

The Board of Trustees of the Midway Independent School District met on January 21, 2025 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, Jonathan Green, Pete Rusek, Rick Tullis, Susan Vick, Pam Watts, and Colin Witt.

1. Call to Order

President Pete Rusek called the meeting to order.

7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome and 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 Middle School AVID students.

5. Recognitions

5A. January Recognition Days

Superintendent Chris Allen acknowledged School Board Recognition Month along with National Mentoring Month.

5B. Congressional App Challenge

The Board congratulated Midway High School junior Stephanie Sparks who won first place in the 2024 Congressional App Challenge in Texas' 17th Congressional District. Stephanie also won the competition last year. This year, she advanced her education app to a 2.0 version.

5C. The Foundation for Music Education Mark of Excellence

The Board recognized sophomore bass flute player Aiden Hyatt who earned Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors as an Outstanding Soloist. Additionally, the Midway High School Wind Ensemble was selected as a Mark of Excellence Commended Winner from 450 entries across 40 states, and is one of 12 class 6A bands nationwide to receive this honor. Pam Hyatt is the High School Band Director.

5D. All-State Band

The Board congratulated senior trombone player Hogan Akin and junior bass clarinet player Emmanuel Maxey who earned top honors as members of the 2025 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band. They are led by High School Band Director Pam Hyatt.

5E. All-State Choir

Congratulations to the record-setting number of All-State Choir students who have been selected for the 2025 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir. The following 13 singers earned the highest honor: Madeleine Denman, Hannah Rose, Millicent Cherry, Katie Partin, Cady Egleston, Sofia Mata, Abigail Harris, Madison Follis, Sam Conaway, Asher Beck, Jackson Owen, Reagan Corley and Johnny Holden. Choir Directors are Jeff and Jannifer Rice and Caleb Overstreet.

5F. National Board Certified Teachers

Midway ISD's number of National Board Certified Teachers now totals 20, with six newly certified educators. The following Midway teachers join this elite group, representing less than 1% of Texas teachers who achieve the highest credential available in the teaching profession: Cheryl Baker, Sarah Baranowski, Krista Basinger, Amy Roenfan, Stacy Spink, and Abigail Traylor.

5G. Texas School Board Recognition Month

January is Texas School Board Recognition Month. The seven elected leaders have over 70 years of service on the School Board and are parents to 27 Midway students or alumni. We are very grateful for their service to our public schools. Board members are President Pete Rusek, Vice President Susan Vick, Secretary Pam Watts, Brad Alford, Jonathan Green, Rick Tullis and Colin Witt.

6. Information Items

6A. Quarterly Investment Report

The Quarterly Investment Report was presented in the board packet.

7. Presentation/Discussion Items

7A. Monthly Finance Report

Wesley Brooks presented the monthly finance report. The Fiscal Year 2024 Adjusted Tax Levy is \$77,798, 027 per the Property Tax Revenue Report. During December, there was an upward adjustment of \$615,117 to the levy. The majority of this adjustment was related to the resolution of hearings pertaining to three Refresco accounts.

The total refined ADA for the third 6-weeks was 8,224.3. Projected ADA for the year is approximately 120 students lower than the budgeted amount of 8,341.9. Total District enrollment has decreased 21 students since last year in January 2024.

7B. 2025 The Future of Education

Dr. Becky Odajima provided an update to how Midway proactively addresses the needs within our learning environment and the future workforce skill requirements of our students. Through a commitment to academic and cognitive rigor, character development programs, leadership capacity-building, and the intentional integration of AI tools, the district aims to equip students with the skills and attributes essential for success.

7C. Charge to Facilities Planning Committee

Dr. Allen discussed the process of the facility condition assessment that Pfluger is working on. There is information that suggests the need to invite members of our community to participate in a process that will study short term, intermediate, and long-term facility needs. The Board may approve a charge to the Facility Study Committee and Dr. Allen explained why this is an appropriate time to engage in this work.

8. Consideration Items

8A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
2. Minutes of the January 9, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting
3. Early Graduation Requests
4. Call Trustee Election for May 3, 2025 for Places 5, 6 and 7 (llame Eleccion de Patronato Para Lugares 5, 6 y 7 el 3 de may de 2025)
5. Resolution to Establish Non-business Days for Public Information
6. Budget Amendment
7. ConnectEd Texas Agreement
8. Approval of Charge to Facilities Planning Committee
9. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Midlothian ISD for CDL Testing Services
10. Distinguished High School Partnership MOU Renewal between Midway ISD and Tarleton State University

President Rusek asked if anyone wished to remove any item(s) from the consent agenda. A motion was made by Rick Tullis and seconded by Pam Watts to approve Items 1-10 of the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 7-0

7B. Consideration of Personnel

The Board noted the following:

Professional:

New Hires:	Chapel Park Elementary	James Curry, 5 th Grade Teacher
		Lori McCarter, 3 rd Grade Teacher
	Midway High School	Alice Emmert, CTE Teacher
	Spring Valley Elementary	Jessica Johnson, 1 st Grade Teacher

Separations:	Midway Administration	Christina Cataldo, SPED Specialist
	Chapel Park Elementary	Gracie Platt, 3 rd Grade Teacher
	DAEP/Horizons	Monty Francis, DAEP Teacher
	Midway Middle School	Julie Cervantes, Spanish Teacher
	Midway High School	Joshua Creech, Teacher/Coach
	River Valley Middle School	Melanie Lopez, SPED Teacher

Transfers:

Emily Silguero from Instructional Assistant to Math Teacher at RVMS (Para to Pro)

Paraprofessional:

New Hires:	Chapel Park Elementary	Leslie Shrope, Instructional Assistant
	Hewitt Elementary	Jenna Nagorzanski, SPED Assistant
	River Valley Middle School	Junior Denis, Instructional Assistant
		Katherine Kruse, SPED Assistant
		Kirkland Manigo, SPED Assistant
		Nancy Walker, SPED Assistant
	Speegleville Elementary	Nevaeh Tarbush, Instructional Assistant

Separations:	Chapel Park Elementary	Celena Bingham, SPED Assistant
	Midway High School	Anthony Thibodeaux, ISS/DAEP Assistant
	Technology	Alex Palczewski, Data Integration Engineer
		Zachary Danielson, Support Specialist

7D3. Consideration and possible Action regarding Abandonment of Contract by Teachers upon Refusal of the District to Accept the Resignation

The Administration did not bring forward a recommendation for contract abandonment. The District was able to find suitable replacements for the classroom(s). The District accepted the two resignations.

7D4. Consideration and possible Action regarding Notifications to the Texas Education Agency for the Teacher Contract Abandonment

The Administration will not notify Texas Education Agency for the Teacher Contract Abandonment as suitable replacements were found for the two teaching positions.

8. Superintendent Communication

Dr. Allen expressed appreciation to the Board for their continual leadership and reiterated how highly the staff thinks of them. Dr. Allen also thanked the team of Director of Operations, Ken Wolf; Police Chief, Jeff Foley; and Communication Director, Emily Parks; who have all been integral from accessing roads to communicating to MISD any weather related issues.

9. Adjournment

President Rusek declared the meeting adjourned.

8:48 p.m.

Pete Rusek, President

Pam Watts, Secretary