

Midway Star Academy
School Board of Directors - District #4153
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Regular Board Meeting Agenda

December 18, 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: Hassan Hade called the meeting to order.

Time: Friday, December 18, 2020 at 3:04 PM.

II. Roll Call of Members (Secretary)

Board Members Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community)	A
Hasan Hade (Vice Chair, Community)	P
Ismail Haji (Treasurer, Teacher)	A
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

No conflict of interest was declared

IV. Approval of December Agenda

Motion: To approve the December meeting agenda

Made by: Hassan

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

V. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November meeting minutes

Made by: Abdulkadir

Seconded by: Hassan

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Result: carries

VI. Action Items

Action Item: November Financials

Explanation: To approve the November financials.

Made by: Abdulkadir

Seconded by: Osman

Discussion: Robert discussed the school's overall financials and declared that the school was in very good shape financially. He said that we should expect the fund balance to improve tremendously at the end of the school year.

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item: Corrective Action Plan

Explanation: To approve the correction action plan for the findings of SY20 audit.

Made by: Hassan

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion: the board discussed the need to approve this plan to ensure there are no more findings in the future.

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item: Midway Credit Card Policy

Explanation: Mohamed said that the school needed to adopt a new policy for the use of the school credit card.

Motion: to approve a MSA credit card policy

Made by: Hassan

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item: Student Personal Electronic Policy

Explanation: Mohamed said the school had to amend its students' electronic policy due to the Pandemic that has forced the school to let students to keep the devices at home. The previous policy does not go deep enough to make students accountable for the usage of school devices.
Motion: To adopt a new electronic policy pertaining to students' handling and usage of school technology.

Made by: Hassan

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item: Acceleration Policy

Explanation: to accelerate student who exhibit superior levels of aptitude and have demonstrated high levels of competency in accordance with Minnesota Statue

Motion: to approve an acceleration policy

Made by: Hassan

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion: Currently, the school does not have such a policy and Mohamed said that this was hampering the administration's effort to cater to the needs of such students.

Vote: Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

VII. Executive Director's Report

- **Academic Report:** Mohamed discussed the school's academic plan for this year. He said that the school has brought in new programs such as reading and writing curricula to try to close the reading achievement gap and improve their English acquisition. We also have implemented an after-school program that mainly targets students who are not at grade level yet. Several teachers identify the struggling students in their classrooms and offer them one-on-one tutoring at least once every week. This has had a great effect in our students' academic improvement as have been suggested by parents and teachers. Finally, we have brought in a two reading tutors and a math tutor from Minnesota Reading and Math Corps. This will definitely have a positive impact on our students' academic skills.
- **Attendance Rate:** Attendance is excellent with more than 95% of our students attending school at least twice a week.
- **Enrollment Update:** 395

VIII. Public Comments: No public Comments

IX. Board Training: Paula and Ismail will receive their board training with Keillen and Robert in early January.

X. Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Type, Date, Time, Location
January 22, 2020 on Friday at 3:00 PM via Zoom

XI. Adjournment at 3:44 PM

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Abdulkadir

Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: Motion carries