

**Minutes of Organizational Meeting
January 16, 2017
The Board of Education Midland Public Schools**

An Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, January 16, 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** *The officers of the preceding year who retain membership on the Board continued in office until successors were elected.)*

Board Members Present: President Brandstadt, Vice President Singer, Secretary McFarland, Member Frazee, Member Baker, Member Blasy, Member Fredell

Central Staff Present: Superintendent Sharrow, Associate Superintendent Cooper, Associate Superintendent Brutyn

28 audience members were present for this meeting.

Included with the documentation for board members were the following documents:

- ◇ a tabulation of school board membership over the last 15 years
- ◇ a listing of Board Presidents since 1929
- ◇ proposed board seats and terms for 2016
- ◇ Board Policy 0150 outlining the organization of the Midland Public Schools' Board of Education and the duties of its officers.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE**

President Brandstadt did a ceremonial Oath of Office for Board members who were elected into office November of 2016: Lynn Baker, Brad Blasy, Mary Fredell, Scott McFarland

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

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**

4. 1. McFarland/Singer moved for adoption of the proposed slate of officers.

As outlined in Board Policy 0150, a three-person Board of Education Nominating Committee submitted a proposed slate of officers for 2017. The proposed slate is as follows:

President:	Ms. Angela Brandstadt	Secretary:	Mr. Scott McFarland
Vice President:	Ms. Pamela Singer	Treasurer:	Mr. Patrick Frazee

No additional nominations were received.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. **APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDY COMMITTEES**

5. 1. 2017 Study Committee Appointments

Administrative Services

Lynn Baker, Chair; Brad Blasy; Scott McFarland

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA)

Pamela Singer, Chair; Lynn Baker; Mary Fredell

Finance/Facilities & Operations (FFO)

Patrick Frazee, Chair; Angela Brandstadt; Pam Singer

Human Resources

Scott McFarland, Chair; Lynn Baker; Patrick Frazee

Other Committee Appointments

2017 District School Improvement: Brad Blasy
2017 Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award: Patrick Frazee
2017 Distinguished Service Award: Mary Fredell
2017 Advisory Board on Instruction in Sex Ed: Brad Blasy

6. SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

6. 1. Singer/McFarland moved that the following schedule be approved.

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 2017 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 16, 2017	July 17, 2017
February 20, 2017	August 21, 2017
March 20, 2017	September 18, 2017
April 17, 2017	October 16, 2017
May 15, 2017	November 20, 2017
June 12, 2017	December 18, 2017
June 26, 2017	

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.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. 2017 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

7. 1. 1. McFarland/Baker moved for approval of the appointment of the Board of Education's Legal Counsel. The firms of Poznak Dyer Kanar and Garshaw, PLC; LaPoint & Butler, PC; Secrest Wardle; 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 was recommended that the Board approve legal representation as outlined through December 31, 2017.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. 1. 2. McFarland/Frazee moved for approval of the Fiscal Designations and Authorizations
It was 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, 2017. 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 was recommended that the Board approve this authorization through December 31, 2017 for these staff members.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. 1. 3. Singer/Baker moved for approval of the Personnel Authorizations
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 was recommended that the Board continue this authorization through December 31, 2017 to the Superintendent or his designee. It was further recommended that the board delegate authority to accept resignations/retirements to the Superintendent of Schools or his designee through December 31, 2017. Resignations/retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.
Motion carried unanimously.

7. 1. 4. McFarland/Fraze moved for approval of the Hard Cap for Employees' Medical Benefit Plan 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 \$6,344.80 times the number of employees with single person coverage, \$13,268.93 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage, plus \$17,304.02 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 2017.

7. 1. 5. Blasy/McFarland moved for approval of the Administrative Assistant Authorization It was 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, 2017.
Motion carried unanimously.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

President: _____ Secretary: _____
Angela Brandstadt Scott McFarland

Approved by the Board of Education on:

C. Young 20-February-2017