintendent Search:

- May 20, 2013 5 p.m. Finalist Interview
- May 21, 2013 5 p.m. Finalist Interview
May 22, 2013 5 p.m. Finalist Interview
May 23, 2013 5 p.m. Board Selection of Final Candidate
May 31, 2013 5 p.m. Report Out by Site Comm./Final Authorization

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:
- VanderKelen/McFarland moved to begin each Board of Education meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Positive comments were made by board members; the motion carried unanimously.

Board members expressed their …
- appreciation to all the groups for their very generous donations of gifts this evening.
- gladness to see the many visitors at the meeting. Board members said it was especially nice to see so many MHS/DHS government students in the audience.
- anticipation for the superintendent finalist presentations and interviews next week.
- eagerness for the graduation ceremonies in June.
- enthusiasm for the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards that were celebrated on May 9. It was an honor to participate as a representative of the Board and serve as a member of the Gerstacker Teacher Awards committee. The letters submitted for the teacher candidates were very impressive and heartfelt. It was wonderful to witness the surprise on the faces of the teachers when they realized they were this year’s Gerstacker award recipients.

10.2 Announcements from Superintendent Ellinger:
- Congratulations to the Midland High student who took first place in his arc welding category at the recent Delta College technical solutions competition!
- The Midland High Focus newspaper won many awards at the annual Spring Conference and Awards Ceremony hosted by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, held on April 15. Focus journalists took home 38 individual awards in various categories. The Focus staff also won the Spartan Award for journalistic excellence.
- Congratulations to the Dow High Update and yearbook staff on their outstanding recognition at the spring MIPA conference in May. The Update staff earned a gold for its print publication, a bronze for the online publication, and the yearbook earned a silver. Individually they placed in 31 categories.
- The Northeast Head to Head Team has completed another successful season. This year’s Head to Head team consisted of 98 Northeast students. These members worked hard to complete another undefeated season. Of these 98 NE students, 57 of them qualified to attend the Head to Head Finals Meet to compete in 83 categories.
- On March 21, fifteen staff members of the Dow High Update traveled with advisor Cammie Hall to NYC to be recognized as a finalist for a Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Update was one of 48 high school newspapers nationwide and the only high school in Michigan to be a finalist. The staff earned a Silver Crown for their work on the publication. In addition, individual awards known as Gold Circles were received by student staff members.
• DECA students competed in mid-April at the annual International competition in Anaheim, California. 16,500 students competed for the chance to earn the honor of International Winner. Congratulations to the DHS student who received a medal for his occupational test and the DHS student who earned the honor of top 10 in his event category, which means this student is in the Top 10 Marketing Students in the World. Congratulations to all who qualified for the competition and those that earned further honors.

• In late April the MHS Meistersingers traveled to St Louis, Missouri, to compete in a music competition. They swept the awards winning first place in the high school mixed choir category with superior ratings, winning best high school choir overall and an individual winning outstanding soloist.

• Congratulations to Mrs. Sue Lombardo for winning the Michigan Youths Arts Festival Touchstone Award for 2013!

• Congratulations to the three Midland High students who finished third at the inaugural MSU programming competition this past weekend

• Midland High’s NHS students took in over 4,000 food items through their food drives this year as well as giving many hours to community service activities

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

President: _________________________  Secretary: _________________________

Gerald Wasserman  John Kaminski

Approved by the Board on:

C. Young  28-May-2013