Minutes of Organizational Meeting
January 16, 2017
The Board of Education Midland Public Schools

An Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, January 16, 2017, 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 Brandstadt, Vice President Singer, Secretary McFarland, Member Frazee, Member Baker, Member Blasy, Member Fredell
   Central Staff Present: Superintendent Sharrow, Associate Superintendent Cooper, Associate Superintendent Brutyn

   28 audience members were present for this meeting.

   Included with the documentation for board members were the following documents:
   <> 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
   <> Board Policy 0150 outlining the organization of the Midland Public Schools’ Board of Education and the duties of its officers.

2. OATH OF OFFICE
   President Brandstadt did a ceremonial Oath of Office for Board members who were elected into office November of 2016: Lynn Baker, Brad Blasy, Mary Fredell, Scott McFarland

3. IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT'S LEGAL STATUS
   3.1. 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.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
   4.1. McFarland/Singer moved for adoption of the proposed slate of officers.
       As outlined in Board Policy 0150, a three-person Board of Education Nominating Committee submitted a proposed slate of officers for 2017. The proposed slate is as follows:
       President: Ms. Angela Brandstadt   Secretary: Mr. Scott McFarland
       Vice President: Ms. Pamela Singer  Treasurer: Mr. Patrick Frazee

       No additional nominations were received.
       Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEES
   5.1. 2017 Study Committee Appointments
       Administrative Services
       Lynn Baker, Chair; Brad Blasy; Scott McFarland
       Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA)
       Pamela Singer, Chair; Lynn Baker; Mary Fredell
       Finance/Facilities & Operations (FFO)
       Patrick Frazee, Chair; Angela Brandstadt; Pam Singer
       Human Resources
       Scott McFarland, Chair; Lynn Baker; Patrick Frazee
**Other Committee Appointments**

2017 District School Improvement: Brad Blasy
2017 Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award: Patrick Frazee
2017 Distinguished Service Award: Mary Fredell
2017 Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Ed: Brad Blasy

6. **SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017 CALENDAR YEAR**

   6. 1. Singer/McFarland 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 2017 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 16, 2017    July 17, 2017
   February 20, 2017   August 21, 2017
   March 20, 2017      September 18, 2017
   April 17, 2017      October 16, 2017
   May 15, 2017        November 20, 2017
   June 12, 2017       December 18, 2017
   June 26, 2017

   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.

7. **2017 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

   7. 1. 1. McFarland/Baker moved for approval of the appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel. The firms of Poznak Dyer Kanar and Garshaw, PLC; LaPoint & Butler, PC; Secrest Wardle; Lusk Albertson PLC; 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, 2017.

   Motion carried unanimously.

   7. 1. 2. McFarland/Frazee 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, 2017. 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, 2017 for these staff members.

   Motion carried unanimously.

   7. 1. 3. Singer/Baker moved for approval of the 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, 2017 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, 2017. Resignations/retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.

   Motion carried unanimously.
7. 1. 4. McFarland/Frazee 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 $6,344.80 times the number of employees with single person coverage, $13,268.93 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage, plus $17,304.02 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 2017.

7. 1. 5. Blasy/McFarland 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, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

President: ___________________________ Secretary: ___________________________
Angela Brandstadt Scott McFarland

Approved by the Board of Education on:

C. Young 20-February-2017