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 monthly meetings are held 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.

This meeting is a meeting of the Midland Public Schools’ Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. 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 Wasserman
   ___ Vice President Brandstadt
   ___ Secretary Gorton
   ___ Treasurer Kaminski
   ___ Member Baker
   ___ Member McFarland
   ___ Member Singer

   Central Staff:
   Mr. Sharrow, Superintendent
   Mr. Verlinde, Assistant Superintendent
   Mr. Cooper, Associate Superintendent: Finance/Facilities/Operations
   Mr. Brutyn, Associate Superintendent: Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

2. CONSENT AGENDA

   2.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2014
   2.2. The following persons are recommended for employment for the 2014-15 school year
      <> Michael Donovan, .9 Physical Education Teacher, Midland Public Schools
      <> Anthony Gates, 1.0 Special Education Teacher, Midland High School
      <> Dominique Lacina, 1.0 First Grade Teacher, Woodcrest Elementary School
      <> Chelsea Manasian, 1.0 School Psychologist, Special Services
      <> Lelah Sellers, 1.0 Kindergarten Teacher, Siebert Elementary School
      <> John Streeter, 1.0 Physical Education Teacher, H. H. Dow High School
      <> Benjamin Younkin, 1.0 Math Teacher, Midland HIgh School
   2.3. The following tenure teacher has requested a Leave of Absence for the 2014-15 School year:
      <> Elizabeth Christiansen
   2.4. The following staff members have announced their resignation effective as of the dates indicated:
      <> Lucy Candela, Paraprofessional, August 18, 2014
<> Monica Chambers, School Psychologist, August 12, 2014
<> Kristin Eddy, Bus Driver, August 6, 2014
<> Jennifer Edmonds, Teacher, August 13, 2014
<> Karen Fenskie, Paraprofessional, August 19, 2014
<> Christine Fogus, Paraprofessional, August 7, 2014
<> Ann Hoerauf, Paraprofessional, August 14, 2014
<> Karen Morrison, Paraprofessional, August 20, 2014
<> Patricia Schnurr, ESL Tutor, June 12, 2014
<> Deni Sue Schramm, Paraprofessional, August 19, 2014
<> Robert Wellman, Teacher/Athletic Director, August 22, 2014
<> Lisa White, Paraprofessional, August 25, 2014

2. 5. Legal Invoice for Payment
   Approval is requested to authorize payment for the following invoice for professional legal fees
   <> Thrun Law Firm P.C., $1,172.00, August 28, 2014

3. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
   Community/Staff/Parents Address the Board Regarding Facilities Study

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION
   4.1. 2013-14 Audit Report (Cooper)
         Mr. Dave Youngstrom, Principal, Yeo & Yeo, will present the Midland Public Schools' 2013-14 Audit Report.

   4.2. Tax Resolution for Winter of 2014 (Cooper)
         On May 12, 2014, the Board established an estimated 2014-15 local tax rate of 5.6523 mills on homestead and qualifying agricultural property and 18.0 mills on non-homestead property. Following a long-established procedure, 50% of both the 5.6523 and 18.0 mill rates were levied by the City of Midland in the summer tax bill. An additional 6.0 mills were levied by the state on city and township property for the State Education Tax (SET).

         When the Board approved the 2014-15 budget on June 23, 2014, the estimated millage rates were 18.0 mills for non-homestead property and 1.7698 mills for homestead and qualified agricultural property.

         Based on the most recent information with respect to taxable values for 2013 and 2014 and the estimated blended student count for 2014-15, the estimated 2014 millage rates to support 2014-15 general fund expenditures are:

         18.0 mills on non-homestead property
         7.7400 mills on commercial personal property
         1.7400 mills on principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, and industrial personal property. The 1.7400 mills were decreased by 0.0298 mill as an adjustment for 2013-14 principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, and industrial personal property taxes. The adjustment has been determined following a format provided by the Department of Treasury. The total represents a decrease of 0.0514 mill from the 2013-14 rate of 1.7914 mills.

         The 2014-15 principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest, and industrial personal property millage rate is subject to adjustment as more accurate information
regarding enrollment and taxable value become available. As specified in Public Act 312 of 1993, if revenues exceed or fall short, the difference shall be made up in the school district’s next regular tax levy. The process of adjustments to correct overpayments and underpayments will continue to occur on an annual basis.

It is requested that the Board take action on the recommended millage rate at tonight's meeting.

Enclosed is a tax resolution for the 2014-15 tax collection. When the Board determines the rates to be levied, a roll-call vote should be taken on the question of its adoption. The Board's president and secretary should be authorized to sign the tax certification resolution and the 2014 Tax Rate Request to the County Board of Commissioners.

4. 3. Neola Policy 5330.01 (Verlinde)
Sections 1178, 1179 and 1179a of the Michigan Revised School Code, and corresponding provisions in the Public Health Act, have been amended to require and facilitate adoption of emergency anaphylaxis policy language and procedures. Administration recommends Board approval of the Epinephrine Auto-Injectors policy (5330.01).

4. 4. Proceed with Process for February 2015 Bond Proposal (Sharrow)
Administration seeks Board Authorization for Superintendent Sharrow to proceed with the process for a Bond Proposal on the February 24, 2015 ballot to upgrade and update MPS facilities.

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION

5. 1. Eastlawn Summer Extension
Eastlawn Principal, Shannon Blasy, and Eastlawn Elementary School staff, Nicki Colman, Katrina Spry, Kelly Kraatz, Sarah Dupuis, Kevin Sprague and Jen Servoss, will update and inform the Board and audience members about this successful summer program.

5. 2. 2014 Distinguished Service Awards (Sharrow)
<> Beth Chapman, Media Center Paraprofessional, Plymouth Elementary
<> Joanne Coates, Administrative Assistant, Chestnut Hill Elementary
<> Michele Hintz, Bus Driver, Transportation
<> Tracy Toskey, Information Systems Analyst, Administration Center

6. FINANCE
Study Committee Chair: Dr. Kaminski; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

6. 1. Finance, Facilities and Operations (FFO) Study Committee Minutes (Dr. Kaminski)

6. 2. For Information--Gifts totaling $8,422.23
   $ 740.00 to H. H. Dow High by H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club for soccer
   $ 400.00 to Chestnut Hill Elementary by the Chestnut Hill PTO for professional development/supplies for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) Coordinator
   $ 500.00 to Eastlawn Elementary by Kiwassee Kiwanis for attendance incentives
   $ 547.00 for Woodcrest Elementary from their building checking account for technology
   $ 235.23 to Chestnut Hill Elementary by the Chestnut Hill PTO for classroom magazines
   $1,000.00 to Midland High for the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for physical education
   $1,000.00 to H. H. Dow High for the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the
Midland Area Community Foundation for cheerleader camp fees
$1,000.00 to H. H. Dow High for the Dow Chemical community
Gives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for DECA
$1,000.00 to H. H. Dow High for the Dow Chemical community
Gives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for tennis
$1,000.00 to Midland High for the Dow Chemical community
Gives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for hockey
$1,000.00 to Midland High for the Dow Chemical community
Gives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for football pink out jerseys to support cancer research

7. HUMAN RESOURCES
   Study Committee Chair: Mr. McFarland; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Verlinde
   7.1. The following staff member has announced her retirement effective as of the date indicated:
       <> Patricia Campbell, Paraprofessional, September 1, 2014

8. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
   8.1. For Information--Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to
       Midland Area Community Foundation
       Midland Kiwanis Foundation
       Woodcrest Elementary School PTO
       Chestnut Hill Elementary School PTO
   8.2. FOIA Request regarding mailing, folding, inserting machines leased or purchased.

9. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES--FOR INFORMATION
   The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education. All meetings are Regular Meetings of the Board of Education and begin at 7:00 p.m. at the MPS Administration Center (600 East Carpenter, Midland) unless otherwise noted.
   October 13, 2014
   November 10, 2014
   December 8, 2014
   Tentative Meetings for January-June 2015
   (Action will take place on these meeting dates at the January 12 Organizational Meeting)
   January 12 (Organizational Meeting)
   February 9
   March 9
   March 23
   April 13
   April 27 (Budget Workshop)
   May 11
   June 8
   June 22

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT