Midway Star Academy School Board of Directors - District #4153

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December Board Minutes

December 16, 2022, 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.

I. Call to order: called the meeting to order

Time: Friday, December 16, 2022, at 2:00

II. Roll Call of Members (Secretary)

Board Members Present or Absent:

Name		/Absent
1.Abdiweli (Mohamud (Chair, Community) P		
1. Amina Abdullahi (Parent, Community) P		
2. Osman Ali (Community, Member)		
3. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community)	Р	
4. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher) P		
Mohamed Warsame (Ex-Officio)	Р	

A quorum was established/not established.

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role	
Robert Proccacini	Dieci School Finance	
Khalif Warsame	Midway Star Teacher	

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

III. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:

IV. Approval of December Board Meeting Agenda:

Motion: To approve December Board Agenda

Made by: Seconded by: Discussion:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р
2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

V. Action Items

1. Action Item: Approval of October Minutes

Explanation: To approve September Minutes Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Kaltoon Discussion:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р
2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

2. Action Item: Approval of Bus/Van Purchase

Explanation: To approve a new small bus or van purchase to meet the needs of families Made by: Abdulkadir Seconded by: Kaltoon Discussion: The Board gave the director the option to buy either a van or bus for the school but strongly suggested that the director pursues purchasing a school bus instead of a van.

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р
2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

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3. Action Item: Approval of Board Election Results:

Explanation: To approve the board election results of Oct 2023 Finally, after delayed board elections due to COVID, we finally conducted a board election at the school building. About 40 parents were able to cast their votes on 10/28/2022 during a Parent Engagement meeting at the school. All of the members are expected to serve three more years until June 2026. Below is a breakdown of how they voted and the tally of such votes. The actual ballots will be available upon request:

Abdiweli Mohamud (Community): 33 Amina Abdullahi (Parent): 40 Osman Ali (Community): 30 Abdulkadir Abdalla (Community):34 Kaltoon Aded (Teacher): 40 The closest write-ins got less than 5 votes. Therefore, all incumbents have retained their seats.

Made by: Kaltoon Discussion: Seconded by: Amina

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р
2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

4. Action Item: Approval of Midway Star Academy's revised Admission Lottery Policy with PreK

Explanation: To approve MSA Admission Policy with Lottery (PK Included)

Made by: Abdiweli Discussion: Seconded by: Osman

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р
2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

Abstain:

5. Action Item: Approval of October and November Financials

Explanation: To approve September financials

Made by: Abdiweli Seconded by: Osman

Discussion: Robert presented the school's financial dashboard for the months of October and November which shows a very good and healthy cash flow and an excellent fund balance.

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р
2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

- 6. Enrollment Update: 415
- 7. Academic Update: Mohamed discussed the school's strategies to meet the academic needs of students. He indicated that as part of school leadership's emphasis on using data-driven approaches to improve the students' academic skills, the school decided to administer NWEA in the fall, winter, and spring. The Midway Star students currently engaged in reading and math NWEA tests finish before the start of the winter break. The result of this particular testing will give us a snapshot as to where our students are relative to the fall when we tested almost all of them which gave us a baseline from which to plan instruction.
- 8. Audit Status: Mohamed gave the board a heads-up that the audit may not be completed on time. The school turned over all of the required financial documents to the auditing company, but the company has yet to report the audit status. The last time we heard from them was back in November when they told the school they were short-staffed but would do everything possible to start the process.

I. Public Comments: No comments

II. Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting (Annual Meeting): Type, Date, Time, Location January 20, 2023, on Friday at 2:00 PM via Zoom **III. Adjournment at** Motion: To adjourn the meeting at Made by: Osman Seconded by: Amina Discussion: Vote: Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: Decision:

Roll Call Vote	Yea/Nea/Abstain
1. Abdiweli Mohamud (Chair, Community Member)	Р

2. Amina Abdullahi (Parent member)	Р
3. Osman Ali (Community Member)	Р
4. Abdulkadir Abdalla (Vice-Chair, Community member)	Р
5. Kaltoon Aded (Teacher)	Р

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

Abstain: