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

(Because of the Organizational Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., this regular meeting of the Midland Public Schools’ Board of Education will begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Board of Education:
   ____ President Wasserman
   ____ Vice President Brandstadt
   ____ Secretary Gorton
   ____ Member Baker
   ____ Member Frazee
   ____ 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 December 8, 2014.

2. 2. The following staff member has announced her resignation effective as of the date indicated:
       <> Charlene Bartholomew, Paraprofessional at Plymouth Elementary, January 8, 2015

2. 3. Approval of the payment of school system's bills for the months of November and December 2014, as listed in the check registers prepared by Ms. Laux, in the total amount of $6,307,624 (November) and $6,724,122 (December) is recommended. The distribution of obligations, by fund, is included in the documentation.

2. 4. Legal Invoice for Payment
       Approval is requested to authorize payment for the following invoices:
       <> Secrest Wardle, $636.09, December 8, 2014, Professional Legal Fees
< Thrun, $600.00, December 17, 2014, Professional Legal Fees
< Thrun, $1,800.00, January 2, 2015, Annual Retainer Fee

3. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
A student has requested to address the board with regard to the World Language program.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION
   4.1. January Shining Star Presentations (Superintendent Sharrow)
   4.2. Board of Education Recognition Month (Sharrow)

5. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT
   Study Committee Chair: ____________; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Brutyn
   5.1. Major Change Proposals (For Action)
   The Major Change Proposals were presented for consideration on December 8. The cost of each proposal includes all anticipated expense such as curriculum development, staff development, and staff or student materials. Expenses for the total implementation are described in the Major Change Proposal which is available in the office of the associate superintendent or from the proposer. Three proposals were submitted. If these proposals are accepted, the changes will be incorporated into the student enrollment procedures for the 2015-16 school year. Upon approval, the implementation of these changes will be dependent upon the budget.

   The addition of IB Career Program for 11th & 12th grade. Includes addition of new class Approaches to Learning. $30,225, which will be solicited from an outside source.

   The alteration of the World Language sequence, grades 7-12, to offer German at DHS/JMS, and French at MHS/NMS. Survey of Spanish 1 offered for students in 8th grade and above.

   The alteration of Michigan Merit Curriculum Graduation Requirements:

   **Math** - Maintain current MPS math requirements of 4 credits including: 1 credit of Algebra I, 1 credit of Geometry, 1 credit of Algebra II, 1 credit of district approved math/math related. Students must have math experience in final year of high school. Consideration will be given to Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs offered through Bay Arenac Career Center and the Midland CTE Consortium that provide evidence of Algebra II alignment and use of the collaborative teaching model/HQ teacher. Documentation will be reviewed and approved by the Coordinator of Secondary Instruction in consultation with the high school math teacher leaders or their designee.

   **World Language** - Maintain two-year world language requirement and offer maximum flexibility with an option of a Visual Performing and Applied Art (VPAA) course or CTE program replacing the second year of WL.

   **Science** - Maintain current MPS graduation requirements: 1 credit of biology, 1 credit of physics/chemistry content, 1 additional credit of science.

   **Physical Education** - Maintain .5 PE requirement with an allowable exemption for a full year of marching band or high school sport participation.
6. **FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

   Study Committee Chair: ___________; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

6. 1. For Information--The following donations of items have occurred:
   <> Various tools for MHS FIRST Robotics team from Ace Hardware, Midland, MI
   <> 2005 Kohler and Campbell upright piano was donated to MHS by Ms. Teresa Kent
   <> A Bundy Selver alto saxophone and Glaesel 16 inch viola was donated to the MPS music program by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thiel
   <> A piano was donated to the MPS music department by Ms. Gwyneth Satterlee
   <> A drum set was donated to the MPS music department by Ms. Martha Frank

6. 2. For Information--Gifts totaling $19,001.74.
   <> $ 339.98 from the Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee for small appliances
   <> $ 500.00 from Woodcrest PTO for IB PYP support
   <> $ 500.00 from the Midland Kiwanis Foundation for Juvenile Care Center family holiday baskets
   <> $ 200.00 from the Laura Ludington Hollenbeck Foundation for Midland High Caring Closet supplies
   <> $ 400.00 from the Chestnut Hill PTO for art supplies
   <> $1,000.00 from the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for Dow High Cheerleading clinic support
   <> $1,000.00 from the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for Midland High Freshman baseball team supplies
   <> $1,000.00 from the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for Midland High Junior Varsity baseball team supplies
   <> $1,000.00 from the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for Midland High Varsity baseball team supplies
   <> $1,000.00 from the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for Midland High equestrian team support
   <> $1,000.00 from the Dow Chemical communityGives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation for H. H. Dow High fall cheer support
   <> $ 530.00 from the AAUW Sharing Project for winter outwear in support of the Eastlawn Community School Model
   <> $ 350.00 from Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee for Pathfinder Team resources
   <> $ 1,212.00 from the Kiwanis Club of Midland for an Eastlawn 3rd grade field trip support
   <> $ 118.00 from an anonymous donor for PYP materials for the Plymouth media center
   <> $ 1,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Briggs in support of Eastlawn science and reading
   <> $ 2,650.00 from the MHS Athletic Booster Club for soccer benches
   <> $ 1,370.00 from the MHS Athletic Booster Club for girls' golf equipment
   <> $ 2,631.76 from the MHS Athletic Booster Club for training supplies
   <> $ 300.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Youngquist for athletic activity fee scholarships
   <> $ 900.00 from the Midland Area Community Foundation for athletic activity fee scholarships

6. 3. For Action--Gifts totaling $16,453.00.
   <> $ 6,753.00 from the MHS Athletic Booster Club for fall tournament fees
   <> $ 9,700.00 from the MHS Athletic Booster Club for soccer shelters

6. 4. For Action--Midland High Music Uniforms
Thanks to the generosity of our community through the donations to the Looking Sharp Fund, Midland High is in the process of ordering replacement concert uniforms. They compared quotes from three vendors (Orefice Ltd., Cousin’s Concert Attire, Southeastern Apparel) and chose Orefice Ltd. as their vendor of choice based on quality, uniform price, ease of care and timely delivery projections. Administration seeks approval to issue a purchase order to Orefice Ltd. of Walker, Michigan in the amount of $29,919.26.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES
   Study Committee Chair: ____________; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Verlinde
   
   7. 1. HR Study Committee Minutes from December 11, 2014.

   7. 2. The following staff members have announced their retirement effective as of the dates indicated:
         <> Ms. Romona Reid Jones, Teacher at Northeast Middle School, April 1, 2015
         <> Mr. Gary Verlinde, Assistant Superintendent, June 30, 2015

   7. 3. The Board and staff extend their deepest sympathy to the families of:
         <> Mr. Charles Brown who passed away on December 18, 2014. Mr. Brown was a math teacher at Northeast Intermediate School for 35 years, retiring in 1986.
         <> Mr. Robert Christiansen who passed away on December 6, 2014. Mr. Christiansen was an assistant principal and history teacher at Northeast and Central for 37 years. Mr. Christiansen retired in 1994.
         <> Mr. Newell Pennell who passed away on December 14, 2014. Mr. Pennell worked for Midland Public Schools for 32 years as a Media Technician and Librarian at Midland High and a teacher at Northeast. Mr. Pennell retired in 1986.
         <> Mr. Joseph Poscal who passed away on January 1, 2015. Mr. Poscal was a head custodian at the Administration Center and State Street building for 32 years, retiring in 1985.
         <> Ms. Kathryn Zorn who passed away on December 19, 2014. Ms. Zorn was a paraprofessional at Woodcrest Elementary for more than 35 years, retiring in 2006. Ms. Zorn was a Golden Key Award Winner in 1991 and received the MPS Outstanding Para Award.

8. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
   
   8. 1. For Information--Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to
         Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reeves
         Midland Rotary Foundation
         Midland Area Community Foundation
         Siebert Elementary PTO
         H. H. Dow High School Music Booster Club
         Ms. Teresa Kent

   8. 2. For Information--Letters to the Board of Education from
         <> FOIA request from Christine Walz, Holland & Knight Law LLP, requesting all professional contracted cleaning proposals and contracts.

9. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES--FOR INFORMATION
   The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education. All meetings are Regular and Special 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.
   <> January 19, 2015 (7:00 organizational meeting; 7:30 regular meeting)
   <> February 16, 2015
   <> March 16, 2015
<> April 20, 2015 (5:30 budget workshop; 7:00 regular meeting)
<> May 18, 2015
<> June 1, 2015
<> June 15, 2015
<> July 20, 2015
<> August 17, 2015
<> September 21, 2015
<> October 19, 2015
<> November 16, 2015
<> December 14, 2015

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
10. 2. Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow

11. ADJOURNMENT