

Midway Star Academy  
School Board of Directors  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 21, 2020, 3:00 pm

Via Zoom

*Midway Star Academy- Midway Star Academy will provide students with educational opportunities that are respectful of the students' background and culture, learning styles and interests, enabling them to meet high academic expectations in an environment that allows them to celebrate their own unique culture while learning American customs and what it means to be citizen.*

Board Members: Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair-Community), Hasan Hade (Vice Chair-Community), Amina Abdullahi (Parent), Ismail Haji (Treasurer-Teacher), and Osman Ali (Secretary-Community)

- i. Call to Order:
- ii. Roll Call of Officers:
- iii. Conflict of Interest:

**Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of July Minutes
- Approval of August Emergency Minutes
- Approval of August Agenda

**1. Discussion and Approval of the school's Learning Models:**

Motion: To approve the distance learning model and allow the school leadership to change their learning models when they see a need for it. Moved by Hassan and seconded by Ismail.

Discussion: One member expressed concern about starting school with the hybrid model but acknowledged that if the school didn't have enough chrome books then they may need to consider going for the Hybrid model. Mohamed said he had ordered about 350 chrome books, but nobody knows when and if these chrome books will be delivered anytime soon.

Result: board approved the above motion unanimously. The motion carries.

**2. Staffing Update/Enrollment Update:** Mr. Mohamed, the school director updated the current

enrollment and staff of the school. He says, “currently, we have close to 400 students which is about 60% more students than what we had last year. We have hired many staff members, especially teachers as a result. We continue to look for some more staffing specially sped teachers as we continue to meet the needs of our students”. The board welcomed the good news related to increased enrolments. Mohamed also mentioned that the school had invested heavily in curriculum this year. He mentioned Benchmark Advance for Reading, Imagine Learning, and, IXL. He also mentioned the use of Summit Learning and Eureka Math. All of these educational resources are aligned with the Minnesota academic standards. This is a personalized curriculum that caters to the needs of the Midway Star’s students.

3. **July Financials:** Robert discussed the financial status of the school. No concerns were raised. Abdiweli moves the motion to approve July financials, seconded by Haji. The motion carries.

4. **Approval of Transportation and Food:**

The motion to approve Minnehaha Transportation as the school’s transportation provider and Done Right Foods as the school’s food service management company was made by Abdiweli and seconded by Ismail. The motion carries unanimously.

5. **Technology/Chromebook Purchases:**

A motion to approve \$50,000 more to be spent on Chromebook purchases to ensure our students are able to access the online resources through the distance learning model.

Mohamed said he had ordered 250 Chromebooks, but they have yet to arrive.

The motion was made by Hassan and seconded by Amina. The motion carries unanimously.

6. **Public Comments:** No comments

7. **Adjourn:** Meeting is adjourned by Abdiweli, seconded by Hassan.