

MIDLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

April 16, 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.

Regular (twice-monthly) meeting at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan at 7 p.m. with adjournment not later than 9:30 p.m., except by unanimous approval otherwise.

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

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

Central Staff:

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, March 26, 2012.

2.2 The following person is recommended for employment:

Name Assignment Effective Date
Jodi Winkel-Cook .4 Speech Language Pathologist, Special Services March 14, 2012

2.3 The following staff members have announced their resignation effective as of the date indicated:

Name Assignment Effective Date
Tracy L. Hoag Paraprofessional, Siebert Elementary April 6, 2012
Calvin Wilson Grounds, Midland Public Schools April 4, 2012

2.4 The Administration recommends the renewal of the food service contract with Chartwells for the 2012-13 school year.

2.5 With funds targeted from the County-Wide Enhancement Millage and included in the February budget revision, Administration recommends the purchase of seven 65 passenger

school buses and two orthopedic buses for transportation of special education students. The recommended vendor is Capitol City and the total purchase price is \$734,211 for these International buses. Capitol City was the only bidder to meet our power parking brake specifications. With these purchases our fleet remains more than one year behind our recommended turnover rate of six buses (10%) per year.

- 2.6 Submitted herewith is a letter from the Board’s auditors, Yeo & Yeo, P.C., outlining the firm’s plans and procedures for auditing the district’s books for the 2011-12 school year. Based on the preliminary figures from Yeo & Yeo, the estimated fee will be \$26,660 including two major programs as part of the single audit. Additional programs, if testing is required, will be \$1,500 each. Yeo & Yeo has been the Board’s auditors since 1972-73. The total fees for the audits for the last five years have been:

2006-07	\$22,800
2007-08	\$23,600
2008-09	\$24,400
2009-10	\$25,150
2010-11	\$28,775

- 2.7 On October 9, 2000, Midland Public Schools joined other districts in a lawsuit against the State of Michigan seeking full funding for newly required programs and services since the people of Michigan adopted the Headlee Amendment in 1978. Each participating district pays a prorated share of the legal costs based on Durant I judgment amounts. The Midland Public Schools payments for legal services totaled \$38,287.92 as of April 1, 2012.

The Board has authorized a combined expense limit of \$34,000 based on action taken on October 9, 2000 (\$4,000), August 13, 2001 (\$4,000), November 25, 2002 (\$4,000), July 12, 2004 (\$2,000), July 11, 2005 (\$2,000), July 10, 2006 (\$2,000), March 12, 2007 (\$2,000), July 9, 2007 (\$4,000), July 14, 2008 (\$4,000), July 30, 2009 (\$2,000), and July 12, 2011 (\$4,000). Based on continuing legal action, the administration recommends the authorization of an additional \$4,000.

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

FIRM	DATE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Thrun Law Firm, P.C.	3/29/2012	\$211.69	Professional Services
AMOUNT DUE		\$211.69	

3. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- 3.1 No hearings have been requested.



4. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

For Action:

4.1 Approval of Sinking Fund BidsLinda Cline/Dave Kostus

Bids have been accepted, and a tabulation is provided for Adams Elementary School Electrical, Ceiling and Lighting Upgrade including Floor Tile Replacement. This project includes ceiling tile and lighting replacement, fire alarm and clock system and electrical panel upgrades. The work will also include floor tile replacement in hallways and some classrooms. The project is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of school this fall. The administration recommends issuing a purchase order to the low bidders as listed below. This project was previously approved by the Board of Education, and funding is included in the 2012 Sinking Fund budget.

Carpentry, Demolition	Gerald G. Bergman, Saginaw	\$14,716
Drywall, Insulation Acoustical	Metal Arts Construction, Mt. Pleasant	\$40,425
Flooring	Bay Area Specialty Flooring, Freeland	\$25,486
Painting	Detail Painting, Grant, MI	\$14,231
Mechanical	J.E. Johnson Contracting, Midland	\$2,424
Electrical	PowerComm, Frankenmuth	<u>\$225,900</u>
Project Bid Total		\$323,182

For Information:

4.2 Commencement Participation Policy Gary Verlinde

The policy that comes before the Board of Education was submitted at the request of a study committee of administrators from the central office and both high schools. Much of what constitutes a valuable exchange experience is the cultural immersion that takes place for the students who come to Midland, Michigan USA from all over the world. This immersion includes all that is unique in America, including the truly American experience of the high school Commencement ceremony. From the “Pomp and Circumstance” to wearing the cap and gown, from the processional to crossing the stage to receive recognition when one’s name is read, Commencement is a highlight of any senior’s high school career. It is important that this participation be extended to our guest students who will become world ambassadors for our schools after attending here for a year.

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Study Committee Chair – Mr. Mault
Staff Resource Person – Mr. Ellinger

For Information:

5.1 Administrative Services Study Committee MinutesKen Mault

6. CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION

Study Committee Chair – Dr. Kaminski
Staff Resource Person – Dr. Ellison

For Information:

6.1 The District Staff/Curriculum Development Committee recommends 23 proposals listed below for your consideration. Following the 28-day period of public input, they will be recommended for approval on May 14, 2012. Approval of these projects will set the focus for staff and curriculum development for the school year 2012-13. If approved, these proposals will be implemented based on the available funding as approved in the 2012-13 budget.

AP Advanced Biology Curriculum Modification	2,452
AP Computer Science A H	2,062
IB Math HL 1 / Pre-Calculus H	1,999
Financial Math	2,653
DIBELS Next	16,654
Kindergarten	2,615
Survey of Spanish 2	3,922
Curr Updates for World Language in DP IB Programme	3,922
Building Technology Instructional Leaders	15,147
HS Technology Standards	7,134
Technology as a Necessary Tool for Tchg & Lrng	3,288
CAD 1 & CAD 2 / Mechanical Drafting	1,961
Digital Multimedia & Information Resource Design	2,615
Sales Management	1,307
Grade Level & Progress Monitoring Meetings	5,627
Leadership Team Meetings	3,088
Illuminate Web-Based IEP Training	5,149
PYP / MYP Exploration and Study	16,683
IB Evaluation Planning	6,000
IB Consultant	3,500
New Tech	20,000
Differentiated Instruction	15,816
Carpenter Focused Instruction	<u>3,391</u>
Total	\$146,985

7. FINANCE

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

For Information:

7.1 The following gifts, which total \$3,650 have been received and processed:

	Donor	Purpose	Amount
(2)	H. H. Dow High School Booster Club	Soccer uniforms	\$ 2,750.00
(3)	Jean and Scott Thiele	Support of the Dow High School band program in honor of Dr. Sheree Clark	\$ 200.00
(4)	H. H. Dow High School Booster Club	Golf balls for the boys golf program	\$ 700.00



Acceptance of the following gift totaling \$5,000 is recommended:

	Donor	Purpose	Amount
(1)	Midland Kiwanis Foundation	Sound field system for Eastlawn Elementary	\$ 5,000.00

Appropriate thanks to the donors is recommended.

8. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

For Information:

8.1 The Board and staff extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Richard E. Lovett who passed away on March 19, 2012. Mr. Lovett began his MPS career in 1955 as a Math teacher. He went on to serve as the Dean of Boys at Midland High, the Coordinator of Mathematics, Mills Elementary Principal and finished his MPS career as the Director of School Services. Mr. Lovett retired in 1984.

8.2 The following staff members have announced their retirement effective as of the dates indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elizabeth A. Evans	Occupational Therapist, Special Services	June 8, 2012
Barbara L. Haines	Teacher, Central Middle School	June 8, 2012
Della J. Keyworth	Teacher, H. H. Dow High School	June 8, 2012
Rebecca A. Simmerman	Paraprofessional, Plymouth Elementary	June 7, 2012
Diane Woodcock	Paraprofessional, Post-Secondary	April 30, 2012

9. **TECHNOLOGY**

Staff Resource Person – Mr. Verlinde

For Action:

9.1 Administration is seeking approval to deliver a purchase order to Trivalent Group of Mt. Pleasant, MI for \$79,492.17 to upgrade teacher laptop computers. Pricing includes the purchase of seventy-nine Hewlett-Packard laptop computers as well as configuration. The computers being replaced are between five and seven years of age. This pricing is bid by the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) of which the State of Michigan is a member. Midland Public Schools is able to use the approved Hewlett-Packard WSCA agreement as a governmental entity of Michigan. This expenditure was included in the regular budgeting process for 2011-2012 and is part of the replacement cycle of the Midland Public Schools Technology Plan.

9.2 Approval is requested to purchase the first phase of Cisco hardware for full wireless network coverage across the District. This set of hardware includes access points, switches, patch panels, cables, licensing, and core equipment, and was listed in detail as

part of the wireless survey completed in February of 2012. The administration seeks approval to deliver a purchase order to Netech of Novi, MI for \$548,404.82. Netech has been awarded the Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association (MiCTA) bid for Cisco electronics. The Midland County ESA is a member of MiCTA and, therefore, all districts served by the ESA are members as a part of that agreement. The MiCTA agreement meets all necessary bid requirements required by the State of Michigan, making Netech a sole source provider. This is a planned expenditure using funds from the technology grant as well as 2011-2012 budgeted funds.

10. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For Information:

10.1 Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to:

The Midland Area Community Foundation
Chestnut Hill Elementary P.T.O.
H. H. Dow High Music Parents
Mr. Jim Nigro, McKay Press

10.2 Letters to the Board of Education or the school system from:

FOIA request from HealthCare Associates, Inc. requesting information regarding contracts and rates of special services types of providers (occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech/language pathologists, school psychologist, and social workers).

11. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

For Information:

The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for 2012:

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	4 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



12. **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.

12.1 Hearing from Board Members

13. **ADJOURNMENT**