

The Board of Trustees of the Midway Independent School District met on November 19, 2024 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 Spring Valley and Park Hill Elementary students.

**5. Recognitions**

**5A. November Recognition Days**

Superintendent Chris Allen acknowledged National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month along with several other significant recognition days that were celebrated throughout the month.

**5B. State Cross Country**

The Board congratulated MHS senior Caleb McCarver for his strong performance at the 2024 6A state cross country meet. Caleb placed 84<sup>th</sup> out of 151 of Texas' top high school runners. Midway High School Boys Cross Country is led by Coach Jon Capron.

**5C. National Merit and College Board National Recognition**

The Board recognized Midway High School National Merit and College Board Recipients. National Merit Semifinalists are Alastair McGrath and Ty Roenfanz. National Merit Commended are Esther Kim (perfect ACT score), Lucy X. Lu, and Alistair MacGregor. College Board National Recognition Program Scholars are: Julia Beheler, Zoe Betancis, Ximena Bustamante, Anthony Espinosa, Jamison Garcia, Axton Georges, Rylie Graham, Ana Hoppe, Gabriel McEuen, Mercy Odedeji, Sarah Osequera, Camille Pankonien, Calista Pantos, Tristan Perou, Stella Raimondo, Jude Turner and Mason Willis.

**6. Information Items.**

**6A. Security Plan for Prohibited Technologies**

Following state guidelines, Midway ISD has adopted measure to restrict the use of specific applications and hardware associated with security risks, including TikTok, Kaspersky, and hardware by Huawei and ZTE. This is intended to protect sensitive data and prevent potential surveillance.

**7. Presentation/Discussion Items**

**7A. Annual Financial Audit Report**

Clayton Rogers with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, presented the annual audit report. The auditors issued a "clean" opinion on the financial statements, meaning in their opinion that the financial statements are materially accurate. The auditor's reports on internal control and compliance disclose no findings or material weaknesses.

**7B. Monthly Finance Report**

Wesley Brooks, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, presented the monthly finance report. Expenditures for the first four months of this Fiscal Year are lower compared to last year. The current adopted budget is a deficit of \$2,486,397.

Through the first three months of the school year, District enrollment has decreased approximately 39 students from the previous year's enrollment.

**7C. Proposed MISD 2025-2026 Calendar**

Dr. Becky Odajima, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, summarized the calendar development process as well as highlighted the major differences between the calendar drafts. Staff members will be polled to determine which calendar draft is preferred prior to the December board meeting when final approval will be requested.

**7D. Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Allen discussed the district's legislative priorities and the needs of our schools as we approach the start of the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature session. The district faces challenges due to inadequate state funding and the push for a school voucher program. Dr. Allen stated the basic allotment of \$6,160 per student hasn't increased since 2019 along with inadequate state funding of transportation, special education, and safety.

**8. Consideration Items**

**8A. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
- 2. Early Graduation Requests
- 3. Budget Amendments
- 4. Adoption of Legislative Priorities
- 5. Annual Financial Audit Report

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 1-5 of the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 7-0

**8B. Adopt Resolution to Cast Official Votes to Elect Directors for the McLennan Central Appraisal District for the Year 2025**

President Rusek opened discussion on Midway’s vote for directors for the McLennan Central Appraisal District. Midway is entitled to cast a total of 743 votes, and may allocate their votes in any manner they choose for selection of the five-member Board of Directors for the Year 2025.

A motion was made by President Rusek and seconded by Colin Witt to call all 743 available votes in favor of Jonathan Green and adopt Resolution No. 1119.

Motion carried 7-0

**8C. Consideration of Personnel**

The Board noted the following:

Professional:

New Hires:	Midway High School	Jordyn Reeves, SPED Teacher
	River Valley Middle School	Kimberly Houts, SPED Teacher
Separations:	Midway Middle School	Lillian Dungan, SPED Teacher
	Midway High School	Casey Lowrey, Math Teacher
		Katie Pruitt, CTE Teacher
	Teaching & Learning	Brooke Baker, Social Worker

Paraprofessional:

New Hires:	Midway Middle School	Natashi Jones, SPED Assistant
	Midway High School	Patricia Torres, SPED Assistant
	South Bosque Elementary	Crystal Palmer, SPED Assistant
		Nicole Andrew, SPED Assistant
	Spring Valley Elementary	Kristen Gary, Principal Secretary
	Woodway Elementary	Germann Robinson, SPED Assistant
Separations:	Chapel Park Elementary	Clystiah Evans, Instructional Assistant
	Midway Middle School	Shayna Rivas, SPED Assistant
	Midway Transportation	Janet Terry, District Travel Specialist (Retirement)
	River Valley Middle School	Katalina Good, SPED Assistant
	Woodway Elementary	Zaida Solis, SPED Assistant

Transfers: Cali Vielma from Bus Driver to District Travel Specialist at Transportation  
 Dorothy Minor from SPED Assistant to Custodian at SBE

**9. Superintendent Communication**

Dr. Allen communicated the history of the Thanksgiving holiday which originated from unprecedented challenges faced by the nation. President Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation that helped unite a war weary nation. Today, we give thanks for all the things going well and are grateful for all students we serve in MISD.

President Rusek announced the Board would go into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 771.074.

8:25 p.m.

President Rusek reconvened the public meeting and stated no action was taken in closed session.

8:45 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

President Rusek declared the meeting adjourned.

8:45 p.m.

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Pete Rusek, President

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Pam Watts, Secretary