# Midway Star Academy School Board of Directors - District #4153

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# **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

October 23, 2020, 3:00 pm Location of Meeting: Midway Star facility and by remote video

#### Midway Star Academy's Mission

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 a citizen.

#### Midway Star Academy's Vision

The academic focus of Midway Star Academy is to integrate students into the scholastic community of Minnesota and enable students to use their talents and experiences to achieve to the best of their ability.

I. Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdiweli Mohamud, called the meeting to order at TIME :Friday, October 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

# II. Roll Call of Members (Secretary)

#### **Board Members Present or Absent:**

Name	Present/Absent
Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community)	р
Hasan Hade (Vice Chair, Community)	р
Ismail Haji (Treasurer, Teacher)	р
Osman Ali (Secretary, Community)	р
Amina Abdullahi (Parent)	р
Paula Stuelke (Teacher)	р
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Community)	р
Mohamed Warsame (Ex-Officio)	р

A quorum was established/not established.

# **Guests and Community Members Present:**

Name	Position/Role		
	School Director of Midway Star Academy		
Sam Pfeifer	Director of Instruction and Curriculum		

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# **III. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared

# IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve this month's board meeting minutesMade by: AbdiweliSeconded by: HassanDiscussionVote:Yea: 7Vote:Yea: 7Nay: 0Abstain:Decision: motion carries

# V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: to approve last month's minutes				
Made by: Abdulkadir		Seconde	Seconded by: Hassan	
Discussion				
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:	
Decision:				

Quality School Review Process: (Kristen and Emily):

#### **Discussion**:

Emily and Kristen discussed the QSR application process. They talked about the two process that serves two purposes:

To inform the renewal recommendations that will be presented to PUC board of directors to renew or not renew the contract.

To provide the charter school an opportunity to evaluate their effectiveness and an opportunity to set new goals.

Mohamed discussed the school's academic performance which he says has made a tremendous growth over the last three years and now the school is determined to enhance its financial standings.

No motion was needed for this discussion.

# VI. Action Items

# Action Item: Approval of September Financials

Explanation: Robert discussed the financial status of the school and stated that the school was in very good financially. The cash flow was also discussed to be in good shape. Motion: to approve the September financials. Made by: Paula Seconded by: Abdulkadir Discussion Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision:

Decision:

# Action Item: Approval of Lease Aid

Explanation: Robert discussed the lease aid and said that one board member needed to sign the paperwork. Other than that, everything looked good. Motion: This did not require a motion Made by: Seconded by: Discussion Vote: Yea: Nay: Abstain:

# Action Item: Approval of \$20,000 for Recruitment and Outreach

Explanation: Mohamed says that	at he needed more	money to be appropriated for		
student/community outreach budget to keep improving the enrollment which has been a big				
issue in the past.				
Motion: to approve additional \$20,000 for student/community outreach				
Made by: Abdulkadir	Seconded by	y: Ismail		
Discussion				
Vote: Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:		
Decision: the motion carries				

# Action Item: School Learning Model Updates

Explanation: Mohamed discussed both the distance and the hybrid model which the school has				
experimented in the past two months. Mohamed said that there was the possibility the school				
could again transition to distance learning due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases in				
the Ramsey c	ounty.			
Motion: To give the admin the flexibility to do both distance and hybrid models as they see fit				
for the schoo	1			
Made by: Ab	dulkadir		Seconde	d by: Ismail
Discussion				
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	0	Abstain:
Decision: Mo	otion carries	-		

# VII. Public Comments:

# VIII. Board Training: Roderick will discuss this item in the next board meeting

# **IX. Next Meeting**

Next Board Meeting: Type, Date, Time, Location November 20, 2020 on Friday via Zoom

# X. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

Made by: Abdiweli Discussion		Second	Seconded by: Abdulkadir	
Vote: Decision: Mo	Yea: 7 tion carries	Nay: 0	Abstain:	