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Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 11, 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 September 2024 Board Meeting

Approved at the November 2024 Board Meeting

Welcome	Val Richardson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Current board members in attendance: Val Richardson, Brooks Backman, Devin Hinson, Kirsten Pratt (virtual), and Kaye Shaw. New board members in attendance: Robin Rucker, Chandra Barr, Laura McKinney, and Spencer Griffin (virtual). Staff members in attendance: Laurie Lee, Amy Graham.
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Approval of Agenda	Kaye Shaw made a motion to approve the agenda. Brooks Backman seconded and the motion passed.
Approval of Minutes (July 2024)	Val Richardson noted a spelling error of her name on page two, which will be amended prior to minutes becoming an official record. Kirsten Pratt made a motion to approve, with the noted fix. Devin Hinson seconded, and the motion passed.
Board Election Results	Introduction of New Members: All board members took the time to briefly introduce themselves. The new members are as follows: Robin

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	<p>Rucker - MMC parent, Chandra Barr - elected position, Laura McKinney - elected position, Spencer Pratt - MTC appointed position.</p> <p>Oath of Office: All aforementioned new board members, along with Kirsten Pratt, stood as Val Richarson recited the Oath of Office. Each new member verbally agreed “yes” to the oath, making them official members of the MMC board of Directors.</p> <p>Discussion of Executive Board Changes: Both the Board Chair and Vice Chair positions are vacant. Currently Brooks Backman serves as Secretary and Kaye Shaw as Treasurer. Brooks Backman expressed that she would be willing and able to move into the Chair position. She also expressed that if she is voted into that role, someone else would need to be voted into the Secretary position to continue those duties. Devin Hinson expressed his willingness to serve as Vice Chair. Spencer Griffin expressed his willingness to serve as Secretary. The board went to a vote with the slate as follows: President / Chair of the Board: Brooks Backman Vice Chair: Devin Hinson Treasurer: Kaye Shaw Secretary: Spencer Griffin Laura McKinney made a motion to approve the executive council as slated and Kaye Shaw Seconded. All members of the board unanimously voted yes, and the motion passed. The new executive board is confirmed.</p>
AFO Index	<p>AFO - Academic, Finance, Operations The AFO Index is the metric used for assessing the charter school. It is the new type of accountability, and this year represents the first report issued. Charter schools are being released from the metrics within the state report card, but that data will still be</p>

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	<p>available. The data is discussed with families during enrollment meetings, when applicable.</p> <p>Due to this year being the baseline year of the report, there are some categories without data, which is by design from the district. Highlights from the report include: MMC has 100% certified teaching staff. Financially MMC had no findings on the audit, and has more than adequate funds. Operationally there was 1 board member training not accounted for, which will be corrected with the new group of board members. Demographic representation is typically compared to Lexington 1, but the district compared the school to Lexington 2 based on the school's address. IDEA compliance received tier 2 meaning the school may need support, and Federal Programs in Tier 1 meaning no support needed. Website transparency passed all metrics.</p>
<p>Finance - Updated Budget Review and Approval</p>	<p>Laurie Lee discussed the previously presented budget being adjusted to reflect a lower student count. A teacher left the school at the end of August. MMC contracted Elevated K-12 which live streams certified teachers to teach the content with a classroom coach in person to take care of in person tasks. The cost of these services impact the budget but are not currently reflected on the provided documentation due to the billing cycle. The updated budget information is in progress to also include the salary for a school resource officer.</p>
<p>Approval of New Policies</p>	<p>Several new policies were reviewed that will be submitted to the state and district, as required.</p> <p>Student Retention Promotion Policy: defines how MMC will define students' class year.</p> <p>Test Security Policy: defines how MMC will handle standardized testing.</p> <p>Procurement Policy: Standardizes requirements for expenditures.</p>

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	<p>Technology Inventory Plan: Defines inventory and care of school’s technology equipment.</p> <p>2024-2024 Safety Plan: Extensive and comprehensive Safety plan. The plan was discussed in length specifically on communication within the school and with MTC, drills, SRO impact, and overall execution. Brooks Backman made a motion to approve all new policies. Laura McKinney seconded. All board members were in favor, and the motion passed.</p>
Principal's Update	<p>SRO Update: The state previously announced MMC would be given funds for an SRO, but that did not come to fruition. MMC will take on the cost of salary and is working on getting an SRO soon. The Salary is currently being added to the budget.</p> <p>Current enrollment: 115 students.</p> <p>Important dates: The board will have a special virtual meeting Oct 8th at 8am to discuss financial audit.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Laurie Lee presented Val Richardson with a certificate and gift of appreciation for the board for her many years of service and dedication to the board, MMC, and most importantly its students.</p> <p>Robin Rucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Devin Hinson seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.</p>

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