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Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 12, 2023

7:30 AM

Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus

Springdale Hall, Room 114

MISSION

The mission of Midlands Middle College is to prepare 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students for a successful work and educational future through the integration of high school, technical college, and the world of work by providing targeted students with a rigorous and relevant academic program.

**Minutes of the July 2023 Board Meeting**  
**Approved at the September 2023 Board Meeting**

Welcome	Joel Merrill called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Board members in attendance: Brooks Backman, Diane Carr, Joel Merrill, Robin Betsin-Cohen, Kaye Shaw, Ron Rhames, and Matt Rivers. Staff members in attendance: Laurie Lee
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Approval of Agenda	Diane Carr made a motion to approve the agenda, and Brooks Backman seconded. The motion passed.
Approval of Minutes (April 2023)	Diane Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2023 meeting, and Robin Betsin-Cohen seconded. The motion passed.
Set FY24 Meeting Dates	Historically the MMC board meets four times a year. With the growth of the school and increased board approval activities, it was discussed moving to bi-monthly meetings. Brooks Backman made a motion to adopt this schedule starting with September 2023. Matt Rivers seconded. The motion passed.
Board Member Change	Diane Carr announced she is retiring in August, and therefore will be leaving the MMC board at that time. The potential replacement for Dr. Carr's place was

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	discussed, focusing on her MTC replacement, Dr. Devin Hinson. It was suggested that the MMC bylaws be updated to include specific board position(s) for MTC representatives. This topic will be discussed further in future meetings. Kaye Shaw made a motion to approve Dr. Hinson as the new board member and Brooks Backman seconded. The motion passed.
Financial Update	Approval of 2023-2024 budget. Discussion of funding anticipated for students. Current budget is for 125 students. Dr. Rhames made a motion to adopt the budget with knowledge that it may be updated if needed. Dr. Carr seconded. The motion passed. ERTC application - Employee retention tax credit. MMC is eligible for up to \$260K tax credit. Dr. Kaye made a motion to speak to Burkett Burkett and Burkett on the program. Joel Merrill seconded. The motion passed.
Quarterly Financial	Profit and loss budget and actuals were provided and discussed.
Technology Fee Approval	August of 2023 technology fee \$75 per student per year. This will assist with maintaining chromebooks, internet, etc. Using vivacity for any necessary chromebook repair. This also included insurance for the hardware.
Lexington One Update	Lexington One is no longer giving fiscal services to the charter schools. The district current has over \$62K billed to MMC. MMC has council involved with the matter.
Dual Enrollment MOU	The MOU was reviewed for informational purposes and Joel Merrill will sign as the board witness for the document.
Principal's Update	FY23 Data: College and career ready was 48%. Credit recovery: 25 students did 31 courses, 28 were passed last semester. Enrollment: 111 as of this meeting. 9 10th graders. Staff update: Hire new finance officer. Fully staffed with 100% certified staff. 5 new staff/teachers.

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	<p>Facility updates: Vestibule is under construction. New picnic tables added for students. Adding MMC signs around campus. CTE application is in progress.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Matt Rivers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Bestin-Cohen seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.</p>

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