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Midtown Community School

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Board of Directors

Date and Time
Thursday April 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
The Offices at Park39
Meeting Room #Annex-A

Directors Present
A. DeWilde, B. Finocchario, L. Butler, S. Bond

Directors Absent
A. Bland, J. Herman, S. Rios

Guests Present
D. Miles, R. Brennan, Stephanie Moore, prospective Board Member

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

A. DeWilde called a meeting of the board of directors of Midtown Community School to order on Thursday Apr 16, 2026 at 6:02 PM.

B.

Roll Call Attendance

C. Review & Consideration of Proposed Agenda

L. Butler made a motion to approve the Agenda as Proposed.
S. Bond seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

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

III. Review & Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes

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

B. Finocchario made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting on 03-19-26.
L. Butler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. March 25, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board Minutes

S. Bond made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting (Virtual) on 03-25-26.
L. Butler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Review & Consideration of Consent Agenda

Mrs. DeWilde 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.

L. Butler made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
S. Bond seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Board Report from Monthly School Events

A.

Discussion

Dr. Miles previewed the upcoming school-wide events, including:

- First Friday - May 1 - a significant celebration with the school's founding team/students/Board to celebrate the final Friday Sing under the "Citizens" name. It will be outside on the playground to accommodate the larger audience and Dr. Miles will send invitations to the Board.
- A Night Off Broadway - May 14 - Located at Kansas City Young Audiences, an evening showcase of our electives, as well as an announcement of our new school name.
- PBL Showcase - 5/15
- 8th Grade Promotion - 5/20 - Located at Midtown Baptist Temple

VI. 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. Presentation of Ms. Stephanie Moore, Board Candidate

Mrs. DeWilde introduced Ms. Stephanie Moore, a prospective Board candidate from the BlaqueKC Charter Board Draft. Mrs. DeWilde serves with Ms. Moore in the Centurions program, affirmed her strong marketing background, and believes she'll be a fantastic addition to the Board.

Dr. Miles read Ms. Moore's bio and shared excitement for her to join the Board next month.

C. Review & Consideration of 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Dr. Miles presented the proposed 2026-2027 Academic Calendar.

She confirmed that the calendar features the same number of instructional days and is very close to the same instructional hours. The Calendar exceeds both of DESE's thresholds: minimum instructional hours for no required make-up days, as well as the incentive threshold for instructional days.

She also highlighted a few changes to the proposed calendars, primarily focusing on a shift away from "Early Release Wednesdays" toward "Half Day Fridays." Dr. Miles reminded the Board that a few years ago, the school trialed "Early Release Wednesdays" to try to give teachers more time for plan and coordination. She reported that it has been "semi-successful/productive," but not as much as hoped for. The main barrier is parent pick-up, resulting in a significant number of students still on campus in the afternoon, and therefore a significant number of staff needing to provide supervision, rather than utilizing

the plan/coordination time. Therefore, this proposed calendar shifts back to one Professional Development day per month, along with approximately one Half Day Fridays per month (there are six total of these days proposed). The instructional hours almost completely offset. Operation Breakthrough can provide offsite student supervision if needed, otherwise all students should picked up at 12p on these Fridays, which results in protected time for planning. This will also reduce the number of substitutes needed (for planning day coverages).

Dr. Miles asked for feedback.

Mrs. DeWilde asked if she anticipated a difference with student pickup on Fridays? Dr. Miles replied that it is a risk; historically, the school's half days have resulted in all students picked up by 12:30.

Mrs. DeWilde asked if she anticipated any effect on student attendance? Dr. Miles said that usually the biggest group of students that are not picked up are Operation Breakthrough students; Operation Breakthrough has agreed to pick them up.

Dr. Miles also noted that KCPS just released their final calendar, so in order to align, Spring Break needs to move to the week of March 22nd, but with an additional non-Instructional Day on March 17th. She also noted to remove the Half Day on August 22nd.

Mrs. Bond asked if all major breaks are in alignment with collaborating schools? Dr. Miles affirmed that they are.

B. Finocchario made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Academic Calendar as modified.
S. Bond seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Update on Charter Renewal Process with KCPS

Dr. Miles confirmed she submitted the Charter Renewal Application to KCPS. The narrative illustrates and operationalizes the vision she has developed and presented over the past 18 months.

She affirmed that she is on standby to attend the State Board of Education's May meeting, if needed.

She is also working with legal counsel to update the organization's Articles of Incorporation to ensure those reflect the school's new name.

E. Update on MOU for Educational Services

Dr. Miles reported that the MOU for Educatonal Services has been approved and executed by Crossroads Charter Schools; we're just waiting to receive the signed copy. No material changes were made.

F. Discussion on Annual Executive Director Evaluation

Mrs. DeWilde reported that she is beginning the evaluation process and will be reaching out to Board Members for input shortly.

VII. Board Committee Business & Report: Finance & Operations

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

Mrs. Butler presented the March 2026 financials. She shared that the school is projecting a strong year-end position with $1.74m of cash (equivalent to 74 days of cash on hand).

The school's cash outlook increased by $55k this month to further align with updated state data.

Turning to the monthly financials, Mrs. Butler presented Page 13’s Balance Sheet, showing a current Cash Balance of $2.5m, and a projected year-end balance of over $2m.

She presented Page 11’s Income Statement, highlighting:

- Year-to-date revenue of $6.7m, against a budget of $6.2m.
- Year-to-date expenses of $6.2m, against a budget of $6.35m.
- Net Income of $494k, against a budget of (-$125k).
- Forecasted year-end revenue of $8.85m, against a budget of $8.58m.
- Forecasted year-end expenses of $8.83m, against a budget of $8.49m.
- Forecasted year-end Net Income of $22k against a budget of $92k.
- A projected 74 days of cash on hand position, increasing by 2 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.

B. Finocchario made a motion to accept financials (REWORD).
S. Bond seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.

2026-2027 Budget Planning Timeline

Mrs. Butler reported that Finance Committee reviewed the first draft of the 26-27 budget and is well underway to a final proposal.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

A. 2026-2027 Enrollment Update

Mrs. Lineberry shared new student acceptance data, specifically noting that the school has seen 104 Acceptances against only 51 Declines - a higher-than-usual conversation rate.

She walked through grade level openings and expressed optimism that the school will be able to accommodate/seat families throughout the enrollment season that need multiple grade levels.

She discussed the application impact that the regional low birth rate is having, but also remained overall optimistic due to the aforementioned acceptance rate.

IX. Closed Session

A. Roll Call Vote to Enter

Mrs. DeWilde invited Dr. Miles, Mr. Brennan, Mrs. Roland, Ms. Chambers, Mrs. Lineberry, (Citizens staff) and Ms. Moore (prospective Board Member) to Closed Session.

A. DeWilde made a motion to enter Closed Session.
B. Finocchario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

S. Bond made a motion to leave Closed Session.
L. Butler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Herman	Absent
S. Bond	Aye
L. Butler	Aye

Roll Call

A. Bland	Absent
B. Finocchario	Aye
S. Rios	Absent
A. DeWilde	Aye

X. 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.

No actions were taken during Closed Session that require reporting.

XI. 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 6:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Brennan

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