This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Regular January Board of Education beginning immediately following.

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  ______ Member Baker
   ______ Vice President Singer  ______ Member Blasy
   ______ Secretary McFarland  ______ Member Fredell
   ______ Treasurer Frazee

   Central Staff:
   Superintendent Sharrow
   Associate Superintendents Brutyn, Cooper, Greif

   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 2018 and Board Policy 0150 outlining the organization of the Midland Board of Education and the duties of its officers.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT'S LEGAL STATUS

   2.1 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.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

   3.1 Recommended for Action

   As outlined in Board Policy 0150, a three-person Board of Education Nominating Committee submitted a proposed slate of officers for 2018. The proposed slate is as follows:

   President:  Ms. Pamela Singer
   Vice President: Ms. Angela Brandstadt
   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 _______________

4. APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEES

4.1. For Information
2018 Study Committee Appointments
Administrative Services
Brad Blasy, Chair; Lynn Baker; Angela Brandstadt
Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA)
Mary Fredell, Chair; Brad Blasy; Patrick Frazee
Finance/Facilities & Operations (FFO)
Patrick Frazee, Chair; Lynn Baker; Pam Singer
Human Resources
Scott McFarland, Chair; Angela Brandstadt; Mary Fredell

Other Committee Appointments
2018 District School Improvement: Mary Fredell
2018 Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award: Brad Blasy
2018 Distinguished Service Award: Lynn Baker
2018 Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Ed: Patrick Frazee

5. SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2018 CALENDAR YEAR

5.1. 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 2018 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 15, 2018
February 19, 2018
March 19, 2018
April 16, 2018 *
May 21, 2018

June 11, 2018
June 25, 2018
July 16, 2018
August 20, 2018
(* Budget Workshop 6:30; Regular Meeting 7:00)

September 17, 2018
October 15, 2018
November 19, 2018
December 17, 2018

6. 2018 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

6.1. Recommended for Action

6.1.1. Appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel (Board President)
The firms of Poznak Dyer Kanar and Garshaw, PLC; LaPoint & Butler, PC; 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, 2018.

6.1.2. 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, 2018.

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, 2018 for these staff members.

6. 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, 2018 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, 2018. Resignations/retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.

6. 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 $6,560.52 times the number of employees with single person coverage, $13,720.07 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage, plus $17,892.36 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 2018.

6. 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, 2018.

7. ADJOURNMENT