Minutes of Organizational Meeting
January 19, 2015
The Board of Education Midland Public Schools

An Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, January 19, 2015, 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 policies established by the Midland Public Schools Board of Education.

1. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL
   
   (The officers of the preceding year who retain membership on the Board continued in their office until successors were elected.)

   Board Members Present: President Wasserman, Vice President Brandstadt, Member Baker, Member Frazee, Member McFarland, Member Singer

   Board Member Absent: Secretary Gorton

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

   Central Staff Absent: Assistant Superintendent Verlinde

   9 audience members were present for this meeting.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT'S LEGAL STATUS

   2. 1. Under the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., the district's legal status was defined as a general powers school district, effective July 1, 1996.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

   3. 1. As outlined in MPS Board Policy 0150, a three-person Board of Education Nominating Committee submitted the following proposed slate of officers for 2015.

   President: Mr. Gerald L. Wasserman
   Vice President: Ms. Angela Brandstadt
   Secretary: Ms. Lynn Baker
   Treasurer: Ms. Pamela Singer

   No additional nominations were received.

   Motion by Singer Support by McFarland for adoption of proposed slate.

   Motion carried unanimously.
4. APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEES, DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

4.1. Study Committee Membership Appointments for 2015
   Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA)
   Lynn Baker, Chair; Pamela Singer; Patrick Frazee

   Administrative Services
   Scott McFarland, Chair; Yvonne Gorton; Patrick Frazee

   Human Resources
   Scott McFarland, Chair; Gerald Wasserman; Lynn Baker

   Finance/Facilities & Operations (FFO)
   Pamela Singer, Chair; Gerald Wasserman; Angela Brandstadt

Other Board/Committee Appointments for 2015
Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Education and Birth Control: Lynn Baker

Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards Committee: Angela Brandstadt

Distinguished Service Award Committee: Pam Singer

5. SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2015 CALENDAR YEAR

5.1. Brandstadt/Singer moved that the following schedule be approved:

   The Board of Education is required to give public notice of the dates of its regular meetings and of any special meetings. The recommended regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education of the Midland Public Schools for 2015 are listed below. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 East Carpenter Street, Midland, MI unless otherwise stated.

   January 19, 2015 (Organizational meeting at 7:00 pm; Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.)
   February 16, 2015
   March 16, 2015
   April 20, 2015 (Budget workshop at 5:30 pm; Regular meeting at 7:00 pm)
   May 18, 2015
   June 1, 2015
   June 15, 2015
   July 20, 2015
   August 17, 2015
   September 21, 2015
   October 19, 2015
Dates of special meetings or changes in the dates of regular meetings will be posted at least 18 hours prior to the time of a special or rescheduled meeting. The Superintendent, or designee, is authorized to post notices of meetings at the direction of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 2015 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

Singer/Baker moved that the following items be approved.

6. 1. Recommended for Action

6. 1. 1. Appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel (Wasserman)
The firms of Poznak Dyer Kanar and Garshaw, PLC; LaPoint & Butler, PC; Secrest Wardle; and Thrun Law Firm PC have been designated as the Board's legal counsels. In addition, the Superintendent is authorized to retain specialized legal counsel through other legal firms, as appropriate.

It was recommended that the Board approve legal representation as outlined through December 31, 2015.

6. 1. 2. It was recommended that the Board designate Chemical Bank and any other public depositories qualified in accordance with MCL 380.1221, The Revised School Code of Michigan, as approved depositories of school district funds through December 31, 2015.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education is the legal financial officer for the school district and, as such, is authorized to sign checks for the Midland Public Schools.

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Associate Superintendent for Finance are the only members of the staff authorized to sign checks for the Midland Public Schools. It was recommended that the Board approve this authorization through December 31, 2015 for these three members of the staff.

6. 1. 3. The Board, in previous years, has authorized the Superintendent or his designee to sign any legal documents relating to personnel actions, which the Board has approved. This authorization has been made at the Organizational Meeting for the entire year rather than granting the authorization at each Board meeting.
It was recommended that the Board continue this authorization through December 31, 2015 to the Superintendent or his designee. It was further recommended that the board delegate authority to accept resignations/retirements to the Superintendent of Schools or his designee through December 31, 2015. Resignations/retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.

6. 1. 4. Public Act 152 of 2011 limits a public employer's expenditures for medical benefit plans. Under the Act, a public employer that offers or contributes to a medical benefit plan for its employees is prohibited from paying more of the annual costs or illustrative rate (and any payments for reimbursement of co-pays, deductibles, or payments into health savings accounts or similar accounts used for health care costs) than a total of $5,992.30 times the number of employees with single person coverage, $12,531.75 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage, plus $16,342.66 times the number of employees with family coverage. Administration recommended that the Board reaffirm the District's commitment to pay no more than the hard cap for its employees' medical benefits per calendar year 2015.

6. 1. 5. It was recommended that the Superintendent's designee, the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, be authorized to assist the Secretary of the Board in election matters through December 31, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President: _____________________  Secretary: _____________________
Angela Brandstadt  Lynn Baker

Approved by the Board on:

C. Young  16-February-2015