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 15, 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 members absent: Vice President Baker,

   Central staff present: Superintendent Sharrow, Assistant Superintendent Verlinde, Associate Superintendent Cline

   Associate Superintendent Cooper

   Visitors present: 6 staff, citizens and guests

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

   2.1 Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 24.

   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 Bids were recently received from tree service vendors to remove a number of trees throughout the district that have the potential of damaging our properties. The administration recommended that a purchase order be issued to the low bidder, Kindy Tree Service of Midland, MI for a cost of $7,400 to provide these services to Midland Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

2.4 Bids were recently received from custodial supply vendors to provide 44 gallon 40 x 48 H.DEN 16mic garbage liners for our district facilities. The administration recommended that a purchase order be issued to the low bidder, Arnold Sales of Bay City, Michigan for a cost of $4,774.80 to provide these supplies to Midland Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

2.5 Approval was requested to enter into a twelve month extension of a two year contract with Republic Services for waste and recycling services for the 2013-2014 school year. Cost of this service is $36,224.

2.6 Approval was requested to enter into a twelve month extension of a two year contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation for district elevator inspections for the 2013-2014 school year. Cost of this service is $3,312.

2.7 The following staff member announced her resignation effective as of the date indicated:

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<td>Maria Rose Adams</td>
<td>District Art Teacher</td>
<td>July 11, 2013</td>
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2.8 Approval was requested to authorize payment for the following legal bills:

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<td>6/27/2013</td>
<td>$2,350.00</td>
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Motion carried unanimously.

3. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

3.1 No hearings were requested.
4. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recommended for Action

Brandstadt/Gorton moved that the following item be approved.

4.1 Proposed Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2013-14 Delegate and Alternate:

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<td>John Kaminski - Delegate</td>
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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. Secretary Kaminski read aloud the following resolution.

"MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2013 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014. The (listed)
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, 2013 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2014, during which the authorization may not be revoked."
McFarland/Brandstadt 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 four Midland secondary schools again in 2013-14.
- 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 2013-14.
- Accept the responsibility of enforcing these rules for the Midland schools.

Ayes: Brandstadt, Gorton, Kaminski, McFarland, VanderKelen, Wasserman
Nays: None
Absent: Baker
Motion: Motion carried by those members present (6-0).

**For Information**

4.3 Mr. Verlinde presented the Revised Acceptable Use Policy for Information.

Mobile computing, social media and cloud services have had a significant impact on our society over the last five years. These technologies are also becoming important staples for delivering a 21st Century education. We can use them to enhance learning, teach digital citizenship, encourage collaboration and improve efficiencies; they are here to stay and it is important we begin to support them.

The Midland Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy currently lacks verbiage pertaining to mobile computing, social media and cloud services. In order to support the use of these services, it is important that we define the necessary policies so all users have an understanding of the availability, expectations for proper use, support and personal responsibility. The Administration will bring this Revised Acceptable Use Policy to the Board for approval and implementation on August 12, prior to the start of the 2013-14 school year.
5. **FINANCE/FACILITIES**

**For Action:**

Kaminski/Brandstadt moved that the following item be approved.

5.1 The administration recommended an increase in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2013-14 school year. This is the first price increase since the 2011-2012 year and is recommended by Chartwells, our food service contractor to offset increased food costs. The recommended price increase for lunches is 15¢ per meal for both elementary and secondary lunches. This will raise the price of elementary student lunches to $2.30 and the base secondary lunch to $2.50. Breakfast and adult meals would also increase $0.15. Reduced lunch prices will remain at 40¢ as required by Federal law. Administration will bring this increase in breakfast and lunch prices to the Board for Action at its August 12, 2013 Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**For Information:**

6.1 Letter from the Board of Education or the school system to:
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bassett
- Ms. Barbara Ruhberg
- Ms. Ruth Ann Wright
- Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation
- The Dow Chemical Foundation

6.2 FOIA request from Mackinac Center for Public Policy requesting the name, school name, school address and e-mail address of teachers currently employed by Midland Public Schools.

7. **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

**For Information:**

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

- 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
8. **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.

8.1 Hearing from Board Members

Board members welcomed Mr. Sharrow to Midland Public Schools and expressed their eagerness to work with him. Board members were very complimentary about the communication and accessibility Mr. Sharrow has already demonstrated.

8.2 Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow

- Mr. Sharrow expressed his excitement and readiness to work with the Board as well as MPS staff, students and families.
- Mr. Sharrow communicates with the Board and Cabinet on Fridays and looks forward to beginning a Monday communication to all MPS staff, families as well as community members in the very near future.
- Mr. Sharrow addressed the status of the District regarding the NEOLA process and the current *How Midland Schools Works*. Mr. Sharrow will continue to update the Board as the process proceeds.
- In his Friday communication Mr. Cooper included information on the summer credit recovery (E2020) system; Spanish 1 and 2 has now been vetted through the proper processes.
- Mr. Sharrow has been meeting with all of the cabinet members, which includes all of the building principals. All of these conversations have had very positive dialogue.
- Mr. Sharrow met with John Searles, MCESA Superintendent, recently. One item of discussion was the Enhancement Millage. Mr. Sharrow has requested that a meeting be set up with the County Superintendents in August regarding this millage and its high priority timeline because of the Enhancement Millage expiration in May 2014.
- Kudos to the Midland High Athletic Director, Eric Albright, who was recently recognized by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for his support and commitment to professional development.
- H. H. Dow High students had a great performance this spring in the Math Olympics held at SVSU. Dow High was the overall team champion this year, which was the eighth year in a row.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

President: _________________________  Secretary: _________________________

Gerald Wasserman  John Kaminski

Approved by the Board on:

C. Young  12-August-2013