

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – May 12, 2014**

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 12, 2014, 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: Vice President Brandstadt,
Secretary Gorton,
Treasurer Kaminski,
Member Baker,
Member McFarland,
Member Singer
- Board members absent: President Wasserman
- Central staff present: Superintendent Sharrow,
Assistant Superintendent Verlinde,
Associate Superintendent Brutyn,
Associate Superintendent Cline,
Associate Superintendent Cooper
- Visitors present: 105 staff, citizens and guests

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 2.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2014 and the Budget Workshop on April 28, 2014.
- 2.2 The following staff members have announced their resignation effective as of the dates indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cody Moore	Teacher, H. H. Dow High School	June 16, 2014
Terri Costley	Paraprofessional, Northeast Middle School	May 2, 2014

- 2.3 Bids were requested and sent to seven (7) vendors for multi-purpose 8-1/2 x 11 copy paper for Midland Public Schools. Five (5) responded with the results indicated on the bid tabulation sheet. Purchasing the paper from Contract Paper Group for a total of \$60,303.60 was recommended.
- 2.4 The following books were presented for the 28-day period of examination on April 14.

These books will be used for IB World Literature 1 HL A in grade 11:

Title: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*
Author: Katherine Boo
Publisher: Random House
Copyright: 2012

Title: *Fear and Trembling: A Novel*
Author: Amelie Nothomb
Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin
Copyright: 2002

Title: *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*
Author: Marjane Satrapi
Publisher: Pantheon
Copyright: 2004

These books will be used for IB World Literature 2 HL H in grade 12:

Title: *This Boy's Life: A Memoir*
Author: Tobias Wolff
Publisher: Grove Press
Copyright: 2000

Title: *Long Day's Journey into Night*
Author: Eugene O'Neill
Publisher: Yale University Press
Copyright: 2002

Title: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
Author: Edward Albee
Publisher: New American Library
Copyright: 2006

These books will be used for Reading 6 in grade 6:

Title: *Wonder*
Author: R. J. Palacio
Publisher: Knopf Books
Copyright: 2012

Title: *Bud, not Buddy*
Author: Christopher P. Curtis
Publisher: Random House
Copyright: 2002

The administration recommended approval of these books. As approved, these purchases are contingent on the available funding as approved in the 2014-15 budget.

- 2.5 Bids were accepted for commercial trash hauling service and recycle material hauling throughout the district. Administration recommended issuing a purchase order to the low and only bidder, Waste Management Services of Saginaw, Michigan, at an annual cost of \$36,224. Waste Management will be visiting all of our schools to look at our recycling programs and help to enhance the programs we already have in place to save money on waste removal.
- 2.6 Administration recommended the renewal of the Adult Ed Cooperative Agreement between Bullock Creek School District, Coleman Community Schools, Meridian Public Schools and Midland Public Schools for the 2014-15 school year.

- 2.7 Approval of the payment of the school system's bills for the month of March 2014, as listed in the check register prepared by Ms. Laux, in the total amount of \$6,403,204 was recommended. The distribution of obligations, by fund, is as follows:

	Through 3/15/2014	Through 3/31/2014	Totals
General Fund / Athletics	\$ 780,333	\$ 1,090,240	\$ 1,870,573
Capital Projects	-	-	-
Sinking Fund	-	-	-
Middle School Science Lab Renovation	-	-	-
Technology Grant	-	-	-
School Services:			
School Stores	2,612	5,760	8,372
Food Service	646	161,141	161,787
Student Activities	<u>3,816</u>	<u>1,147</u>	<u>4,963</u>
Sub-totals	787,407	1,258,288	2,045,695
Federal Withholding			355,201
State Withholding/Sales Tax			121,647
Social Security/Medicare			531,287
Payroll Transfers			42,777
ACH Transfers			2,303,621
Connectcare Transfers			672,733
Consumers payments paid electronically			107,783
PESG payroll (contracted substitutes)			56,697
Purchase Card Transactions			<u>165,763</u>
Total March Distributions			<u>\$6,403,204</u>

Submitted herewith were the following financial reports:

- 2.7.b Listing of purchase orders and purchase card transactions exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the month of March prepared by Ms. Laux.

- 2.8 Approval was requested to authorize payment of the following legal bill:

FIRM	DATE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Thrun Law Firm P.C.	4/24/2014	\$ 1,536.00	Professional Fees
AMOUNT DUE		\$ 1,536.00	

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- 3.1 Ms. Lisa Arnold, 607 Columbia, Midland spoke about the Great Lakes Bay Early College program and why she feels GLBEC would be a good fit for her daughter.

4. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

For Information:

- 4.1 Mr. Sharrow recognized two May Shining Star employees. These staff members were recognized for doing an outstanding job and going “above and beyond” to make Midland Public Schools a better place for students.
- Ms. Dawn Wallace, MPS Bus Driver
 - Mr. Keith Seybert, Northeast Physical Education Teacher
- Congratulations to these very deserving MPS staff members.
- 4.2 Ms. Barbara Jacques, Mr. Roger Stevens, Ms. Amanda Thoms, teachers with the MPS Music Department, spoke with the Board about the MPS 5th Grade Music Program. Students in the Plymouth Choir and Chestnut Hill Orchestra performed lovely musical selections for Board and audience members. Mr. Stevens presented highlights of the recent MPS 4th grade music event at the Midland Center for the Arts.
- 4.3 Mr. John Searles, Superintendent, and Mr. Mark Orihel, Director of Finance, of the Midland County Educational Service Agency (MCESA) presented the MCESA 2014-15 proposed Budget.
- 4.4 Ms. Kathy Peretz, MPS Music Teacher Leader, presented current information about the *Looking Sharp* MPS music program uniform fundraising initiative currently underway.
- 4.5 Mr. Sharrow recognized the district’s 2013 Safety Excellence Awards. The MPS Bus Garage, Franklin Center, Jefferson Middle School, Plymouth Elementary and Woodcrest Elementary completed the 2013 calendar year without recording any employee injuries. Award certificates were presented to the buildings on April 21, 2014.
- 4.6 Mrs. Cline read thank you letters from the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Red Cross that were recently received by the District and by Chartwells School Dining Services. The Red Cross thanked MPS and Chartwells for their use of the Central Building as a shelter and for the food and meals provided by Chartwells to those who were displaced during the recent flooding in the Midland area.

For Action:

Kaminski/Baker moved for approval of the following item:

- 4.7 Approval of the Midland County Educational Service Agency 2014-15 budget, which was presented to the Board of Education at this evening’s meeting.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried by those members present (6-0).

ISD Budget Resolution

Midland Public Schools, Midland, Michigan (the “District”) A Regular meeting of the board of education of the District was held in the Board Room in the District on the 12th day of May, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by Angela Brandstadt, Vice President.

Present: Baker, Brandstadt, Gorton, Kaminski, McFarland, Singer

Absent: Wasserman

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kaminski and supported by Member Baker.

WHEREAS:

1. Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the intermediate school board to submit its proposed budget not later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review; and

2. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed intermediate school district budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed intermediate school district budget, and shall submit to the intermediate school board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The board of education has received and reviewed the proposed intermediate school district budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and by the adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the proposed intermediate school district budget.

2. The secretary of the board of education or his/her designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to the intermediate school board or its superintendent no later than June 1, 2014.

3. All resolutions insofar as they conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members Baker, Brandstadt, Gorton, Kaminski, McFarland, Singer

Nays:

Resolution declared adopted.

/s/ Yvonne Gorton
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools, Midland, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a regular meeting held on May 12, 2014, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

/s/ Yvonne Gorton
Secretary, Board of Education

4.8 Singer/Kaminski moved that the following item be approved by a roll call vote.

The summer Tax Rate was read aloud by Secretary Gorton 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 2014, and communicated such action to the City of Midland by letter dated November 12, 2013; 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 2014 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 2014 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 0.9 mill for the general operating fund; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there be spread on the 2014 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 2014 Summer Tax Roll.

/s/ Angela Brandstadt
Angela Brandstadt, Vice President
Midland Board of Education

Motion carried by those members present (6-0).

Gorton/McFarland moved for approval of the following item.

4.9 The United States Department of Agriculture requires that all food service management contracts be rebid every five years. As such, the District issued a request for proposals earlier this spring. Only one company, Chartwells School Dining Services, chose to bid on our program with an estimated cost of \$2.891 per meal. Chartwells has been our food service management provider since 2007. It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2014-15 Food Service Agreement with Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division.

Motion carried unanimously.

Singer/Gorton moved for approval of the following item.

- 4.10 The District began contracting for custodial services in 2007. With the upcoming expiration of our current contract with Grand Rapids Building Services on June 30, we issued a request for proposals earlier this spring. Seven custodial services companies submitted responses. A district committee of members of the administrative and managerial staff reviewed the proposals, met with representatives of three finalists and toured districts served by the finalists. After careful evaluation, the committee recommended that the superintendent be authorized to enter into a three-year contract with Enviro-Clean of Holland, MI in the amount of \$1,235,171.38 per year.

Motion carried unanimously.

McFarland/Kaminski moved for approval of the following item.

- 4.11 Mr. Sharrow recommended the Midland City Educational Support Personnel Association (MCESPA) contract extension, which has been ratified by the members of this group, to the Board of Education for approval. This one-year contract extension, with no changes to the current contract, will extend the MCESPA contract through the 2014-15 school year, expiring on September 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kaminski/Singer moved for approval of the following item.

- 4.12 Administration recommended Board approval of the 2014–2015 school year calendar recently ratified as a Letter of Agreement by the Midland City Education Association. The calendar features a starting date for classes of September 2, 2014 and a final day of school of June 10, 2015, with 174 days of instruction. Christmas Break will be December 22 through January 2 with Spring Break from March 30 through April 6.



Midland Public Schools 2014-2015 Calendar

Approved by the Board of Education on 05-12-2014

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
July 2014							January 2015						
		1	2	3	H	5	4	5	6	7	8	V	3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18	E	E	E	PD	(R)	24
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25	[26]	27	28	29	30	31
27	28	29	30	31			February 2015						
August 2014							1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						1	8	9	10	11	12	PD	14
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	15	V	17	18	19	20	21
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	March 2015						
24	O	PD	R	R	V	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31							8	PD	HSC	MSC	EC	13	14
September 2014							15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	H	[2]	3	4	5	6	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	29	V	V	V	V	4	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	H	h	7	8	9	10	11
21	PD	23	24	25	26	27	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
28	29	30					19	PD	21	22	23	24	25
October 2014							April 2015						
			1	2	3	4			V	V	V	4	
5	6	7	8	9	PD	11	H	h	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	HSC	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	PD	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31		26	27	28	29	30		
November 2014							May 2015						
						1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	3	PD	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	{pd}	14	15	16
9	10	11	MSC	EC 1/2	14	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	H	26	27	28	29	30
23	24	25	26	H	h	29	31						
30							June 2015						
December 2014								1	2	3	4	G	6
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21	V	V	h	H	V	27	28	29	30				
28	V	V	V	V									

First Semester	Second Semester	TOTAL
Days of Pupil Instruction _____ = 87	Days of Pupil Instruction _____ = 87	174
Teachers' Record Days No School R = 3	Teachers' Record Days No School 1 = 4	7
Professional Development Days No School PD = 5	Professional Development Days No School 3 = 8	13
HSC = High School conferences evening 5:00 - 8:00 pm	HSC = High School conferences evening 5:00 - 8:00 pm	8
EC1/2 = Elementary conferences 1:00-4:00 pm AND	EC = Elementary conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm	16
Early Release Grades K-5 eve 5:00 - 8:00 pm	MSC = Middle School conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm	24
MSC = Middle School conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm		40

Code: R-Record day for teachers; []-Start of Semester; ()- End of Semester; _____ - Days of Instruction; *- School System Paydates; H-State Holiday; h-Board Policy Holiday; V-Vacation day, no school; G- Graduation Ceremonies E - Exam days for high schools; PD- Professional Development Day for teachers; {pd}- Professional Development Days after school hours; O-Orientation Day/Records Day for new hires.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. **CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION**

Study Committee Chair – Ms. Baker
Staff Resource Person – Mr. Cooper

For Information:

5.1 The following books 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 Health Care Technology 1:

Title: *Health Science Fundamental, 1st Edition*
 Author: Badasch & Chesebro
 Publisher: Pearson
 Copyright: 2011

This book will be used in Automotive Technology 1 & 2 and Car Care:

Title: *Modern Automotive Technology*
 Author: James E. Duffy
 Publisher: Goodheart Wilcox
 Copyright: 2014

This book will be used in AP Advanced Chemistry H:

Title: *Chemistry – A Molecular Approach, AP Edition*
 Author: Nivaldo J. Tro
 Publisher: Pearson
 Copyright: 2014

6. **FINANCE**

Study Committee Chair – Dr. Kaminski
Staff Resource Person – Ms. Cline

For Information:

6.1 The “Finance, Facilities and Operations (FFO) Study Committee Report” was read aloud by John Kaminski (chair). Members present for the April 21, 2014, meeting were J. Kaminski (chair), A. Brandstadt, G. Wasserman, M. Sharrow, L. Cline, C. Laux, R. Cooper

Mrs. Laux reviewed the March financial report.

Mrs. Cline stated that 7 companies responded to our request for proposal for custodial services and one company submitted a response to the food service management proposal. A district committee of administrators and managers has narrowed the seven custodial proposals to three that will be interviewed on April 22. Following the interviews, the committee will select districts served by the companies to visit before making a final recommendation.

The committee discussed the format of the budget workshop to be held on Monday, April 28. 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. The 2014-15 budget will be presented at the June 9 Board of Education meeting with action taken on June 23.

6.2 The following gifts, which total \$8,081.42 were received and processed:

1	Midland High and Dow High	Dorothy O. Minikel Business Education Endowment Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation	BPA & DECA Trips to National Events	\$ 3,000.00
2	Jefferson	Mr. and Mrs. James L. Fulkerson	Forensics Team	\$ 305.00
3	Siebert	Siebert PTO	Kindergarten Books	\$ 922.50
4	Siebert	Anonymous	Summer Reading Program	\$ 1,200.00
5	Dow High	H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club	Pom Pon Team	\$ 550.00

6	Dow High	H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club	Girls' Soccer	\$ 1,000.00
7	Dow High	H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club	Football Coaches Clinic	\$ 653.92
8	Eastlawn	Eastlawn Elementary Student Supplemental Education Endowment Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation	Teacher Book Study	\$ 450.00

6.3 The following donation of items has occurred.

1	Chestnut Hill, Siebert, Plymouth	Pulse 3 Foundation in partnership with Mobile Medical Response (MMR) and the Saginaw Spirit	Three AED's (automated external defibrillator alarm boxes)
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An appropriate thanks to the donors was recommended.

For Action

Kaminski/Baker moved for approval of the following item.

6.4 Thanks to a generous gift from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation for Midland High School and H.H. Dow High School music uniforms, we are in the process of ordering replacement marching band uniforms. In order to maintain the integrity of the DHS uniform, we would request that the purchase be made from Stanbury Uniforms, Inc., the supplier of the original uniform. Stanbury will match the colors, construction, and durable fabric quality that we have received from them in the past. We know of no other vendor who can match these specifications. Administration seeks approval to issue a purchase order to Stanbury Uniforms, Inc. of Brookfield, Missouri in the amount of \$21,640.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

For Information:

7.1 The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the families of:

Rose Mary Laur who passed away on April 14, 2014. Mrs. Laur was a teacher at Leiphart and Siebert for more than 24 years, retiring in 1986.

Mae Pearson who passed away on May 1, 2014. Mrs. Pearson was as a secretary with Midland Public Schools for 21 years, retiring from Sugnet School in 1981.

Mary Jane Perkins who passed away on April 29, 2014. Mrs. Perkins was a human resources secretary at Midland Public Schools for 20 years, retiring in 1980.

John Byron who passed away on April 18, 2014. Mr. Byron was an Industrial Arts teacher at Northeast, Jefferson and H. H. Dow High for 20 years. Mr. Byron also coached football and wrestling at Northeast. He retired in 1990.

Our next memoriam isn't an MPS retiree. Mrs. Jenifer Grace Sisco was a much loved, dedicated teacher and math department head at Midland High School who lost her very courageous three-year battle with breast cancer on May 2, 2014. "All In" was the battle cry that was heard and felt throughout not only her MHS family but throughout her MPS family for all of us who cared for and supported Jen in her fight these past three years. We send our heartfelt thoughts and wishes to Jen's family: her husband Mike, her children Rachel, Blake and Lauren and her extended Sisco and Turner family. The wonderful light and spirit of Jenifer Grace Turner Sisco will live forever in our hearts at Midland Public Schools.

8. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For Information:

- 8.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:
- Midland Area Community Foundation
 - Siebert Elementary PTO
 - H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club
 - Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee (JPAC)
 - The Fabiano Family, Joseph Fabiano, Fabiano Brothers, Inc.
 - Ms. Roberta Iacovoni

9. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

For Information:

- 9.1 The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for the remainder of 2014.

June 9, 2014	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
June 23, 2014	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
July 14	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 11	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 8	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 13	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 10	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 8	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

Board members expressed their ...

- sadness by the loss of Mrs. Jen Sisco, a very gifted and loved teacher who will truly be missed. Her wonderful legacy will live on in the MPS students she touched. MHS did a wonderful job with the memorial service attended by approximately 1,000 people.
- appreciation to the MCESPA group for being proactive and coming to administration to extend their contract for an additional year.
- congratulations to the May Shining Stars—Dawn Wallace and Keith Seybert. Thank you for your service, hard work and dedication to MPS.
- gratitude to Mrs. Jacques, Mr. Stevens and Ms. Thoms and, most importantly, thank you to the 5th grade students who sang and played their musical instruments this evening. This glimpse into the MPS 5th grade music program is exciting and so very appreciated.
- thanks to our very generous gift donors this evening. Thank you so much for your support.
- anticipation for the upcoming commencement ceremonies and all of the graduation events.
- congratulations to this year's Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award winners. Mrs. Gorton's speech at this year's ceremony was wonderful. Thank you very much to the Gerstacker family for their support of this meaningful program over the years.
- excitement for the art show on display at the Midland Center for the Arts. We truly appreciate the MCFTA for their partnership in this exciting endeavor.
- compliments to the cast and crew of Dow High's, *Xanadu*. It was a very enjoyable, well done production.
- congratulations to the Robotics team that competed at the world championships recently. You represented Midland admirably.
- enthusiasm for their visit to the Building Trades house today with the Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Committee. The house was absolutely beautiful. The Building Trades group is hosting an open house Saturday from 11-2:00 at 1128 East Haley Street.
- interest in the seven bids for copy paper received as we strive for every possible cost savings, even in the smallest details.
- thanks to those who worked on the 2014-15 calendar. We know it is not an easy process.
- appreciation for all of the MPS teachers as we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week last week. If you didn't have a chance to thank a teacher last week, there is still time.
- kudos to the buildings who received 2013 safety awards: Franklin Center, MPS Bus Garage, Jefferson Middle School, Plymouth Elementary and Woodcrest Elementary. We appreciate the staff working to keep their facilities' safe.
- congratulations to the DECA & BPA students and advisors who recently competed in national competitions. It is so great to see our students representing our school district and our community so commendably.
- compliments to the high school teachers who go way above and beyond to prepare our students for the AP exams. Best wishes to all of the students who are taking AP exams this week.
- excitement for Prom this coming weekend. We hope all of the students are safe and truly enjoy themselves.

10.2 Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow:

- Congratulations to this year's Gerstacker recipients: Jeff Beckwith, Maryanne Lipovsky, Roger Stevens and Lynn Tolfa. At this year's ceremony, 25 MPS teacher/administrator retirees were also recognized; these dedicated educators have 641 years of combined service in public education.
- The Office Professional/Administrative Assistant group submitted a letter making no additional salary request for 2014-15 because of the district's economic

condition. They have asked, though, that should salary increases be given in the future, they also be considered for such an increase. This group also noted that they are currently operating below their 2006-07 salary rates.

- 2014-15 teaching assignments will be disclosed on May 23.
- Our facilities study process continues. French Associates were in recently to look at our closed facilities and have advised us to put out a request for proposal for a project manager. An FFO meeting will be scheduled to review the received proposals, which are due May 23.
- Work has begun with Stauder and Barch, Financial Consultants, to look at possible bond scenarios.
- In their 2014 National High School Rankings, *U.S. News* has recognized MPS high schools as silver medal schools for the third year in a row. This report shows that our high schools are in the top 7% in the State of Michigan and in the top 10% of high schools in the entire country.
- We have recently discovered a structural issue in a second floor classroom at Northeast Middle School. This serious problem appears to be due to a storage room constructed in 2006 that has stressed the steel joists. The room has been vacated and structural engineers have inspected the area. We have contacted the architectural firm that designed the storage room to discuss repair and responsibility for costs.
- We expect the House and Senate May revenue consensus estimates to be lower than originally projected in the school aid fund and state general fund. It is unclear how much this will affect the final school aid budget for 2014-15.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Vice President: _____
Angela Brandstadt

Secretary: _____
Yvonne Gorton

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