

Minutes of Organizational Meeting

January 18, 2016

The Board of Education Midland Public Schools

An Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, January 18, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan.

1. **CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL**

(The officers of the preceding year who retain membership on the Board continued in office until successors were elected.)

Board Members Present: President Wasserman, Secretary Baker, Treasurer Singer,
Member Frazee, Member Gorton, Member McFarland

Board Member Absent: Vice President Brandstadt

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

25 audience members were present for this meeting.

Included with the documentation for board members was a tabulation of school board membership over the last 15 years, a listing of Board Presidents since 1929, proposed board seats and terms for 2016 and Board Policy 0150 outlining the organization of the Midland Board of Education and the duties of its officers.

2. **IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT'S LEGAL STATUS**

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**

1. As outlined in Board Policy 0150, a three-person Board of Education Nominating Committee submitted the following proposed slate of officers for 2016.

President:	Ms. Angela Brandstadt
Vice President:	Ms. Pamela Singer
Secretary:	Mr. Scott McFarland
Treasurer:	Mr. Gerald Wasserman

No additional nominations were received.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Note: From this point forward in this meeting, Vice President Singer presided in President Brandstadt's absence.

4. APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEES

4. 1. 2016 Study Committee Appointments

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA)

Lynn Baker, Chair; Pamela Singer; Gerald Wasserman

Administrative Services

Yvonne Gorton, Chair; Scott McFarland; Patrick Frazee

Human Resources

Scott McFarland, Chair; Lynn Baker; Pamela Singer

Finance/Facilities & Operations (FFO)

Gerald Wasserman, Chair; Angela Brandstadt; Patrick Frazee

5. SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016 CALENDAR YEAR

5. 1. McFarland/Wasserman 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 2016 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 18, 2016

February 22, 2016

March 21, 2016

April 18, 2016

May 16, 2016

June 13, 2016

June 27, 2016

July 18, 2016

August 15, 2016

September 19, 2016

October 17, 2016

November 21, 2016

December 19, 2016

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. 2016 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

6. 1. Recommended for Action

6. 1. 1. Wasserman/Baker moved for approval the appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel

The firms of Poznak Dyer Kanar and Garshaw, PLC; LaPoint & Butler, PC; Secret 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, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 1. 2. Wasserman/McFarland moved for approval of the Fiscal Designations and Authorizations
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, 2016.
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 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, 2016 for these staff members.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. 1. 3. Wasserman/Gorton moved for approval of these Personnel Authorizations
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, 2016 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, 2016. Resignations/retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. 1. 4. Wasserman/Gorton moved for approval of the Hard Cap for Employees' Medical Benefit Plan
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 \$6,142.11 times the number of employees with single person coverage, \$12,845.04 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage, plus \$16,751.23 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 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. 1. 5. Gorton/Frazer moved for approval of the Administrative Assistant Authorization
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, 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Vice President: _____
Pam Singer

Secretary: _____
Scott McFarland

Approved by the Board on:

C. Young 22-February-2016