

**Minutes of Organizational Meeting
January 15, 2018
The Board of Education Midland Public Schools**

An Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Midland Public Schools was held Monday, January 15, 2018, 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 continued in office until successors were elected at this meeting.*)

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

Board Member Absent: Secretary McFarland

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

25 audience members were present for this meeting.

Included with the documentation for board members was 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
- ◊ 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. 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. Fredell/Baker 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 2018. The proposed slate was as follows:

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

No additional nominations were received. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Singer/Frazee moved for approval of the following meeting schedule:

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.

January 15, 2018	June 11, 2018	September 17, 2018
February 19, 2018	June 25, 2018	October 15, 2018
March 19, 2018	July 16, 2018	November 19, 2018
April 16, 2018 *	August 20, 2018	December 17, 2018
May 21, 2018	(* Budget Workshop 6:30; Regular Meeting 7:00)	

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 2018 APPOINTMENTS, DESIGNATIONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

6. 1. 1. Fredell/Singer 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; 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, 2018.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. 1. 2. Singer/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, 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 was recommended that the Board approve this authorization through December 31, 2018 for these staff members.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. 1. 3. Frazee/Fredell 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, 2018 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, 2018. Resignations/retirements will be reported in subsequent Agendas.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 1. 4. Baker/Singer moved for approval of the Hard Cap for Employees' Medical Benefit Plan. Public Act 152 of 2011 that 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 1. 5. Fredell/Frazer 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, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

President: _____
Pam Singer

Vice President: _____
Angela Brandstadt

Approved by the Board of Education on:

C. Young February 19, 2018