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

1. **CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL**
   **Board Members Present:** President Brandstadt, Vice President Singer, Treasurer Wasserman, Member Baker, Member Frazee, Member Gorton
   **Board member Absent:** Secretary McFarland
   **Central Staff Present:** Superintendent Sharrow, Associate Superintendent Cooper, Associate Superintendent Brutyn
   4 audience members were present for this meeting.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   Wasserman/Gorton moved for approval of the consent agenda items.
   2.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting.
   2.2. These staff members announced their resignation effective as of these dates:
   <> Chelsea M. Charron, Special Education Teacher, Midland High, June 17, 2016
   <> Lisa Jankowski, Office Professional, Curriculum Department, July 21, 2016
   <> Dawn M. Letts, Paraprofessional, Midland High, June 16, 2016
   <> Keith Schulte, Teacher, H. H. Dow High, June 17, 2016
   2.3. Bids were accepted and a tabulation was provided for the purchase of two new 65-passenger wheel chair lift buses. These buses will replace Bus #6 (a 2002 International 23 passenger wheel chair lift bus with 227,060 miles) and Bus #21 (a 2005 Thomas 24-passenger wheel chair lift bus with 222,008 miles). Administration recommended issuing a purchase order to the low bidder, Capital City Bus Sales of Lansing, Michigan, in the amount of $180,882. These buses will be purchased using Series 1 Bond Funds.
   2.4. The following persons were recommended for employment for the 2016-17 school year:
   <> Lindy Coon, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
   <> Daniel Farison, 1.0 Music Teacher
   <> Megan Farison, 1.0 Music Teacher
   <> Carla Knopp, 1.0 Elementary Spanish Teacher
   <> David Kobel, 1.0 Science Teacher
   <> Amanda Ladach, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
   <> Anna Mamassian, 1.0 Music Teacher
   <> Joshua Tousignant, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
   <> Ryan Wontorcik, 1.0 Social Studies Teacher
   2.5. Adoption of Midland School Code Articles 105/105C (Schools of Choice)
   Administration requested approval from the Board of Education to continue accepting Nonresident Schools of Choice students. This applies to nonresident students from other districts within the Midland County Educational Service Agency (Meridian, Bullock Creek and Coleman) and to nonresident students from contiguous intermediate districts (Bay-Arenac, Clare-Gladwin, Gratiot-Isabella, and Saginaw).
   There will be two application periods each year: from February to September for students who wish to enroll for the new school year, and during January for second semester enrollment. Information will be made available to parents at the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second semester for the fall enrollment process.
   As specified by law, in situations in which a special education student from a contiguous intermediate district wishes to enroll, it is required that there be a written agreement between the district of residence and the Midland Public Schools to specify the responsibility for paying the special education costs for the student.
Nonresident students who enroll in the Midland Public Schools through this process can maintain their attendance until they graduate and they pay no tuition. Nonresident students who enroll at different times of the school year will be required to pay tuition.

2. 6. The following books were presented for the 28-day period of examination on June 13, 2016. Administration recommended approval of these books. As approved, these purchases are contingent on the available funding as approved in the 2016-17 budget. This book will be used for IB AP Advanced Biology:

<< Oxford IB Diploma Programme Biology Course Companion  
Authors: Allott, Mindorff; Publisher: Oxford University Press; Copyright: 2014 
These books will be used for English 9 and 9A:
<< The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian  
Author: Sherman Alexie; Publisher: Little Brown Publisher; Copyright: 2009 
<< The Book Thief  
Author: Markus Zusak; Publisher: Knopf Publishing; Copyright: 2007 
<< I Am Malala  
Author: Malala Yousafzai; Publisher: Back Bay Books; Copyright: 2015 
These books will be used for IB 20th Century World Topics:
<< Access to History: Rights & Protest  
Author: Michael Scott-Baumann; Publisher: Hodder Publishing; Copyright: 2015 
<< Access to History: Causes & Effects of 20th Century Wars  
Author: Sarah Webb; Publisher: Hodder Publishing; Copyright: 2015

2. 7. District/Building School Improvement Plans
In compliance with Public Act 335, the District School Improvement Committee reviewed and gave feedback on each of the Building School Improvement Plans and the District Improvement Plan. These plans describe the strategies that each building will implement to move toward 100% student proficiency.

The law requires the Board to approve for submission the District Plan and each of the Building Plans. The administration recommended approval of these plans for submission.

2. 8. Bids were accepted for relocation of play equipment located at Parkdale Elementary School to Plymouth Elementary School. Administration recommended issuing a purchase order to the low and only bidder, Great Lakes Recreation, LLC, of Zeeland, Michigan, for the amount of $15,700. The move is 1760 square feet and breaks down to a cost of $6.12 per square foot in comparison to the last play equipment move from Mills to Siebert, which was 1620 square feet at $6.28 per square foot. Funding for this project is included in the Capital Improvements budget.

2. 9. Approval was requested to authorize the following legal payment:
<< Lusk Albertson, $318.50, July 6, 2016, Professional Legal Fees. 
Motion carried unanimously.

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

3. 1. Sharon Mortensen, President and CEO of Midland Area Community Foundation, presented information on the Central Park Elementary Outdoor Learning Spaces Campaign. The Midland Area Community foundation (MACF) will partner with MPS and assist with fundraising efforts for the creation of a STEM-based outdoor learning environment (playground) at Central Park Elementary School. The goal is to raise $50,000 from the public, to be matched by a $100,000 grant from MACF. “Join Famous Names in STEM” is the overall theme and will offer the framework for recognition that is diverse and representative of STEM areas. All donations are welcome and appreciated. Individual donor recognition will be on the Famous Names walls for those who donate more than $50. Those wishing to donate will give through the MACF where a special project fund has been established. Go to www.midlandfoundation.org for the link to this fund. MACF will create a PR campaign to get the word out about this exciting community project. The goal is to have the financial portion of this project completed by the end of 2016 so construction can begin on these exciting outdoor STEM learning environments in the spring.
3. 2016 Midland Public Schools’ graduates were offered more than $16.5 million in scholarships. A listing of some local scholarship recipients was included in the Board packet. The scholarship list is posted on the district website.

4. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** No hearings were requested.

5. **FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**
   Study Committee Chair: Gerald Wasserman; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

5. 1. For Information: Gifts totaling $8,139.50
   <> $2,139.50 for student aid for the MHS athletic program from the Mary E. McIntyre Memorial Athletic Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation
   From the CommunityGives Youth Services Program at the Midland Area Community Foundation
   <> $1,000.00 for MHS students to attend the BPA National Leadership Conference
   <> $1,000.00 for baseball equipment for the MHS Varsity Team
   <> $1,000.00 for baseball equipment for the MHS Junior Varsity Team
   <> $1,000.00 for baseball equipment for the MHS Freshmen Team
   <> $1,000.00 for softball equipment for the MHS Varsity Team
   <> $1,000.00 for equipment for DHS Swim Team

6. **HUMAN RESOURCES**
   Study Committee Chair: Scott McFarland; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Sharrow

6. 1. The Board and Staff extended their sympathies to the family of Mr. Richard Matteson who passed away on July 7, 2016. Mr. Matteson was hired in 1958 as the Principal of Ashman School. He opened two new elementary buildings during his time at MPS--Chestnut Hill and Siebert Schools. Mr. Matteson served as the Chestnut Hill Principal from 1963 to 1988 when he retired. He received “career” recognition in 1963 and was a respected MPS administrator for 30 years.

6. 2. The following staff members have announced their retirement:
   <> Mr. Joseph Ostyn, Building Manager, Carpenter Street School, October 1, 2016
   <> Mr. Dean Pfruender, Electrician in the Trades Department, August 31, 2016

7. **CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

7. 1. For Information: Letter from the Board of Education to:
   <> Midland Area Chamber Foundation  <> H. H. Dow High All Sports Boosters
   <> Jefferson Music Parent Association  <> Midland Area Community Foundation

7. 2. For Information: Letter from the Board of Education from:
   FOIA request from Mackinac Center for Public Policy for the current superintendent contract.
   FOIA request from SmartProcure for electronic purchasing records.
   FOIA request from Ms. Lamas regarding safety issues in the preparation of science kits.

8. **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.

8. 1. Board Members expressed their …
   - thanks to Sharon Mortensen and the Midland Area Community Foundation for their partnership through the years and most especially for their collaboration and heading up the exiting Central Park Elementary STEM Outdoor Learning Environments matching funds project just underway. Donations can be made in memory and/or in honor of loved ones, a favorite teacher, from a graduating class (maybe from a Central High School class), etc. All donations are welcome and appreciated.
   - excitement for the Central Park Elementary School that is currently under construction. It is exciting to see the construction progress that continues to be made. It is also great to see updated pictures and video displayed on the MPS website. Here is the link: https://new.midlandps.org/facilities-updates-2
   - best wishes and congratulations to the more than 45 new teachers that will be hired for the 2016-17 school year. It was exciting to receive the first group for approval this evening.
excitement for all of the scholarships our graduates received this year.

hope that everyone if having a wonderful summer and enjoying the beautiful weather.

8. 2. Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow

• Thank you to Sharon Mortensen and MACF for heading up the Central Park Elementary STEM Outdoor Learning project. Sharon and her team did a wonderful job on this project and collaborated with our architect to make the project great.

• We recently had the water tested for all of MPS buildings. All of our buildings had passing lab test results with the exception of a water fountain located in the Northeast pool area. It is believed that the chlorine in the pool area damaged the water fountain. The equipment has been repaired, water retested and the passing score received.

• Construction work at Central Park Elementary is going very well. Here is a link to Barton Malow’s most recent view of the Central Park Elementary construction site. Barton Malow will be doing this on a regular basis and will be putting a time lapse film together when the project is completed: https://new.midlandps.org/facilities-updates-2/

• We have filled nearly all open teaching positions with the exception of a few special education positions that we are continuing to work on.

• We have a mechanical and electrical package for Central Auditorium out to bid. The bid will be awarded at our August Board meeting. Our architectural firm, French and Associates, is working on the interior design and renovations of Central auditorium. This package will be out for bids in September.

• This year’s opening day meeting will take place on August 31 at 8:00 am in the Dow High Cafeteria. Board members are invited to attend.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

President: ______________________  Secretary: _________________________
Angela Brandstadt                                         Scott McFarland

Approved by the Board of Education on:

C. Young 15-August-2016