

The Board of Trustees of the Midway Independent School District held a meeting on August 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Midway ISD Administration Building located at 13885 Woodway Drive, Woodway, TX 76712. The following members were present: Brad Alford, Jordan Barry, Stephen Carl, Jonathan Green, Susan Vick, Pam Watts, and Colin Witt.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Vick called the meeting to order. 7:00 p.m.

2. District Mission Statement

The District Mission statement was presented to the public.

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Midway High School

5. Recognitions

5A. August Recognition Days

Dr. Allen recognized Texas Parents Day, Women’s Independence Day, and Lyndon Baines Johnson Day during the month of August.

5B. TEPSA Student Leadership Award Recipient – Hewitt Elementary

The 2025-2026 Hewitt Elementary Lighthouse Team was presented with the 2025-2026 TEPSA Student Leadership Award. The award honors PK-8 student leadership teams that make a meaningful impact on their school communities through leadership and service. Congratulations to Danika Veegaete, Kaden McClanahan, Cooper Jeske, Karah Brewer, Emory Davidson, John Brooks Newman, Julissa Zamora, Roxy Parker, Mackenzie Hartsfield, Adeline Bond, Annabella Torres, and Novalei Kirks on this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations also to Principal Christy Watley, Assistant Principal Melinda Mullens and sponsor Valerie Bravo.

5C. MISD PD Lifesaving Award

The Board congratulated two Midway High School students, Madison Grygar and Weston Williams, who received the first-ever Midway ISD Police Department Life Saving Award presented by Chief Foley. While volunteering at Woodway Elementary, Madison and Weston responded quickly and courageously during a life-threatening medical emergency involving a Midway ISD teacher. Their quick actions and willingness to help played an important role in saving the teacher’s life.

5D. 2026 Heart of the Panther

The Heart of the Panther Award recognizes outstanding non-instructional employees from across Midway ISD. Each campus selects one individual whose dedication, care, and service exemplify the Midway Way. This year’s recipients are: Midway High School – Tabatha Shelby; Midway Middle School – Meredith Wells; River Valley Middle School – Diane Miller; Castleman Creek Elementary – Danny Boykins; Chapel Park Elementary – Keziah Carter; Hewitt Elementary – Terry Mason; Park Hill Elementary – Robin Rocha; Speegleville Elementary – Lisa Howard; Spring Valley Elementary – Jenifer Flores; South Bosque Elementary – Jayme Mason; Woodway Elementary – Benita Fajardo.

Also recognized, was the 2026 Rookie of the Year, Chase Tieben, who has demonstrated excellence, dedication, and a strong commitment to students.

5E. 2026 Campus and District Teachers of the Year

The Board congratulated the 2026 Campus and District Teachers of the Year.

Castleman Creek Elementary: Michael Isenberg
Chapel Park Elementary: Sydney Guitierrez
Hewitt Elementary: Angela Brown (Elementary District Teacher of the Year)
Park Hill Elementary: Shawn Thomas
South Bosque Elementary: Jodi Martin
Speegleville Elementary: Wendi Kimmel
Spring Valley Elementary: Maci Holt
Woodway Elementary: Jill Fischer
Midway Middle School: Rachel Gallagher & Ele Moroz
River Valley Middle School: Robert Meek & Monica Williams (Secondary District Teacher of the Year)
Midway High School: Krista Basinger & Zakerrius Walker

6. Public Comment

None

7. Information Items

7A. Midway Education Foundation & Midway Development Annual Report

The Midway Education Foundation & Midway Development Annual Report were presented in the Board packet.

7B. Midway ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Roster

The Midway ISD School Health Advisory Council, in compliance with Senate Bill 283, must submit a list of the council members to the local school board each year. The 2026-2027 SHAC roster will be approved by the Board at the September meeting.

7C. District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2026-2027

The district and each campus revise, review, and rate the progress of the district and campus improvement plans to guide the improvement of student performance. The Board will accept the district and campus improvement plans for 2026-2027 at the September meeting.

8. Presentation/Discussion Items

8A. Guaranteed Maximum Price – Midway High School Addition

A representative with Mazanec Construction summarized the proposed GMP for the bond funded MHS Addition. The proposed GMP of \$13,459,767 is approximately \$2.8M less than the budgeted amount of \$16,491,000. The overall project is on schedule and moving along well. The Board and administration credited Mazanec with their local subcontractor relationships and the “trust” in our Finance department.

8B. Monthly Finance Report

The monthly financial report was presented by Wesley Brooks, the original adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2027 is \$2,593,208 deficit. Including last month’s approved budget amendments, the current adopted budget is a deficit of \$2,689,937. Mr. Brooks discussed the bond savings of \$2.8 million, which is over and above the \$2 million spent to purchase land. The Board will vote on the tax rate of \$0.9089, which is 2.8 cents lower than the previous year’s rate of \$0.93.

8C. Property/Casualty Insurance Update

Wesley Brooks discussed the District’s Property insurance policy. The district’s practice is to issue a bid for property insurance coverage every three to four years. The bidding process resulted in better coverage and lower premiums for the district. The administration recommends acceptance of the TASB insurance renewal proposal for property insurance coverage for this year. The Board discussed revisiting the practice more often than every three years.

8D. Fine Arts Update

Jennifer Martin, Fine Arts Director, showcased all the arts in MISD. The Fine Arts department impacts many MISD students and offers a full range of fine arts. She highlighted the strength of the district’s programs, outstanding student achievements, facility updates, and teacher support programs such as TIA. Due to MISD’s ongoing commitment to excellence, MISD, once again, received the National Association of Music Merchants Best Communities for Music Education Designation.

8E. Update UIL Streaming Broadcast Rights

Board member Colin Witt presented an update on the district’s ongoing effort to reclaim local UIL streaming broadcast rights. Currently, legal counsel is drafting a Board resolution. Witt also submitted a public information request for streaming contracts. He emphasized that this is ultimately a matter of local control over the district’s own narrative. He plans to attend the next state-level UIL meeting in October and plans to submit a formal rule-change proposal and speak before the committee again.

The Board then considered Item 10, Superintendent Communication

Dr. Allen reported that Midway ISD experienced its smoothest start to a school year in years, with student enrollment increasing by approximately 100 students and the district retaining its “A” rating. He praised staff members who went far “above and beyond” in unloading pallets of new math curriculum in 100-degree weather. Dr. Allen acknowledged birthdays among the Board and leadership team who celebrated with a cake.

9. Consideration Items

9A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2026 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
2. Approval of Midway ISD Education Foundation Annual Report, Affirmation of Public Purposed for Support of Foundation, and Finding an Adequate Consideration Received for 2026-2027 Funding
3. Resolution to Review Annual Investment Policy
4. Resolution regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization
5. Approval of District T-TESS Appraiser List for 2026-2027
6. Approval for request New Positions

President Vick asked if anyone wished to remove any item(s) from the consent agenda. A motion was made by Colin Witt and seconded by Brad Alford to approve Items 1-3, and 5 of the consent agenda as presented.

For: Brad Alford, Jordan Barry, Stephen Carl, Jonathan Green, Susan Vick, Pam Watts, and Colin Witt

Against: 0

After discussion of Items 4 and 6, Pam Watts made a motion to approve these items and was seconded by Jordan Barry.

For: Brad Alford, Jordan Barry, Stepehen Carl, Jonathan Green, Susan Vick, Pam Watts, and Colin Witt
Against: 0

9B. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for 2026-2027

The district is required to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the tax rate.

President Vick recessed the public meeting and opened a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2026-2027.

8:44 p.m.

No one addressed the Board during the public hearing. President Vick closed the hearing and reconvened the public meeting.

8:45 p.m.

9C. Adoption of Tax Rate for 2026-2027

Brad Alford made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.908900, which is effectively a 5.06 percent increase in the tax rate. Jonathan Green seconded the motion.

For: Brad Alford, Jordan Barry, Stepehen Carl, Jonathan Green, Susan Vick, Pam Watts, and Colin Witt
Against: 0

State law requires the Board to use motion language stating that the tax rate is effectively a 5.06% increase. It is actual savings for homeowners. The average resident will see a decrease of \$181.96 on their property tax bill.

9D. Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Addition to Midway High School with Mazanec Construction for an amount not to exceed \$13,700,000 and authorizes Superintendent to execute the associated Amendment

Colin Witt made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for MHS Addition with Mazanec Construction in the amount of \$13,459,776 and to delegate authority to the Superintendent to negotiate, finalize, and execute GMP Amendment. Jordan Barry seconded the motion. The change in the exact dollar amount is due to \$150,000 decrease and an additional \$30,000 during final bidding.

For: Brad Alford, Jordan Barry, Stepehen Carl, Jonathan Green, Susan Vick, Pam Watts, and Colin Witt
Against: 0

9E. Consideration of Personnel

The Board noted the following:

Professional:

New Hires:	Administration	Kathleen Minshew, Residency Program Coordinator
	Midway High School	Joely Rogers, Teacher/Coach Kameron Hedge, Teacher/Coach Nicholas Kindred, English Teacher Shana Martin, Art Teacher Sharon Jeffreys, Math Teacher
	Midway Middle School	Christopher Riccione, Math Teacher Rolandus Johnson, Teacher/Coach
	Special Education Service Technology	Macy Martin, Speech Therapist Christina Resendez, PEIMS Coordinator

Separations:

Midway High School	Beverly Roper, English Teacher Mary Dunn, Art Teacher
Speegleville Elementary	Katherine Mullins, Behavior Coach

Paraprofessional:

New Hires:	Castleman Creek Elementary	Chelsea Lambert, Campus Tech Support
	Hewitt Elementary	Gracie Rodarte, SPED Assistant Iyanna Johnson, SPED Assistant
	Park Hill Elementary	Brandy Pechacek, Campus Tech Support Deena McClain, SPED Assistant
	River Valley Middle School	Anthony Lambright, SPED Assistant Lizeth Garza-Silva, SPED Assistant
	South Bosque Elementary	Delaney Blakesley, Instructional Assistant

	Spring Valley Elementary Woodway Elementary	Brooklyn Lankford, PE Assistant Alicia Bartlett, SPED Assistant
Separations:	Chapel Park Elementary Park Hill Elementary Woodway Elementary	Veronica Hill, SPED Assistant Veroneca Esparza, Instructional Assistant Liliana Rosario, SPED Assistant

Transfers:
Christina Martinez from Pre K 4 Assistant at SBE to Pre K 4 Assistant at PHE
Jack Anderson from Bus Driver at Transportation to SPED Assistant at SVE

10. Superintendent Communication
This item was communicated before Consideration Items.

11. Adjournment
President Vick declared the meeting adjourned. 8:46 p.m.

Susan Vick, President

Colin Witt, Secretary