

MIDLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

March 16, 2015

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 Baker
- ___ Treasurer Singer
- ___ Member Frazee
- ___ Member Gorton
- ___ Member McFarland

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 February 16, 2015.
2. 2. The following staff members have announced their resignation effective as of the dates indicated:
 - ◇ Ms. Margo Dowling, Paraprofessional, Northeast, March 27, 2015
 - ◇ Ms. Kellie Rabideau, Paraprofessional, Northeast, February 11, 2015
 - ◇ Mr. Josh Tousignant, Paraprofessional, H. H. Dow High, February 12, 2015
2. 3. Ms. Danielle Rutterbush is resigning her administrative position of Special Services Supervisor at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Ms. Rutterbush requests to be reassigned as a teacher with Midland Public Schools for the 2015-16 school year.
2. 4. The Administration recommends the renewal of the food service contract with Chartwells for the 2015-16 school year. This is the first renewal of a five-year contract.
2. 5. Yeo & Yeo Audit Renewal
Submitted herewith is a letter from the Board's auditors, Yeo & Yeo, P.C., outlining the firm's plans and procedures for auditing the district's books for the 2014-15 school year.

Yeo & Yeo was selected two years ago following a request for proposal that was issued on behalf of local districts by the Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District. Based on the preliminary figures from Yeo & Yeo, the estimated fee will be \$26,800 including one major program as part of the single audit. Yeo & Yeo has been the Board's auditors since 1972-73. The total fees for the audits for the last five years have been:

2009-10: \$25,150

2010-11: \$28,775 (Federal recovery programs required additional testing)

2011-12: \$26,660

2012-13: \$25,600

2013-14: \$26,200

2. 6. Approval of the payment of school system's bills for the month of February 2015, as listed in the check registers prepared by Ms. Laux, in the total amount of \$5,766,106 is recommended. The distribution of obligations, by fund, is included in the documentation.

2. 7. Legal Invoice for Payment

Approval is requested to authorize payment for the following invoices:

<> Thrun, \$336.00, February 26, 2015, Professional Legal Fees

3. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

<> 98th District State Representative, Gary Glenn, has requested to address the Board.

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

4. 1. March Shining Star Presentations (Superintendent Sharrow)

4. 2. Carpenter Street School Community Collaboration

Jeff Lauer, Principal; Francisca Himmer, Family Intervention Specialist

4. 3. Dow High Commercial Art Students Logos

Ms. Carol Lewin, Commercial Art Teacher; Student graphic designer logo creators

4. 4. Midland Public Schools' Online Learning...Remodeled

Mr. Chris Sabourin, Media/Instructional Technology Specialist

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

5. 1. Bond Authorization Resolution

Board approval is requested for the *Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Bonds, Delegation of the Sale and Other Matters Relating Thereto* relative to the details of the issue and sale of the bonds for the 2.95 mill bond proposal passed by Midland Public Schools' voters on February 24, 2015.

5. 2. Best Practices Resolution

Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$50 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least seven (7) of nine (9) best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2015.

Approval by a roll call vote of the Board of the attached resolution is required to qualify for the grant. Revenue was included in the original 2014-15 budget in anticipation of qualifying for this incentive.

5. 3. March Budget Adjustments

6. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Study Committee Chair: Pam Singer; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

6. 1. Finance, Facilities and Operations (FFO) Study Committee Minutes from March 9,

2015 (Ms. Singer, Chair)

6. 2. For Information--The following gifts of items have occurred:
 - <> The Midland High School Robotics Team, using a donation from the FIRST in the Great Lakes Bay Region organization, has purchased an equipment trailer to be used by the Midland High Robotics team.
 - <> Mr. Arnold Kolb, scientist and gifted local artist who created stunning artwork by magnifying and exploring what he saw under the microscope, recently donated three framed pieces of his artwork, a QXS computer microscope and various display materials. The three pieces of Mr. Kolb's artwork will be displayed in MPS buildings to be enjoyed by students, staff and visitors.
6. 3. For Information--Gifts totaling \$6,877.
 - <> \$ 637.00 from the Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee for Head to Head Team expenses
 - <> \$ 1,000.00 from the Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee for PE equipment
 - <> \$ 970.00 from the Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee for volleyball equipment
 - <> \$ 3,000.00 for the Midland High Orchestra Chicago trip from the Clela G. Kortge Orchestral Enrichment Endowment Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation
 - <> 270.00 for March is Reading Month program materials for Carpenter Street School from the Non-Violence Prevention Group at the Midland Area Community Foundation

Midland County Youth Action Council at the Midland Area Community Foundation has provide the following Midland High School teacher mini grants:

- <> \$ 500.00 for DNA action model kits
- <> \$ 500.00 for ecosystem in a jar supplies for project-based/inquiry-based testing throughout the year

7. HUMAN RESOURCES

Study Committee Chair: Scott McFarland; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Verlinde

7. 1. The following staff members have announced their retirement effective as of the dates indicated:
 - <> Sally Barnhart, Paraprofessional, Adams Elementary, June 10, 2015
 - <> Sally Fein, Teacher, Plymouth Elementary, June 11, 2015
 - <> Debra Finn, Teacher, Northeast Middle School, June 11, 2015
 - <> Cindy S. Krause, Paraprofessional, Eastlawn Elementary, June 10, 2015
 - <> Karen Lickfeldt, Paraprofessional, Northeast Middle School, June 10, 2015
 - <> JoAnn M. Pobocik, Teacher, Woodcrest Elementary, June 11, 2015
 - <> Royleen Van Ever, Paraprofessional, Jefferson Middle School, June 10, 2015
7. 2. The Board and Staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family of Mr. O. James Clark who passed away on February 23, 2015. Mr. Clark had a rich Midland Public Schools' career spanning 40 years. Mr. Clark's career began as an economics and speech teacher at Midland High in 1951. He then moved into his administrative career as the assistant principal at Central from 1956-1963; the original principal at Jefferson from 1963-1967; the original principal at H. H. Dow High from 1967-1981; and completed his MPS career as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction from 1981-1991. Mr. Clark touched the lives of many, many MPS students and staff during his Midland Public Schools' career.

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. Bruce Riley
H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club
Midland Rotary Foundation
Midland Area Community Foundation
Jefferson Music Parents Association

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:

- <> 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. CLOSED SESSION

- 11. 1. MCEA Negotiations Discussion

12. ADJOURNMENT