

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES - July 14, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Midland Public Schools, Midland, Michigan, was held at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, Michigan, on Monday, July 14, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in accordance 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.

Board members present: President Wasserman,
 Vice President Brandstadt,
 Secretary Gorton,
 Treasurer Kaminski,
 Member Singer

Board members absent: Member Baker,
 Member McFarland

Central staff present: Superintendent Sharrow,
 Associate Superintendent Brutyn

Central staff absent: Assistant Superintendent Verlinde,
 Associate Superintendent Cooper

Visitors present: 8 staff, citizens and guests

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brandstadt/Kaminski moved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved.

2. 1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2014 meeting
2. 2. Resignations--The following staff members announced their resignation effective as of these dates:
Diane K. Bush, Administrative Assistant, Plymouth Elementary, June 20, 2014
Kathleen A. Cornwell, Paraprofessional, Siebert Elementary, July 2, 2014
Dawn M. Edwards, Teacher, Carpenter Street School, June 16, 2014
2. 3. The following person was recommended for employment for the 2014-15 school year:
Sharon Thurlow-Koscielski, Special Education Teacher, H. H. Dow High School
2. 4. Administration recommended approval of these books.
Course: IB Math HL 2 / AP Calculus BC H
Book Title: Calculus, 10e (AP Edition)
Author: Larson, Edwards; Publisher: Brook/Cole Cengage; Copyright: 2014
Course: Computer Programming 1A
Book Title: An Intro to Programming Using Visual Basic 2012, 9th edition
Author: David Schneider; Publisher: Pearson; Copyright: 2014
Course: Computer Programming 2A
Book Title: C++ Programming: From Problem Analysis to Program Design, 6th ed.
Author: D. S. Malik; Publisher: Cengage Learning; Copyright: 2013
These purchases are contingent on available funding as approved in the 2014-15 budget.
2. 5. Adoption of Michigan School Code Articles 105/105C (Schools of Choice)
Administration requested approval from the Board of Education to continue accepting Nonresident Schools of Choice students. This applies to nonresident students

from other districts within the Midland County Educational Service Agency (Meridian, Bullock Creek and Coleman) and to nonresident students from contiguous intermediate districts (Bay-Arenac, Clare-Gladwin, Gratiot-Isabella, and Saginaw).

There will be two application periods each year: from February to September for students who wish to enroll for the new school year, and during January for second semester enrollment. Information will be made available to parents at the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second semester for the fall enrollment process.

As specified by law, in situations in which a special education student from a contiguous intermediate district wishes to enroll, it is required that there be a written agreement between the district of residence and the Midland Public Schools to specify the responsibility for paying the special education costs for the student.

Nonresident students who enroll in the Midland Public Schools through this process can maintain their attendance until they graduate and they pay no tuition. Nonresident students who enroll at different times of the school year will be required to pay tuition.

2. 6. Approval was requested to authorize payment for these professional legal fees:
Thrun Law Firm P.C., \$660.00, June 26, 2014
LaPointe & Butler, P.C., \$392.90, June 23, 2014
Secrest Wardle, \$862.27, June 23, 2014

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Five students from Midland High School addressed the Board with regard to including Martin Luther King Jr. day as an MPS board approved student vacation day to honor Mr. King's legacy.

4. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION**

4. 1. 2014 Midland Public Schools' students were awarded more than \$13 million in scholarships. A listing of local scholarship recipients was included and is posted on the Midland Public Schools' website.

5. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS--PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION**

Kaminski/Singer moved for approval of the following item:

5. 1. The Michigan Attorney General ruled in 1977 that the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is a private organization, and therefore, cannot be delegated governmental authority to regulate public school athletics. However, a school district may join the Association and may adopt the Association's rules as its own. The school district must then accept the responsibility to enforce these rules in the district. The Midland secondary schools have long been members of the MHSAA.

A copy of the minutes of the May 2014 meeting of the Representative Council of the MHSAA, which provides information on athletic changes for the 2014-15 school year, was provided.

The administration recommended that the Board

<>Approve membership in the MHSAA for the four Midland secondary schools again in 2014-15.

<>Adopt the rules of the MHSAA as published in its current HANDBOOK and

qualifications as published in the Bulletin with above changes, to govern athletic competitions in the Midland Public Schools in 2014-15.

<>Accept the responsibility of enforcing these rules for the Midland schools.

A formal resolution embodying these recommendations was attached. The resolution was read aloud, a roll call vote of the Board taken, and the Board's secretary was authorized to sign the resolution as approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brandstadt/Singer moved for approval of the following item:

5. 2. 2014-15 Salary Letter Addendum: Preschool Workers Compensation

The creation of a new Preschool Workers Compensation Scale was necessary due to a change in assignment, duties, and credentials of the lead teacher/program director. The new lead teacher/program director position is full time and will be responsible for delivering a full-day instructional program aligned with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.

Motion carried unanimously.

Singer/Kaminski moved for approval of NEOLA Board Policy Manual Updates

5. 3. At the October 28, 2013 regular meeting, board members approved the entire NEOLA Board Policy Manual recognizing that updates and revisions would be required going forward. Administration sought board approval for minor revisions to Policies 2340, 2431, 8210.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kaminski/Singer moved for approval of the following item:

5. 4. Proposed Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2014-15 Delegate and Alternate (G. Wasserman)

2013-14: John Kaminski, Delegate; Lynn Baker, Alternate

2014-15: John Kaminski, Delegate; Pamela Singer, Alternate

Motion carried unanimously.

Singer/Gorton moved for approval of the Hold Harmless Millage and Non-Homestead Millage Ballot Language for the November general election ballot.

5. 5. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to maintain the number of mills required to be levied to enable the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews operating millage that will expire with the 2014 tax levy.

Shall the total limitation on the amount of taxes for operating purposes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Midland Public Schools, Midland County, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and against all principal residences, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, property occupied by a public school academy and industrial personal property by 5.6523 mills (\$5.6523 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), both millages to be for a period of 10 years, 2015 to 2024, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from combined local property taxes authorized herein if the millage is approved and levied in 2015 is approximately \$19,707,923 (this is a renewal of previously authorized millage which expires with the 2014 tax levy)?

A roll call vote was taken by those members present:
Ayes: 5-0 (Wasserman, Brandstadt, Gorton, Kaminski, Singer)
Absent: (Baker, McFarland)
Motion carried unanimously.

6. FINANCE

Study Committee Chair: Dr. Kaminski; Staff Resource Person: Mr. Cooper

6. 1. For Information--Gifts totaling \$5,699.17
 - \$ 250.00 to Midland High by Dow Chemical Foundation for the marching band
 - The following gifts were donated by the Jefferson Parent Advisory Committee:
 - \$ 403.65 to Jefferson Middle School for physical education equipment
 - \$ 295.52 to Jefferson Middle School for 7th grade books
 - These gifts were donated by the Dow Chemical community Gives Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation:
 - \$1,000.00 to Midland High School for JV softball field equipment
 - \$1,000.00 to Midland High School for Varsity softball field equipment
 - \$1,000.00 to Midland High School for girls basketball equipment
 - \$1,000.00 to H. H. Dow High School for Freshman/JV baseball
 - \$1,000.00 to H. H. Dow High School for Varsity baseball
- Brandstadt/Singer** moved for approval of the following item:
6. 2. \$17,955.00 to Plymouth Elementary from Plymouth School PTO for supplies, subscriptions, field trips, etc.
Motion carried unanimously.
An appropriate thanks to the donors was recommended.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES

7. 1. The Board and staff extended their deepest sympathy to the families of
 - <> Betty Ardary Westover who passed away on June 20, 2014. Ms. Westover was an elementary teacher with MPS for more than 28 years. She taught at Eastlawn, State Street, Cook and Chestnut Hill. She began her MPS career in 1957 and retired in 1985.
 - <> Matilda Stellmacher who passed away on June 28, 2014. Ms. Stellmacher was part of the food service staff at H. H. Dow High for 20 years, retiring in 1989.

8. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

8. 1. For Information--Letters from the Board of Education or the school system to
 - Midland Area Community Foundation
 - H. H. Dow High School Athletic Booster Club
 - Midland High School Athletic Booster Club

9. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES--FOR INFORMATION

The following is a listing of scheduled meetings or activities of the Board of Education for 2014. All meetings are Regular 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.

August 11, 2014	November 10, 2014
September 8, 2014	December 8, 2014
October 13, 2014	

Tentative Meetings for January-June 2015

(Action will take place on these meeting dates at the January 12 Organizational Meeting)

January 12 (Organizational Meeting)	April 27 (Budget Workshop)
February 9	May 11
March 9	June 8
March 23	June 22
April 13	

10. 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.

10. 1. Board members expressed their ...

- sincere thanks to our very generous gift donors this evening for their support.
- appreciation to those who donated toward the scholarships.
- appreciation to the Midland High students who addressed the Board and presented their viewpoints this evening.
- anticipation for Midland County's "Exploring Our Future" and Midland Public Schools partnership in that project. This exciting initiative goes hand-in-hand with MPS making facilities plans for the next five and ten years to ensure we are strong, able and ready for the future.
- hope that students enjoying their summer and are reading and doing a few math problems every single day.

10. 2. Announcements from Superintendent Sharrow

- We thank the MHS students for their articulate presentation to the board this evening. We look forward to working with them to share how school boards and school districts work through this type of process/request.
- Facilities' Study Update: Our architectural firm (French Associates) and project management firm (Barton Malow) have now been through all of our Midland Public Schools' buildings and are working behind the scenes to come up with a needs/wants plan for our open and closed buildings. They will make an initial recommendation to the Board at our August 11 Board of Education meeting. We have set up three community meetings to have a discussion about what our community would support and not support for our facilities. Today's Superintendent Communique included information about the age and sizes of our buildings and property. The information presented the average age of our buildings to be 61. The information also showed that the amount of square footage MPS is maintaining and handling is significant. The study will help us develop a plan to be more efficient and effectively maintain buildings with an average age of 61. We are both excited and nervous all at the same time about the study as we look forward for Midland Public Schools' to make a commitment for a 5- and 10-year long-range plan.
- Our consultants have provided some software to assist the district with two-way communication. This *Talk to me* software will enable us to receive input from our various stakeholders. Initial indications look positive.

- Tonight was our first Board of Education meeting using BoardBook, a new program for our board members. This tool will allow the district to move to “paperless” Board of Education meetings, have an archived record of our Board meetings and allow our office to be more efficient.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Vice President: _____ Secretary: _____
Angela Brandstadt Yvonne Gorton

Approved by the Board of Education on August 11, 2014.

C. Young