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Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 8, 2024

7:30 AM

Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus

Springdale Hall Conference Room

Virtual Link: <https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/9339314656735?p=Z6UcqkzETjW7XOeP>

MISSION

The mission of Midlands Middle College is to prepare 10th, 11th and 12th 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 May 2024 Board Meeting

Approved at the July 2024 Board Meeting

Welcome	Val Richardson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Board members in attendance: Val Richardson, Brooks Backman, Matt Rivers, Devin Hinson, Kirsten Pratt, Joel Merrill, and Ron Rhames. Staff members in attendance: Laurie Lee.
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Approval of Agenda	Ron Rhames made a motion to approve the agenda. Joel Merrill seconded and the motion passed.
Approval of Minutes (May 2024)	Matt Rivers made a motion to approve the minutes for the January meeting, and Kirsten Pratt seconded. The motion passed.
Financial Overview	Board reviewed year-to-date balance and profit loss reports. Group reiterated having a financial staff position is beneficial. They are currently working to ensure MMC uses all Federal money available. Ron Rhames suggested having the staff member available for a future meeting to answer any questions.

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<p>Dr. Rhames Succession Planning</p>	<p>Dr. Rhames is retiring as the President of Midlands Technical College at the end of June. The new president has been selected, and Dr. Rhames will discuss with him if he wants to join the MMC board or not. He may also choose to appoint someone to the position. Dr. Rhames expressed his gratitude for having been on the board, and how important MMC is to its students and the community.</p>
<p>Workforce Centers of Excellence</p>	<p>The new distinction of workforce center of excellence will be given to schools training students for the workforce. The program was brought to the state by a state representative. The program looks at high schools with technical colleges and where students can earn a certificate prior to high school graduation. There will be more specific criteria to earn the distinction, which have not been finalized yet. MMC will continue to receive information and discuss the program as it is developed.</p>
<p>Principal's Update</p>	<p>Laurie Lee presented updates. First, for the 2023-2024 school year in regards to the three goals set for our charter. Goal 1 - graduation rate: 4th year students there are 63 with 53 on track and 8 having graduated in December. This equates to 88%. Goal 2 - Dual enrollment: Midlands Technical College has not released grades for this semester yet. This spring semester there were 57 students taking 123 classes through dual enrollment. The fall semester had a 52% pass rate of 69 classes taken. Goal 3 - College and Career Ready: Of the 4th year cohort, 66% are college and career ready now. Of the 3rd year cohort 61% are college and career ready. Next discussed were staff updates. The special education and english teacher positions are filled. Amy Graham's apprenticeship for Assistant Administrator is officially registered. Only open position to become fully staffed is a front office/administrative position.</p>

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	<p>Additionally, important dates: Apprenticeship signing May 8th 10am, graduation May 24th at 4pm, open house August 1st, first day of school August 5th, and July 10th next board meeting. Lastly, enrollment. Currently at 97 students for next year, with 12 new sophomores coming in</p>
Adjournment	<p>Brooks Backman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Rhames seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.</p>

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