

MIDLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

January 16, 2017

The *Mission* of the Midland Public Schools, in partnership with our community, prepares students as knowledgeable, self-reliant, cooperative and ethical learners who are contributing citizens

This meeting is in accord with the requirements of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., effective July 1, 1996, and the established Midland Public Schools' Board policies.

The Board of Education receives agenda material in advance of the meeting and has the opportunity to ask clarification questions of the staff.

1. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL (*The officers of the preceding year who retain membership on the Board continue in office until successors are elected.*)

Board of Education:

- ___ President Brandstadt
- ___ Vice President Singer
- ___ Secretary McFarland
- ___ Treasurer _____
- ___ Member Baker
- ___ Member Blasy
- ___ Member Frazee
- ___ Member Fredell

Central Staff:

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

Included with the documentation for board members is a tabulation of school board membership over the last 15 years, a listing of Board Presidents since 1929, proposed board seats and terms for 2017 and Board Policy 0150 outlining the organization of the Midland Board of Education and the duties of its officers.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Lynn Baker, Brad Blasy, Mary Fredell, Scott McFarland Oath of Office (President Brandstadt)

3. IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT'S LEGAL STATUS

- 3. 1. For Information
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. Recommended for Action
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
Vice President: Ms. Pamela Singer

Secretary: Mr. Scott McFarland
Treasurer: Mr. Patrick Frazee

Additional nominations for Board of Education officer positions:

Name _____ Office _____ Nominated by _____
Name _____ Office _____ Nominated by _____

ELECTION PROCESS

Motion for slate adoption:

Motion by _____ Support _____

OR

Motion for individual positions by office, if additional nominations have been received:

Motion by _____ Support _____

5. APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEES

5. 1. For Information

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. Recommended for Action

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. 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.

January 16, 2017

February 20, 2017

March 20, 2017

April 17, 2017

May 15, 2017

June 12, 2017

June 26, 2017

July 17, 2017

August 21, 2017
September 18, 2017
October 16, 2017
November 20, 2017
December 18, 2017

7. 2017 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

7. 1. Recommended for Action

7. 1. 1. Appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel (Board President)
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 is recommended that the Board approve legal representation as outlined through December 31, 2017.
7. 1. 2. Fiscal Designations and Authorizations (Superintendent)
It is 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 is recommended that the Board approve this authorization through December 31, 2017 for these staff members.
7. 1. 3. Personnel Authorizations (Superintendent)
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 is recommended that the Board continue this authorization through December 31, 2017 to the Superintendent or his designee. It is 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.
7. 1. 4. Hard Cap for Employees' Medical Benefit Plan (Associate Superintendent Finance)
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. Administrative Assistant Authorization (Superintendent)

It is 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT