

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

March 19, 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 Mohamud called the meeting to order.

Time: Friday, March 19, 2021 at 2:00 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

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III. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared

IV. Approval of March Agenda

Motion: To approve the March meeting agenda

Made by: Abdiweli

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion:

Vote: 5 Yea: 5 Nay: 0. Abstain: 0

Decision: Motion carries

V. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the February meeting minutes

Made by: Abdulkadir

Seconded by: Abdiweli

Discussion:

Vote: 6 Yea: 6 Nay:0 Abstain: 0

Result: Motion carries

VI. Action Items

Action Item: *Revised Budget*

Explanation: Robert explained the revised budget. The original budget was based on 300 students, whereas the revised budget is based on 400 students. Because of higher enrollment, the school's fund balance is expected to improve considerably at the end of the current school year.

Made by: Abdulkadir

Seconded by: Paula

Discussion:

Vote:7 Yea:7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: motion carries

Action Item: *February Financials*

Explanation: To approve the February financials.

Made by: Abdulkadir

Seconded by: Paula

Discussion:

Vote: 7 Yea:7 Nay: 0 Abstain:0

Decision: motion carries

Action Item: Intent to expand and add PK and High School in SY 2022-2023

Explanation: To approve the grade level expansion of PK and High school

Made by: Hassan

Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion: The board asked Mohamed to keep them informed about the process and wished him well in his endeavor to expand the school. AA expressed optimism at the prospect of having a complete school, so her students don't have to look elsewhere for high school when they graduate from the Midway middle school.

Vote:7 Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: Motion carries

Action Item:

Explanation: To approve 3%-5% pay increase for teachers

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Ismail

Discussion: AA suggests that we need to be conservative when it comes to spending to ensure we don't ever harm our financial standing.

Vote:7 Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: Motion carries

VII. Executive Director's Report (Informational)

- **Academic Report:** ACCESS testing is taking place at this time and we hope to test as many students as we can.
- **Learning Model Update:** Hybrid model.
- **Attendance Rate:** greater than 99 percent
- **Enrollment Update:** 420 students
- **Next Year's Staffing:** Mohamed says he would like to retain most of the teachers and may need to add one important position to shore up the academic achievement of our students.

VIII. Public Comments:

IX. Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Type, Date, Time, Location
April 21, 2021 on Friday at 3:00 PM via Zoom

X. Adjournment at 2:54

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Abdiweli Seconded by: Hassan

Discussion:

Vote:7 Yea: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: Motion carries