

# MIDLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

## AGENDA

December 19, 2016

**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 Brandstadt
- \_\_\_ Vice President Singer
- \_\_\_ Secretary McFarland
- \_\_\_ Treasurer Wasserman
- \_\_\_ Member Baker
- \_\_\_ Member Frazee
- \_\_\_ Member Gorton

#### Central Staff:

- Mr. Sharrow, Superintendent
- Mr. Cooper, Associate Superintendent: Finance/Facilities/Operations
- Mr. Brutyn, Associate Superintendent: Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. 1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting.
2. 2. The following staff members have announced their resignation effective as of these dates:
  - ◇ Carla D. Knopp, Elementary Spanish Teacher, December 21, 2016
  - ◇ Lynn Kuznicki, Office Professional, HH Dow High, December 30, 2016
2. 3. The following persons are recommended for employment for the 2016-17 school year:
  - ◇ Amber Scott, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
  - ◇ Leigha Tosh, .5 Occupational Therapist, Special Services
2. 4. 2016-17 Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Education and Birth Control  
The following people have been appointed to the Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Education and Birth Control for the 2016-2017 school year by the Midland Public Schools' Board of Education. Asterisks indicate members who have served on the board in previous years. Ms. Lynn Baker is the Board's liaison to this committee. Scott Cochran and Gerald Ferguson will serve as co-chairs of this committee.  
Parents: Gerald Ferguson\*, also Clergy Representative from Trinity Lutheran Church;  
Michelle Monticello\*, M.D., also Health Professional; Amy Jaster\*, Health Professional; Craig Sonke\*, M.D.; Clergy: Wally Mayton\*, Memorial Presbyterian

Church; Educator: Scott Cochran\*, MPS, also parent; Student: Emily Kreusch\*, Midland High School.

2. 5. Administration recommends the purchase of a 2017 John Deere 1025R Sub-Compact Tractor through the Michigan State MiDeal. The tractor will be used for the clearing of snow, mowing, sweeping of hard top areas and basic yard work. Total price of tractor with attachments is \$22,453.30. The State vendor is Bader & Sons Co. of St. Louis, Michigan.
2. 6. Approval of the payment of the school system's bills for the month of October 2016, as listed in the check registers prepared by Ms. Holderby, in the total amount of \$5,696,207 is recommended. The distribution of obligations by fund is included in the documentation.
2. 7. Legal Invoices for Payment  
Approval is requested to authorize the following legal payments:  
<> Lusk Albertson, \$98.00, December 2, 2016, Professional Legal Fees

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

3. 1. December Shining Stars (Sharrow)
3. 2. Midland High Presentation: Electronics Club (Jeff Jaster, Principal)  
Presenters:  
Andrew Fawcett, Electronics Club Advisor and MHS Physics Teacher; Dr. Dennis Klipa, Retired Chemist; Midland High students involved in the Electronics Club

### **4. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION**

4. 1. Superintendent Evaluation (President Brandstadt)
4. 2. NEOLA Fall 2016 Technology Policy Revisions (Sharrow)  
Due to changes in Federal and State law, government regulations and school practices, revisions to the following Board policies are requested: 0100, 7540, 7540.01V2, 7540.02.

5. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** No hearings have been requested.

### **6. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT**

Study Committee Chair: Lynn Baker; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Brutyn

6. 1. Curriculum Instruction and Assessment (CIA) Minutes November 21, 2016. (Ms. Baker, Chair)
6. 2. For Information: Major Change Proposals  
The Major Change Proposals are being presented for consideration. 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. Board action is anticipated at the January Board meeting. If these proposals are accepted, the changes will be incorporated into the student enrollment procedures for the 2017-18 school year. Upon approval, the implementation of these changes will be dependent upon the budget.

Project Lead the Way Launch. The proposal will integrate 24 Project Lead the Way Launch units throughout the K-5 curriculum. These units will serve as a core foundation of STEM instruction for all elementary schools within MPS. Units revolve around the themes of biomedical sciences, computer programming, and engineering. Central Park

Elementary will implement all units in the fall of 2017. The remaining 5 elementary schools will implement the units beginning the fall of 2018. Area foundations will provide all funding for this proposal.

Algebra 8 – Name Change. The proposal will change the name of the current Algebra 8 to Algebra A. Currently, the NCAA does not recognize Algebra 8 as a core subject course that counts toward the 16 required credits. This name change will resolve this concern and portray that the course meets the same standards as the high school Algebra course.

French 2 / German 2 – Alteration. The proposal creates the addition of a .3 option to French 2 and German 2. Currently these courses are only designated as .2. Students, in consultation with their teachers, counselors, and parents, would choose whether they want to take French 2 or German 2 as a .2 course or as a .3 course. This proposal does not add an additional course; .2 and .3 would be taught in the same class. This proposal mirrors the same change that occurred in French 1 and German 1 during the 2016-17 school year. \$6,301.

## 7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Study Committee Chair: Gerald Wasserman; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

7. 1. Finance, Facilities and Operations (FFO) Study Committee Minutes from November 21 and December 12, 2016. (Mr. Wasserman, Chair)

7. 2. For Information: Gifts totaling \$17,824.99.

<> \$ 600.00 for JCC for Thanksgiving dinner baskets from the Midland County Bergstein Fund

<> \$ 1,500.00 choir supplies/materials from Dow High Music Booster Club  
From the Midland Area Community Foundation--

<> \$ 250.00 for Plymouth Week of non-violence activities

<> \$ 250.00 for Midland High Week of non-violence activities

<> \$ 250.00 for Carpenter Week of non-violence activities

<> \$ 250.00 for Woodcrest Week of non-violence activities

<> \$ 1,500.00 for Jefferson Spanish student trip from the Kellogg Youth Fund  
CommunityGives Youth Services Program:

<> \$ 1,000.00 for Midland High hockey team ice time

<> \$ 1,000.00 for Midland High girls' soccer indoor practice time

<> \$ 1,000.00 for Midland High girls' JV basketball program support

<> \$ 1,000.00 for Midland High girls' Varsity basketball program support

<> \$ 1,000.00 for HH Dow High Varsity cheerleading clinic

From the H. H. Dow High All Sports Boosters:

<> \$ 690.00 for cheer camp scholarships

<> \$ 1,145.99 for boys' and girls' bowling uniforms

<> \$ 1,260.00 for bowling bags for boys' and girls' teams

<> \$ 2,000.00 for ice time for hockey team

<> \$ 359.00 for MIAAA conference fees for athletic OP

From the Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee

<> \$ 200.00 for Tailgate Math Project Based Learning refreshments

<> \$ 570.00 for world language employee conference costs

From the American Chemical Society

<> \$ 500.00 for guest chemist visits at Midland High

<> \$ 500.00 for guest chemist visits at HH Dow High

<> \$ 500.00 for Midland High chemistry lab supplies and equipment

<> \$ 500.00 for Jefferson science program supplies and equipment

**8. HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

8. 1. For Information: The Board and Staff extend their deepest sympathy to the families of:
- <> Ms. Peggy Porter, who passed away on November 18. Ms. Porter was an MPS office professional at Midland High for 26 years, retiring in 2009.
  - <> Mr. Herman Hill, who passed away on December 11. Mr. Hill was a math teacher at Northeast Intermediate School for 32 years retiring in 1992. Mr. Hill was a 1975 recipient of the Gerstacker Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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

9. 1. For Information: Letter from the Board of Education to:

- <> Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee
- <> Midland Area Community Foundation
- <> Woodcrest Elementary School
- <> H. H. Dow High All Sports Boosters
- <> Scott and Carla McFarland
- <> Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baczewski
- <> Garber Management Group
- <> Mr. and Mrs. John Duff and Family
- <> Great Lakes Safety Training Center
- <> Siebert PTO
- <> Chestnut Hill PTO
- <> Northeast Middle School Booster Club
- <> Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- <> Midland Optimist Club
- <> FIRST--Great Lakes Bay Region

**10. 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:

*(The following Meeting dates are tentative until they are adopted at the January Org. Meeting)*

- <> January 16, 2017 (*Organizational Meeting*)
- <> February 20, 2017
- <> March 20, 2017
- <> April 17, 2017 (*Budget Workshop 6:30; Regular Meeting 7:00\**)
- <> May 15, 2017
- <> June 12, 2017
- <> June 26, 2017 (*\*or immediately following Budget Workshop*)

**11. 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.

- 11. 1. Hearing from Board Members
- 11. 2. Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow

**12. ADJOURNMENT**