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Midtown Community School

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Board of Directors

Date and Time
Thursday March 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
The Offices at Park39
Meeting Room #Annex-A

Directors Present
A. Bland, B. Finocchario, J. Herman, J. MacDonald, L. Butler, S. Bond, S. Rios (remote)

Directors Absent
A. DeWilde

Guests Present
D. Miles, R. Brennan

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Butler called a meeting of the board of directors of Midtown Community School to order on Thursday Mar 19, 2026 at 6:09 PM.

B.

Roll Call Attendance

C. Review & Consideration of Proposed Agenda

J. Herman made a motion to approve the Agenda as Proposed.
A. Bland seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Citizens Spotlight

A. Choir Performance

The Citizens Choir presented a choral performance from 6:00–6:09 p.m. The Board commended Ms. Scott and the elementary choir and expressed its appreciation for their participation.

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Mrs. Butler introduced herself, thanked the public, and provided an overview of the public comment process and guidelines. Mrs. Butler then invited public comment; no comment was made.

IV. Review & Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes

A. February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes

S. Bond made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting (Virtual) on 02-19-26.
J. MacDonald seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Review & Consideration of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Butler presented the Consent Agenda and asked the Board if any member wanted to remove any item from the Consent Agenda in order to further discuss and/or solely vote on that item; no member did.
A. Bland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
S. Bond seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Board Report from Monthly School Events

A. Discussion

Dr. Miles recapped the school-wide events since the March meeting:

- Student-Led Conferences - 2/25-26
- First Friday - 3/6

She then previewed the upcoming school-wide events:

- First Friday - 4/3
- Night on Broadway - 4/9 (note: later rescheduled to May)
- MAP Testing - starts week of 4/13

Dr. Miles specifically previewed the May 1st First Friday as a significant celebration with the school's founding team/students/Board to celebrate the final "Friday sing" under the "Citizens" name.

VII. Board Committee Business & Report: Executive

A. Reminder to Complete Missouri Ethics Commission Filing

Dr. Miles reminded all Board members to complete their annual Missouri Ethics Commission filing, with an pending deadline of May 1st.

B. Board Member Acknowledgment: Mr. Jim MacDonald (Term Ending March 31, 2026)

Dr. Miles acknowledged Mr. MacDonald's nine years of service on the Board, highlighting his passion for the work, his contributions to the district, his consistency, and his ability to hold the Board and leadership accountable through thoughtful challenge.

Ms. Rios extended her gratitude to Mr. MacDonald, recognizing his commitment to asking the right questions, his leadership example, and the mentorship he provided during his time on the Board.

C. Review & Consideration of Renewing Lydia Butler for a second 3-year term, expiring March 2029

S. Bond made a motion to renew a 3-year term, expiring March 31, 2029, for Ms. Butler.
J. MacDonald seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Review & Consideration of Renewing Angela DeWilde for a second 3-year term, expiring March 2029

S. Rios made a motion to renew a 3-year term, expiring March 31, 2029, for Mrs. DeWilde.

A. Bland seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Update on 2026-2027 Building-Level Leadership

Dr. Miles revisited the Board's prior discussion concerning the working relationship between the Superintendent and Principals. She reported that she and her Executive Team have evaluated options and are proposing a revised Executive structure in which Dr. Miles is directly supported by Mr. Brennan (continuing as COO) and Mrs. Denney shifting into an "Interim Chief Academic Officer" role and assuming supervision of the academic directors and principals.

The Board did not have any additional questions or comments.

F. Update on School Counsel

Dr. Miles reported that Ms. Holliday-Scott (former school attorney with Guin-Mundorf) transitioned from Guin-Mundorf to a position within KCPS. She wished her well and introduced Ms. Jessica Bernard and Mr. Anthony McDaniel (also with Guin-Mundorf) as new counsel for the school.

Ms. Bernard and Mr. McDaniel joined via video.

G. Review & Consideration of Renewal Agreement with KCPS

Dr. Miles presented the finalized proposed charter agreement with Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS), noting that the agreement is standard and consistent with Missouri charter law. The district's (KCPS) legal counsel reviewed and approved the agreement. Dr. Miles further reported that the KCPS Board of Education voted to approve the agreement at its meeting the previous evening.

The Board took time to review the proposed agreement.

Dr. Miles noted that the agreement must be submitted by April 3rd and offered the option of scheduling a Special Meeting prior to that deadline. Mr. MacDaniel provided an overview of the agreement review process conducted over the past month, including the revisions that were negotiated and incorporated into the final proposal.

Hon. Bond and Mrs. Bland requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled prior to April 3rd for the purpose of formally voting to approve the agreement.

H. Discussion on Annual Executive Director Evaluation

Dr. Miles reported that Mrs. DeWilde will oversee this year's evaluation of the Executive Director position, administer surveys to Board members and community members, and present findings at the April or May meeting.

VIII. Board Committee Business & Report: Brand Identity

A. Update on Rebranding

Dr. Miles noted that Magnetize, the external consultant leading the district's rebranding initiative, has addressed Board feedback from the prior meeting and will present updates in Closed Session.

B. Discussion on Sunsetting Committee

Dr. Miles reported that she and Mrs. DeWilde are recommending the dissolution of the Brand Identity Committee, as the Committee has fulfilled its intended purpose. The Board was asked for input and direction. It was noted that a task force structure would be utilized if needed going forward.
S. Bond made a motion to dissolve the Brand Identity Committee.
J. Herman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. Board Committee Business & Report: Finance & Operations

A. Review & Consideration of Monthly Financials (Feburary 2026), including Check Register

Mrs. Butler presented the February 2026 financials. She shared that the school is projecting a strong year-end position with $1.7m of cash (72 days of cash on hand).

The school's cash outlook shifted by $100k this month to align with updated state data. This adjustment primarily reflects a reconciliation of the State FRL count, which is currently 322 (compared to the previous estimate of 352), as PK students are excluded from the Basic Formula weighted calculation.

Turning to the monthly financials, Mrs. Butler presented Page 13’s Balance Sheet, showing a current Cash Balance of $2m, and a projected year-end balance of $2m.

She presented Page 11’s Income Statement, highlighting:

- Year-to-date revenue of $5.7m, against a budget of $5.4m.
- Year-to-date expenses of $5.6m, against a budget of $5.65m.
- Net Income of $117k, against a budget of (-$230k).
- Forecasted year-end revenue of $8.73m, against a budget of $8.58m.
- Forecasted year-end expenses of $8.76m, against a budget of $8.49m.
- Forecasted year-end Net Income of (-$33k) against a budget of $92k.

- A projected 72 days of cash on hand position, decreasing by 4 days from last month.

Lastly, Mrs. Butler stated that the Finance Committee did not note anything as out of order on the Check Register or Accounts Payable.
J. Herman made a motion to approve the February financials as presented.
J. MacDonald seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. 2026-2027 Budget Planning Timeline

Mrs. Butler also reminded the Board that FY27 budget planning cycle is underway with a draft presentation due to the Finance Committee in April and to the full Board in May.

X. Executive Director's Report

A. 2026 National Charter Schools Conference - Last Call

Dr. Miles recapped that Mrs. DeWilde, Ms. Finocchario, Hon. Bland, and Ms. Bond have expressed interested and are registered for the 2026 National Charter Schools Conference in June. She requested that any additional Board members wishing to attend notify her promptly, as registration is closing. Mrs. Herman noted that she would be sending additional information.

B. 2026-2027 Enrollment Update

Mrs. Lineberry reported that guaranteed re-enrollment completed on February 28th and school staff continues to process those students as available (there are currently still seats in most every grade).

Offers from the New Student Lottery were sent on March 9th, and the initial response has been strong.

Mrs. Lineberry gave an grade-by-grade overview of student re-enrollment status and highlighted strengths in rising 2nd and rising 6th.

She also noted:

- Almost all the current Operation Breakthrough elementary students are staying at Operation Breakthrough, with the exception of 4 coming to Broadway so far.
- 5 Broadway students are switching to Operation Breakthrough to be with siblings who have been attending there.
- About 50% of pending still-need-to-reenroll-students are current Operation Breakthrough and expected to stay there.

Overall, the transition of Operation Breakthrough Elementary away from Citizens will result in a lower-than-usual retention rate.

Looking to new students, the school has sent 138 offers on March 9th and another 18 since. 53% have accepted to date, with another 47 still pending. The school is currently supporting a waitlist in PK3 and PK4 and is also almost full in 1st grade.

Mrs. Lineberry also noted that with seats open across grade levels, she expects to be able to accommodate families (with multiple siblings in multiple grades) throughout the spring and summer.

XI. Closed Session

A. Roll Call Vote to Enter

Mrs. DeWilde invited Dr. Miles and Mr. Brennan (Citizens staff) as well as Ms. Bernard & Mr. McDaniel (Guin-Mundorf) to Closed Session.
L. Butler made a motion to enter Closed Session.
J. Herman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
B. Finocchario	Aye
J. Herman	Aye
S. Bond	Aye
L. Butler	Aye
A. Bland	Aye
J. MacDonald	Aye
A. DeWilde	Absent
S. Rios	Aye

XII. Return from Closed Session

A. Report on any Action Taken as Required

Mrs. Butler welcomed members of the public back into Open Session and reported that discussion related to (1) Legal Discussion.

One action was taken during Closed Session that requires reporting:

The Board scheduled a Special Meeting on March 25, 2026 at 12:00p.

XIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Brennan

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