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**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

July 10, 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 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 2024 Board Meeting**

**Approved at the September 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, Devin Hinson, Kirsten Pratt, Robin Betsill-Cohen. Staff members in attendance: Laurie Lee, Amy Graham, and Jewel Clarkson.
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Approval of Agenda	Brooks Backman made a motion to approve the agenda. Kirsten Pratt 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, and the motion passed.
Proposal for Lunch Policy Change	Amy Graham presented a new policy regarding lunch time, Laurie Lee excused herself from the meeting during this time. The new policy focuses on not allowing students to leave MTC's campus during their lunch break. Safety concerns are the reason behind wanting the new policy as leaving campus has inherent risks. Logistics, lunch laws, and enforcement of the

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	<p>policy were all discussed. The students have the option to bring lunch and also have access to a restaurant on MTCs campus. The board agreed if additional lunch needs arise further discussion or amendments to policy will occur. Kirsten Pratt made a motion to approve the policy and Robin Betsill-Cohen seconded. All were in favor, and then motion passed. Laurie Lee rejoined the meeting after the motion passed.</p>
<p>Finance - Approve FY25 Budget</p>	<p>Jewel Clarkson, MMC’s Finance Officer, presented the FY25 proposed budget. The budget is based on 135 student count. At an estimated \$4250 per student, the budget is based off of the total. Teacher and staff salary were discussed including the step schedule. The possible future need to create an MMC specific step schedule was mentioned. A textbook budget is added for this year to ensure funds are available for dual enrollment courses. The full budget was reviewed and discussed as a whole. Brooks Backman made a motion to approve the budget, Devin Hinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.</p>
<p>Board Member Spreadsheet</p>	<p>Laurie Lee is maintaining a spreadsheet of all the board members' information on it. All of the board members are going to review the sheet and ensure information is correct or updated by the September meeting.</p>
<p>FY25 Meeting Dates and Election Dates</p>	<p>Valarie Richard’s term on the board is ending, and she has a recommendation for replacement of the seat on the board. Joel Merrill has communicated to Laurie Lee that he will be stepping away from the board as well. With there being multiple board position openings, the goal is to have the candidates by the September meeting and add new members then. For FY25 meeting dates it was decided to continue with 7:30am on the second Wednesday of every other month.</p>
<p>Principal's Update</p>	<p>Laurie Lee presented information based on MMC’s 2023-2024 identified goals. Graduation rate: 84% of</p>

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	<p>seniors graduated, with the 4th year cohort being at 81%. Dual enrollment: Spring semester has a 75% pass rate. 28 seniors graduated with 2 or more credits. In an MMC first, two students earned certificates from MTC. Focus areas: School report card and continuing to improve on the metrics, end of course scores and preparation, and developmental learning for faculty and staff. Staff update: New Front Office/Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Keschinger, joined the team. FY25 school theme: REACH (relationships, expectations, achievement, consistency, honor). The goal of the theme is to drive and further support the school's mission and culture.</p> <p>Important dates: July 24th - 2024 Columbia Women of Influence ceremony, August 1 - Open house 11:30-1 and 4:30-6. August 5 - first day of school, May 23, 2025 - graduation at Lexington performing arts.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Kirsten Pratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Betsill-Cohen seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.</p>

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