

AGENDA

Midland Public Schools Vision Statement:

*Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative and inclusive culture. Enable all to achieve success.*

Regular monthly meetings are held 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.

This meeting is a meeting of the Midland Public Schools' Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. 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

1. Roll Call

Board of Education:

President Rausch, Vice President McFarland, Secretary Ringgold, Treasurer Lauderbach, Member Blasy, Member Craig, Member Horowitz

Central Staff:

Superintendent Miller-Nelson; Assistant Superintendent Brutyn; Associate Superintendents Stark, Wamack, and Weaver

2. Requests to Address The Board

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3. Board of Education Matters: Presentations to the Board

1. For Action: Expulsion of Student A

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4. Strategic Planning Workshop (Omni Tech)

5. Facility Planning Update

6. Study Session Discussion

1. Points of Clarification

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Supporting Documents



[_Student A - Board Expulsion Resolution \(2_27_2026\).docx \(1\)](#)

Midland Public Schools Board Resolution for Student Discipline

A special meeting of the Board was held in the MPS Board Meeting Room on February 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Phil Rausch, MPS Board President.

Present:

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____

WHEREAS:

1. The BOE Expulsion Hearing Committee has recommended that, pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Revised School Code, a student whose identity is known to the Board as Student A, be expelled for violating Board Policy 5206.
2. School administration has notified the Student's parent/guardian of the specific charge underlying the expulsion recommendation following the expulsion hearing, held on February 24, 2026.
3. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.
4. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in the student expulsion hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that the actions of the student on December 3, 2025 and subsequent actions during the extended suspension are in violation of Board Policy and the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is recommended at this time:
 - a. The student's age;
 - b. The student's disciplinary history;
 - c. Whether the student has a disability;
 - d. The seriousness of the behavior;
 - e. Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
 - f. Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
 - g. Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.
3. The student is expelled from Midland Public Schools subject to possible reinstatement under section 1311a(5) of the Revised School Code.
4. During the time of the expulsion, Student A may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.
5. Administrators are directed to refer the Student to the county department of social services or the county community mental health agency and to notify the Student's parent/guardian of the referral within 3 calendar days of this resolution.
6. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.
7. Consistent with the Board's action taken this date, administrators shall promptly meet with the Student's parent/guardian to determine those appropriate educational services to which Student A may be entitled under state and federal law.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed/Failed:

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on February 27, 2026, the original of which is a part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that the notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

Jennifer Ringgold, Board Secretary

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