Midway Star Academy School Board of Directors - District #4153

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 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, February 19, 2021 at 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)	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

IV. Approval of February Agenda

Motion: To approve the February meeting agenda

Made by: Paula

Seconded by: Abdulkadir Discussion: No discussion

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

V. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the January meeting minutes

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Paula

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Result: carries

VI. Action Items

Action Item: January Financials

Explanation: To approve the January financials.

Made by: Abdiweli Seconded by: Hassan

Discussion: Robert said the school's financial outlook was in excellent condition. There is a healthy cash flow as well. A revised budget that reflects the current enrollment which is higher the one the previous budget was based on will be prepared for the board to approve in

the next board meeting.

Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: Abstain:

Decision: Motion carries

VII. Executive Director's Report (Informational)

- O Academic Report: Sam talked about the school's overall academic performance. Access testing is currently underway for K-5 students, followed by 6-8 grade students. Students who have not yet taken the NWEA test will take this test once the WIDA testing has been completed. We intend all of our students to take their second NWEA assessments sometime in mid-April. The result of the test will be sent to the parents and shared with the board. MCAs 3-8 reading and math and 5-8 science in May.
- o **Learning Model Update:** K-5 have been in the building for in-person learning and the middle school, grades 6-8 will be starting to come in for the in-person learning as well on March 1.
- Vision and Mission of the school (Needing revision?): Mohamed says that as a leader, he would like to revisit our school's vision and mission statements. Our goal is to provide the best education possible for our students and the vision and statement of the school should reflect this idea. A committee of school leadership, teachers and parents will look into this in the near future. We intend to bring to the board's attention once a decision has been made at the school level.
- o Attendance Rate: Attendance is greater than 95 percent despite the distance learning model.
- o **Enrollment Update:** About 410 students
- Next Year's Staffing: The number of staff members will probably remain the same as the number we
 currently have. Mohamed added that he would like to improve on some positions to ensure the students'
 academic needs are addressed efficiently. He says he would inform the board of the positions that he intends

to add.

VIII. Public Comments: None

IX. Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Type, Date, Time, Location March 19, 2021 on Friday at 3:00 PM via Zoom

X. Adjournment at 3:57 pm

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: