# Midway Star Academy

**School Board of Directors - District #4153**

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**January Board Minutes**

**Annual Board Meeting**

January 21, 2021, 2:00 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 student’s 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.

1. **Call to order:** Abdiweli called the meeting to order

**Time**: Friday, January 21, 2022, at 2:PM

## Roll Call of Members (Secretary) Board Members Present or Absent:

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| **Name** | **Present/Absent** | |
| Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community) | P | |
| Osman Ali (Secretary, Community) | P | |
| Amina Abdullahi (Parent) | P | |
| Paula Stuelke (Teacher) | P | |
| Abdulkadir Abdalla (Community) | P | |
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| Mohamed Warsame (Ex-Officio) | P | |

A quorum was established/not established. Yes

## Guests and Community Members Present:

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| **Name** | **Position/Role** |
| Franklin Fletcher | Dieci School Finance |
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## Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

## Approval of January Agenda

Motion:

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Abdiweli

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: Motion carries

## Action Items

**Action Item: Approval of November Minutes**

Explanation:

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Abdiweli

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision: Motion carries.

**Action Item: Approval of SY 2020-21 Financial Audit**

Explanation: The financial auditors have not been able to complete the audit due to COVID -related staff shortages. We have notified the MDE of this problem. We expect the audit to wrap up by the end of the month.

Made by: Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: Nay: Abstain: Decision: Motion carries.

**Action Item: Approval of November and December Financials and Revised Budget**

Explanation: Franklin presented both November and December financials. The school’s cash flow is strong. He also presented the revised budget. He gave an overview of the newly revised budget saying that General fund revenues - $7,350,516 & general fund expenses - $6,009,143. Foodservice revenues - $408,000 & foodservice expenses $408,000. The projected fund balance for FY2022 will be $1,341,373 with a total fund balance of $ 3,018,576.11

Made by: Abdiweli Seconded by: Paula

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision: motion carries

**Action Item: Approval of Distance Learning Plan (January 3-14, 2022) & beyond if needed.**

Explanation: To approve the two weeks the school chose distance learning plan due to the spread of COVID and to allow the school administration to switch to distance learning should they decide to do it for the safety of students and staff and in the event that staff or transportation shortages make it necessary to go online.

Made by: Paula Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision: Motion carries

**Action Item: Approval of Sports Budget ($30,000) and After-School Program ($100,000) and Staff Stipend ($30,000)**

Explanation: to approve sports budget and after-school programs

Made by: Paula Seconded by: Abdulkadir

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision: Motion carries

**Action Item: Approval of a School Van Purchase**

Explanation: Due to the bus driver shortages, it’s essential for the school to expand its transportation vehicles. This need is necessitated by the constant planning for the distance learning model because of the COVID. WE can use the ESSER funds for the purchase of the new vehicle so that we can transport students to and back from school especially during the distance learning or after-school learning programs we have due to the pandemic.

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: Abstain: Decision: Motion carries.

**Action Item: Approval of Revised School Calendar**

Explanation: Mohamed suggested the school increase the number of instructional hours offered to students to address the learning loss due to the pandemic and to make up for any lost instructional time due to the pandemic or transportation issues. With the new schedule, students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM on Fridays.

Made by: Abdiweli Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision: Motion carries

**Director’s Report**: Academic Report

**Analysis of NWEA Test Results:** Mr. Warsame talked about the recent administration of MAP testing. Students took the Fall NWEA test, which gave the school baseline data to plan to improve student academic achievements. The school had also administered second MAP reading and math tests to students before the winter break started in late December 2021. Based on the data from the two assessments, most of the students have shown tremendous academic growth, meeting their expected goals. We will administer one more MAP test sometime in the spring, and by then, we will better understand where our students are in terms of their academic growth. The admin team and staff have been meeting to talk about the academic data we have and how to use it properly to plan instruction that meets the needs of all students, especially the ones that are struggling.

**Enrollment**: 420 students

1. **Public Comments: No comments: None**

## Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Type, Date, Time, Location February 18, 2021, on Friday at 2:00 PM via Zoom

## Adjournment at

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at

Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Osman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea: Nay: Abstain: Decision: Motion carries