Minutes of Regular Meeting  
August 21, 2017  
The Board of Education Midland Public Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, August 21, 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  
   Board Members Present: President Brandstadt, Vice President Singer, Treasurer Frazee, Member Baker, Member Blasy, Member Fredell  
   Board Member Absent: Secretary McFarland  
   Central Staff Present: Superintendent Sharrow; Associate Superintendents Cooper, Brutyn, Greif  
6 audience members were present for this meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA  
   Singer/Fredell moved for approval of the consent agenda

   2.1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2017 and Special Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2017.

   2.2. The following persons were recommended for employment for the 2017-18 school year:
   - Tyler Cole, 1.0 Sixth Grade Teacher
   - Ashley Dorr, 1.0 Math Teacher
   - Nicole Fisher, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
   - Rosalie Groendal, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
   - Morgan Groulx, 1.0 English/Business Computer Teacher
   - Alex Karapas, 1.0 Social Studies Teacher
   - Jessica Kustra, 1.0 Spanish Teacher
   - Erin Messner, 1.0 Elementary Teacher
   - Henry Muller, 1.0 Psychology Teacher
   - Andrew Plude, .9 Physical Education Teacher
   - Allison Rye, 1.0 Elementary Teacher

   2.3. The following staff members announced their resignations effective as of these dates:
   - Melissa DeBoer, Teacher, HH Dow High, June 17, 2017
   - Manuel Prado, Spanish Teacher, Woodcrest Elementary, June 17, 2017

   2.4. Bids were requested and sent to eight (8) vendors for multi-purpose 8-1/2 x 11 copy paper for Midland Public Schools. Six (6) vendors responded with the results indicated on the bid tabulation. It was recommended to purchase the paper from low bidder, Verifiv, for a total delivered price of $53,373.60.

   2.5. Approval of the payment of the school system's bills for the month of June 2017, as listed in the check registers prepared by Ms. Holderby in the amount of $10,793,897 was recommended. The distribution of obligations by fund was included in the documentation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

   3.1. Ms. Ann Fillmore, Executive Director, and Mr. Renee Urlaub, United for Success Volunteer Coordinator, of the United Way of Midland County presented information about the new United for Success volunteer program, which is a joint venture between the United Way of Midland County and Midland Public Schools, made possible in part with funding by The Dow Chemical Company. Ms. Fillmore and Ms. Urlaub spoke
about a needs assessment survey they conducted and the feedback they received, the United for Success timeline, the volunteer application and website, statistics, marketing, outreach and more. Board members asked questions about the program.

3. 2. Mr. Sharrow shared that Midland Public Schools’ students were offered more than $14.7 million in scholarships during the 2016-17 school year. A listing of local scholarship recipients was included in the Board of Education packet and posted on the District website.

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

5. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS
   Study Committee Chair: Patrick Frazees; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

5. 1. The “Finance, Facilities and Operations (FFO) Study Committee Report” from August 14, 2017 was read aloud. Members Present: A. Brandstadt, P. Singer, M. Fredell (sub for P. Frazees), M. Sharrow, R. Cooper
   Guest Present: Daryl Domrow, Barton Malow
   Bond Update
   Mr. Domrow of Barton Malow reviewed and discussed with the committee the status of the current construction projects and completion timelines across the district. This included Plymouth and Woodcrest Elementary renovations/additions, secure entries in each building, Central Auditorium, and final stages at Central Park Elementary.

   Facilities
   • Mr. Cooper reviewed current information regarding the recent power outage and restoration work at Dow High School. This included future work on the building transformer.
   • The flooring replacement at Midland High due to recent water issues was reviewed. Due to the availability of flooring material from the manufacturer, all work will not be completed by the beginning of school. As material arrives, the installer will work around the school schedule including working on weekends.
   • A brief discussion was held regarding the selling of school property. It will be a topic of discussion at the September FFO meeting.

   Finance
   • The draft of the recently completed audit for 2016-17 was briefly shared along with the status of the fund balance. The full complete audit will be shared in September with the FFO committee and the full board.
   • The committee discussed the current district policy for purchasing in comparison to other Michigan districts. Most districts use the State statute and limit as a basis for competitive bids and board approval. The committee asked Mr. Cooper to bring back data to show how a change might affect what the board is asked to approved based on differing dollar limits.

5. 2. For Information: Gifts totaling $4,516.
   <> $ 500.00 for HH Dow High Wrestling from Mr. and Mrs. Doak Stolz
   <> $2,000.00 for HH Dow High Wrestling from Midland Chiropractic & Sports Rehab
   <> $1,000.00 for HH Dow High Wrestling from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bassett
   <> $ 50.00 for HH Dow High Wrestling from Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Quehl
   <> $ 966.00 for music lockers from HH Dow High Music Boosters

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

6. 1. The Board and Staff extended their deepest sympathy to the families of:
   <> Dr. David Kellom, who passed away on June 21, 2017. Dr. Kellom was an MPS Board of Education member for 12 years (1973-1985). He served as President, Secretary and Trustee during his time on the MPS Board.
   <> Mrs. Dorothy Retzloff, who passed away on July 19, 2017. Mrs. Retzloff was a Bus Driver in the Transportation Department for 16 years, retiring in 1984.
   <> Mr. Stephen Sears, who passed away on July 28, 2017. Mr. Sears was a Bus Driver in the Transportation Department for six years retiring in 2011.
Mrs. Florence Drottar, who passed away on August 5, 2017. Mrs. Drottar was a first and third grade teacher at Plymouth Elementary School for 32 years, retiring in 1988.

7. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

7.1. For Information: Letters from the Board of Education to HH Dow High Music Boosters and Midland Area Community Foundation

7.2. For Information: Letters to the Board of Education from:
PORTA Request from Progress Michigan requesting copies of public records.

8. 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:

- September 18, 2017
- November 20, 2017
- October 16, 2017
- December 18, 2017
- January 15, 2018
- April 16, 2018
- June 11, 2018
- February 19, 2018
- May 21, 2018
- June 25, 2018
- March 19, 2018

9. 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.

9.1. Board Members expressed their …
- excitement for the new United for Success MPS volunteer system. Thank you to the United Way of Midland County, The Dow Chemical Company, and the volunteers who have already signed up. The new volunteer application is simple to complete and Renee Urlaub is very willing to help.
- thanks to the City of Midland for their help in keeping our students safe, i.e. repairing sidewalks, installing the signal light by Central Park Elementary, and so much more. Thank you also to the City for the great information they posted on their Facebook page about Central Park Elementary.
- sadness in the passing of Dr. David Kellom who not only served on the MPS Board but sat in the front row of our board meetings for years as a very active community member. He will be missed!
- welcome and best wishes to our new Midland Public Schools’ teachers.
- thanks to Habitat for Humanity for their Midland neighborhood revitalization efforts. It was exciting to see the headquarters based out of the former Parkdale property. So wonderful to see the Barton Malow staff (MPS bond construction management firm) helping with the Habitat construction projects.
- appreciation for the Legacy Center offering classes to our high school athletes participating in fall sports about opioid addiction. Very impactful for students. Another great MPS partner!
- thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get HH Dow High power back on line.
- interest that Our Schools was published in last Saturday’s Midland Daily News that included information about the new MPS PATHS program.
- excitement for the new school year starting. Be safe and enjoy your last couple of weeks before the new school year begins.
- excitement for all of the construction underway including the new secure entrances. Plymouth and Woodcrest’s new gym/cafeteria spaces are breathtaking. Exciting to see what is happening in our elementary schools. The air conditioning in the schools will make learning so much more enjoyable.
- thanks for the wonderful books that were purchased by Board members in memory of Ms. Singer’s father that will be placed in the Plymouth Media Center.
- FFO meeting views about the audit and the 16% fund balance and the importance of keeping that as a goal. Infrastructure in our buildings is aging; we never know when we will need to draw funds.
- excitement in the public Central Park Open House on September 25, 2017
9. 2. Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow

- Dow Chemical is looking at the long-term impact Central Park Elementary may have on the neighborhood and partnering with SVSU to conduct a long-term study to track the data related to the future of the children who attend Central Park Elementary School.
- Early enrollment numbers look good. We do expect a small decline but expect to be safe with the number we used to build the 2017-18 budget. Elementary numbers are pretty positive; families are choosing MPS. Central Park is opening at capacity at over 800 students. The two high schools’ enrollment numbers are pretty even as are the two middle schools. Kindergarten and Young 5’s may be among our highest enrollments in recent years.
- The PATHS program is at 30 students with students taking part in some of the CTE programs available to them. This is another new way MPS is meeting a student/family need in our community.
- The Lacrosse club sport is growing at MPS. Administration recently had a positive meeting with the local Lacrosse coaches to turn Lacrosse into an MPS school-controlled sport beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Administrators are working with the Lacrosse leaders on the details.
- We have received word that many people are interested in raising the approximate $250,000 needed to bring the Jefferson pool back to life. MPS is looking at the possibility of bringing a group of interested parties from the community together for a meeting in late September. We are waiting to hear from our pool expert to help us determine exactly what is needed and have them possibly attend the community meeting to discuss whether the $250,000 is a wise investment. The Greater Midland Community Center is a big partner in the future of the Jefferson pool and will be an important stakeholder in the conversation. The times have changed. Schools no longer operate community pools because we no longer have the option of asking the community for the funding necessary to operate a pool. MPS is just one piece of the future of community pools for Midland moving forward.
- MPS has just learned that we have been granted 32 half-day slots or 16 full-day slots in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for the 2017-18 school year. There is lots of research to show that the GSRP has great benefits to launch these young, low-income students on the right track for the long term. We expect to house this program at Plymouth Elementary for 2017-18. Long-term we are looking at Carpenter’s early elementary wing for the preschool programs and the other wing for the robotics program. Long-term, MPS will need to look at employing a preschool programs director.
- The Central Park Public Open House is set for Monday, September 25 from 6-7:30 pm. The Central Park Opening Celebration is slated for Friday, October 13, and is by invitation.
- On Thursday we will determine if the opening staff meeting can be held at the Central Auditorium with the breakfast at Central Park.
- The first official big event in the renovated auditorium will be a Project 111 fund raising concert by Sarah Scheiber on Saturday, September 23.

10. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

President: ______________________  Vice President: _________________________
   Angela Brandstadt                  Pam Singer

Approved by the Board of Education on:
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   C. Young                     September 18, 2017