

Minutes of Special Meeting

October 20, 2014
Midland Public Schools' Board of Education

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, October 20, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan. In accordance with the requirements of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et. Seq. effective July 1, 1996, and the established by the Midland Public Schools' Board of Education.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: President Wasserman, Vice President Brandstadt, Secretary Gorton, Treasurer Kaminski, Member Baker, Member McFarland, Member Singer

Central Staff Present: Superintendent Sharrow, Assistant Superintendent Verlinde, Associate Superintendent Cooper, Associate Superintendent Brutyn

6 community guests were present at this meeting.

2. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No hearings were requested.

3. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION

3. 1. McFarland/Kaminski moved for approval of the following item.

Preliminary Qualification Application for February 2015 Bonding Proposal

Administration recommended approval of the preliminary qualification of bonds, which will be sent to the State Treasurer for final review and approval. Upon the approval by the State Treasurer, the next step will be the calling of the February 2015 election at the November 24 Special Board of Education meeting.

At our meeting with the Michigan Department of Treasury on Wednesday, October 15, the Treasury representative was impressed with the work Midland Public Schools has completed in recent years to be "right-sized" as well as the conservative 2.95 mill bond the district is proposing to bring to voters in February of 2015.

Following the November 24 Special Board meeting, administration will begin to put specific facility plans in front of our stakeholders.

Should the bond proposal pass in February of 2015, we feel this comprehensive proposal will position our facilities to be safe, secure, energy efficient 21st Century learning environments for Midland students for the next 15-20 years.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2. Kaminski/Brandstadt moved for approval of the following item.

Corrected L-4029 2014 Tax Rate Request Form

At the June 23, 2014 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a Resolution of the Revised Certification of Summer Taxes for 2014. This resolution set the summer tax collection rates for 2014, including a one-time adjustment of the rate on Commercial Personal Property to make up for one of the requested mills that was not levied in 2013. The resolution also set the summer portion of the “hold harmless” millage within the City of Midland to .9 mill for the general operating fund. At the September 8, 2014 Board of Education meeting the Board approved the Tax Resolution for Winter of 2014. This Tax Resolution included approval of the L-4029 Tax Request Form.

With the transition in the position of Associate Superintendent of Finance, Facilities, and Operations, the split between the summer and winter tax rates included on the L-4029 was not consistent with the rates established with the Certification of Summer Taxes for 2014. Therefore, it is necessary to correct the L-4029 to reflect the proper split within the City of Midland between the summer and winter tax collections. This correction does not affect the overall tax rates or any of the collections outside the City of Midland.

The form is revised as follows:

	Summer	Winter
Hold Harmless	1.0	.7400
Changes to:	.9	.8400

Administration recommended Board approval of the corrected 2014 Tax Rate Request (L-4029) and authorization of the Board’s president and secretary to sign the corrected 2014 Tax Rate Request to the Michigan Department of Treasury, County Assessor and City Assessor.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

President: _____ Vice President: _____
Gerald Wasserman Angela Brandstadt

Approved by the Board of Education on November 10, 2014.

C. Young