

MIDLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

January 9, 2012

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.

Annual Organizational Meeting at the Midland Public Schools, Administration Center, 600 East Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan, at 4 p.m. with adjournment not later than 6:00 p.m., except by unanimous approval otherwise.

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

The annual school election was moved to November 8, 2011 when three Board seats were up for election. Mr. Jerry Wasserman and Ms. Yvonne Gorton were elected for four-year terms from January 2011-December 2015; however, with the new legislation that states school board elections can only be held on even years, Mr. Wasserman and Ms. Gorton's term will end December 31, 2016. Ms. Angela Brandstadt, elected to fill Mr. Kelly Buell's interim seat for a two-year term from November 2011-December 2013, which will complete Ms. Suzii LaCross' vacated seat. With the new legislation in place for school board elections to be held only on even years, Ms. Brandstadt's term will end December 31, 2014. Ms. Brandstadt was seated at the first official Board meeting following the election (November 14, 2011).

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

- 1.1 The officers of the preceding year who retain membership on the Board continue in office until successors are elected.

A tabulation of "School Board Membership" over the past 15 years is enclosed. Also enclosed are a listing of Board Presidents since 1929, and excerpts from How Midland Schools Work outlining the organization of the Midland Board of Education and the duties of its officers.

Board of Education:	President Mault	_____	Member Brandstadt	_____
	Vice President Wasserman	_____	Member Gorton	_____
	Treasurer Ohle	_____	Member Kaminski	_____
	Member Baker	_____		

Central Staff:				
Superintendent:		Mr. Ellinger	_____	
Assistant Superintendent:		Mr. Verlinde	_____	
Associate Superintendents:				
Finance/Facilities/Operations:		Ms. Cline	_____	
Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development:		Dr. Ellison	_____	



2. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Yvonne Gorton Oath of Office Ken Mault

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

For Information:

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**

Recommended for Action:

4.1.a As outlined in Chapter II-C. 13. Of How Midland Schools work, a three person board of Education Nominating Committee submitted a proposed slate of officers for 2012. The proposed slate is as follows:

President:	Mr. Kenneth D. Mault
Vice President:	Mr. Gerald L. Wasserman
Secretary:	Ms. Lynn M. Baker
Treasurer:	Mr. Rick Ohle

4.1.b Additional nominations for Board of Education officer positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
_____	_____
By: _____	Support: _____
_____	_____
By: _____	Support: _____
_____	_____
By: _____	Support: _____

Motion to close nominations:

By: _____ Support: _____

4.1.c Election Process:

Motion for slate:

By: _____ Support: _____

~ OR ~

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

By: _____ Support: _____

5. APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, DELEGATES, AND REPRESENTATIVES

Recommended for Action (Consent Items 5.1 – 5.2):

5.1 Study Committee Membership for 2012:

<u>Study Committee</u>	<u>2012 Committee</u>	<u>Staff Resource Persons</u>
Curriculum & Special Services (CaSS)	Dr. Kaminski, Chair Ms. Baker Ms. Gorton	Dr. Ellison Mr. Verlinde Mr. Ellinger
Administrative Services	Mr. Mault, Chair Ms. Baker Ms. Brandstadt	Mr. Ellinger
Human Resources	Mr. Wasserman, Chair Mr. Ohle Ms. Brandstadt	Mr. Verlinde Mr. Ellinger
Finance/Facilities & Operations	Mr. Ohle, Chair Dr. Kaminski Mr. Wasserman	Mrs. Cline Mr. Verlinde Mr. Ellinger

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2012</u>
5.2. To the Advisory Council for Adult Education	Ms. LaCross	Dr. Kaminski

To the Midland County Educational Service Agency Board of Education's Special Education Advisory Council

Mr. Hall/Mr. Verlinde Mr. Paris

To the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards Committee

Mr. Wasserman Mr. Ohle

Liaison persons between the Board and the following continuing committees and organizations:

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2012</u>
a) Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Education and Birth Control	Ms. Baker	Ms. Baker
b) Midland County Educational Services Agency Liaison	Mr. Ohle	Mr. Wasserman
c) Midland County Partnerships for Education	Mr. Mault	Ms. Brandstadt
d) MASB Legislative Liaison	Mr. Wasserman	Mr. Wasserman
e) Liaison person between the Board and the Strategic Planning/District School Improvement Committee	Dr. Kaminski	Dr. Kaminski
f) Midland County School Board Association	Ms. Rouse	Mr. Mault
g) Health Wellness Committee	Ms. Baker	Ms. Gorton
h) Distinguished Service Awards Committee	Ms. Rouse	Mr. Mault

6. SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2012 CALENDAR YEAR

Recommended for Action:

6.1 The Board of Education is required to give public notice of the dates of its regular meetings and of any special meetings. Dates of regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education of the Midland Public Schools for 2012 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 9, 2012	4 p.m.	Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
January 23, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 13, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

February 27, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 12, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 26, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 16, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 30, 2012	3 p.m.	Budget Workshop of the Board of Education
May 14, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
May 29, 2012 (Tuesday)	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
June 11, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
June 25, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
July 16, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 13, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 27, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 10, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 24, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 8, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 22, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 12, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 26, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 10, 2012	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Dates of special meetings or changes in the above 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.

7. APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR 2012

Recommended for Action (Consent Items 7.1 – 7.3):

7.1 Appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel Ken Mault

The firms of Currie Kendall PLC, LaPointe & Butler, P.C., Secrest Wardle, 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, 2012.

7.2 Fiscal Designations and Authorizations.....Carl Ellinger

- (1) It is recommended that the Board designate The Chemical Bank and Trust Company 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, 2012.
- (2) 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, Assistant 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, 2012 for these three members of the staff.

- 7.3 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, 2012 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, 2012. Resignations/Retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

Recommended for Action:

- 8.1 Superintendent’s Administrative Assistant Authorization.....Carl Ellinger

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, 2012.

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1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 12, 2011.

1.2 Approval is requested to authorize payment for the following legal bills:

FIRM	DATE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Thrun Law Firm P.C.	12/15/2011	\$5,478.37	Professional Services
Currie Kendall PLC	12/08/2011	\$137.03	Professional Services
Thrun Law Firm P.C.	01/02/2012	\$1,500.00	Annual Retainer Fee
AMOUNT DUE		\$7,115.40	

2. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

2.1 Property Management Plan Recommendation..... Kelly Buell

3. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

For Information

3.1 Legislation that allows board member elections on even years only.....Carl Ellinger

Recommended for Action

3.2 Final District Property Plan RecommendationCarl Ellinger

On December 12, 2011, Superintendent, Mr. Ellinger, presented the Board of Education with the final District Property Management Plan Recommendation. The plan came to the full Board at the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities & Operations Study

Committee of the Board. The plan is presented this afternoon for action by the Board of Education, again, at the suggestion of the FFO Study Committee and as publically mentioned at the December 12, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

3.3 Full-Time Kindergarten Recommendation for 2012-13 Kathy Ellison

After discussion with teachers, principals, the Parent Information Committee, and with various board study committees, Administration is recommending the Board of Education extend the Midland Public Schools’ kindergarten program from half day to full day for the 2012-13 school year. This action will provide the following: a more competitive kindergarten program in the county; timely parental information for all-day kindergarten instead of waiting to see what the legislators do in the spring or later; increased instructional time for all students to allow for more content and depth; enrichment, especially for our advanced and accelerated students; differentiation, especially for at-risk students in non-Title 1 buildings; complete science and social studies instruction; specialists for both art and music instruction; full days in neighborhood school so parents don’t have to “school of choice” to Eastlawn or Carpenter; time for teachers, administrators, and parents to intentionally plan, prepare and train for a quality full-day kindergarten experience; and protection against potential loss of funding for the full day kindergarten if legislation changes.

This information was presented to the Board on December 12. Administration respectfully requests approval at this time.

4. **FINANCE**

Study Committee Chair – Mr. Ohle
Staff Resource Person – Ms. Cline

For Information:

4.1 The following gifts, which total \$15,432.66, have been received and processed:

	Donor	Purpose	Amount
(1)	Midland Area Community Foundation	Central SAVE Club Student Activities for Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence	\$ 200.00
(4)	Midland High School Class of 1961	Musical Instruments for At-Risk Students, Midland High School Music Program	\$ 3,800.00
(5)	Midland High School Athletic Booster Club	Competition/Safety Mat Midland High Cheer	\$ 4,600.00
(6)	Midland High School Athletic Booster Club	Midland High Varsity Boys Basketball Uniforms	\$ 2,400.00
(7)	Midland High School Athletic Booster Club	Midland High Softball Uniforms	\$ 2,980.00

(9)	Northeast Middle School Booster Club	Electric Pencil Sharpeners for Northeast Teachers' Rooms	\$ 902.66
(10)	American Institute of Professional Geologists - Michigan Chapter	Provide Adams Students with an Understanding of Wetlands and Their Importance	\$ 250.00
(12)	Anonymous	Sports Participation Scholarships	\$ 300.00

Acceptance of the following gifts totaling \$40,505.00 is recommended:

	Donor	Purpose	Amount
(2)	Eastlawn PTO	Acoustical Treatment (Wall Panels) for Eastlawn Gym	\$ 5,505.00
(3)	Dow Chemical Foundation	Youth in Government Spring Conference for Dow High Students	\$ 5,000.00
(8)	Colin & Kerry Buell	Support for Reading Program	\$ 25,000.00
(11)	Mary C. Currie Foundation	Support At-Risk Student Needs	\$ 5,000.00

Appropriate thanks to the donors is recommended.

5. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Study Committee Chair – Mr. Wasserman
Staff Resource Person – Mr. Verlinde

For Information:

- 5.1 The Board and staff extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Gwendolyn Bagley who passed away on December 17, 2011. She was a teacher with Midland Public Schools for 40 years, retiring in 1986. Ms. Bagley was a recipient of the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award in 1967.
- 5.2 The Board and staff extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Geraldine Matteson who passed away on December 24, 2011. She was a secretary at Chippewassee Elementary School for 24 years, retiring in 1988.

6. **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

For Information:

- If approved during the Organization Meeting portion of the agenda, the following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for the 2012 calendar year.:

January 23, 2012

February 13, 2012

February 27, 2012



March 12, 2012		August 13, 2012
March 26, 2012		August 27, 2012
	<i>(Spring break April 2-6)</i>	
April 16, 2012		September 10, 2012
April 30, 2012 – 3 pm	<i>(Budget Workshop)</i>	September 24, 2012
May 14, 2012		October 8, 2012
May 29, 2012	<i>(Tuesday)</i>	October 22, 2012
June 11, 2012		November 12, 2012
June 25, 2012		November 26, 2012
July 16, 2012		December 10, 2012

7. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For Information:

- 7.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:
 Woodcrest Elementary School P.T.O.
 H. H. Dow High School Music Parents
 The Laura Ludington Hollenbeck Foundation

8. 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.

For Information:

- 8.1 Hearing from Board Members
- 8.2 Announcements from Superintendent Ellinger

9. ADJOURNMENT