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

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# Regular Board Meeting Agenda

January 22, 2021, 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: Abdiweli called the meeting to order.

**Time**: 3:02 PM

### II. Roll Call of Members (Secretary)

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

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

A quorum was established/not established.

# **Guests and Community Members Present:**

Name	Position/Role
Mohamed Warsame	School Director of Midway Star Academy
Sam Pfeifer	Director of Instruction and Curriculum
Khalif Warsame	Academic Advisor

If you need an accommodation for a disability (i.e. wheelchair accessibility, interpreter, large-print materials) such an accommodation can be available upon advance request. Contact the Director by (651) 642-0667 as soon as possible.

#### III. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

## IV. Approval of January Agenda

Motion: To approve the January meeting agenda

Made by: Paula Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

## V. Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November meeting minutes

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Hassan

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

#### VI. Action Items

# Action Item: Approval of 2020 Audit

Explanation:

Motion: To approve the 2020 financial audit

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Haji

Discussion: Andy of presented the 2020 financial audit. The audit was mostly clean.

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

#### **Action Item: December Financials**

Explanation: To approve the December financials.

Made by: Paula Seconded by: Hassan

Discussion: Franklin presented the school financial situations and stated that the school was financially in good shape. Strong fund balance is projected at the end of the year compared to last year when the enrollment was very low. The school has healthy cash flow as a result.

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

## Action Item: BMO Bank Loan and Credit Card Payments

Explanation: after the PPP loan forgiveness is approved Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

### **Action Item: Approval of School Minivan**

Explanation: Mohamed explained that transportation had been an issue at Midway Star. Due to the immense needs of school families during the distance learning, school administrators

discovered the need to help the families by bringing them instructional materials and food. The school has also discovered that school needed more minivans to pick up and drop students who would exhibit Covid-19 related symptoms.

Motion: to approve the purchase of school minivan to be used for distance learning

Made by: Hassan Seconded by: Haji

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

# Action Item: Approval of In-person Learning (four days a week)

Explanation: K-2 starting on Feb1.

Motion: to allow school to return to in-person learning following the state health guidelines

Made by: Hassan Seconded by: Osman

Discussion: Board members suggest that the in-person learning should only be implemented

Mondays through Thursdays, and Fridays can be used as a distance learning day.

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

VII. Public Comments: Khalif discussed the overall situation of the school and states that the school was headed in the right direction with the increased emphasis on students' academic successes.

# VIII. Board Training:

### **IX. Next Meeting**

Next Board Meeting: Type, Date, Time, Location February 19, 2020 on Friday at 3:00 PM via Zoom

#### X. Adjournment at 3:59

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Hassan

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 7 Nay: Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries