



**Midland School District
Board of Education
Minutes: Regular Meeting
January 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Midland School District Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Midland High School Board Room in Building #2.

Members/Administration Present:

Present	Mr. Joe Cox, President Position 4 (2026)	Present	Krystal Litaker Position 6
Present	Mr. Nathan Wood, Secretary Position 2 (2025)	Present	Mr. Shawn Conder Position 1 (2025) Came in to meeting at 7:33 PM
Present	Mr. Jeff Moore Position 3 (2026) Came in to meeting at 7:06 PM	Present	Mr. John McFarland, Vice Pres. Position 5 (March election) (2024)
Present	Mrs. Janet Canard Position 7 (2027)	Present Present Present	Toby Crosby, Superintendent Mrs. Jeanie Johnson, HS Principal Mrs. Bani Meharg

I. Call to Order at 7:09PM

II. Prayer led by John McFarland

III. School's Mission and Vision: Educate, Encourage, Inspire

IV. Celebrations:

- A. Citizens Bank: "Shine Like A Mustang" **Judy Pearson**
- B. Jennifer McFarland—Selected to "the Lead Professional Educator Program"
- C. Congratulations to our Basketball Homecoming Princess and Queen:
Princess Carlee Tharp and Queen Danica Brown

V. Approval of Minutes from regular board meeting of December 11, 2023

Motion by Jeff Moore, seconded by Shawn Conder to approve the minutes of the regular December 11, 2023 board meeting. Motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

VI. Approval of December 2023 Financials

Motion by Nathan Wood, seconded by Jeff Moore to approve the December 2023 Financials. Motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

- VII. Approve the Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Levy of Taxes for 2024-2025 and All Related Election Documents (must publish by March 5, 2024)

Motion by Nathan Wood, seconded by John McFarland to approve the proposed budget of expenditures with Levy of Taxes for 2024-2025 and All related Election Documents. Motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

VIII. Superintendent Report	As of January 5, 2024
A. Student Count High School-	240
B. Student Count Elementary-	223
C. Student Count in Pre-K-	61
D. Student Count in Tiny Tots-	21
E. Tiny Tots Too-	6

IX. Principal Reports

1. Academics

- a) High School– **Job Fair held by CTE teachers and businesses received great comments from the presenters. Mid year testing for reading and math was held last week. Moved 138 “F” grades to 17 in a month due to the hard work of our teachers and Mrs. Judy Pearson.**
- b) Elementary– **Celebration of Board Appreciation Month. Report cards went home with only one student failing one subject for the semester. Elementary K-2 students took the mid-year math assessment.**

X. Upcoming Events:

- A. Jan. 8: Mustang Basketball @ Mountain View 7G, 7B 5:00
- B. Jan. 9: Arkansas School for Math & Science here 8:45-9:15
Mustang Basketball home w/ Clarendon JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
Little Dribblers perform at the high school basketball games
- C. Jan. 10: Bowling vs. Southside
- D. Jan. 11: Peewee games @ Home vs. Guy
- E. Jan 12: Mustang Basketball home w/ Brinkley JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
- F. Jan 13: Archery Tournament @ Pangburn
- G. Jan. 15: No school
- H. Mustang Basketball @ Concord JG, JB, SG, SB 4:00
- I. Jan. 16: Mustang Basketball home w/ Marvel JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
- J. Bowling vs. Batesville
Little Dribblers perform at the high school Basketball Games
- K. Jan. 17: Sr. High Co-op Quiz Bowl Tournament at Ozarka
- L. Jan. 18: Peewee Basketball @ Home vs. Greers Ferry West Side
- M. Jan. 18-19: Sr. Beta Convention
- N. Jan. 19: Mustang Basketball @ Bradford JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
- O. Jan. 20: Jr. & Sr. Regional Chess Tournament @ Hoxie
- P. Jan. 22: Mustang Basketball home w/ Mountain View 7G, 7B 4:30

Peewee Basketball @ Greers Ferry West Side

- Q. Jan. 23: ETS
- R. Mustang Basketball @ Scott Charter JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
- S. Jan. 24: Bowling tournament
- T. Jan. 25: Peewee Basketball @ Guy
- U. Jan. 26: Mustang Basketball home w/ Augusta JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
- V. Jan. 29: Mustang Basketball home w/ Timbo JG, JB, SB 4:30
- W. Jan. 29-Feb. 2: Conference Bowling Tournament
- X. Jan. 30: County Spelling Bee @ UACCB 5:30
- Y. Mustang Basketball @ WCC JG, JB, SG, SB 4:00
- Z. Feb. 1-3 Peewee Basketball Tournament @ Greers Ferry West Side
- AA. Feb. 2 Mustang Basketball @ Clarendon JG, JB, SG, SB 4:30
- BB. Feb. 9 Mustang Basketball home w/Concord SG, SB 4:30
- CC. Feb. 5-9: Jr. High Basketball Tournament @ Home

- XI. Upcoming Events for Board members: Attachment A
 - A. ASBA/AAEA Joint Leadership Conference May 4, 2024

XII.	Board Member Training Hours	2023 Hours
	A. Joe Cox	6
	B. John McFarland	6
	C. Nathan Wood	6
	D. Jeff Moore	6
	E. Shawn Conder	6
	F. Janet Canard	18
	G. Krystal Litaker	Appointed in November

- XIII. Resolution for Local Support of 2024 Facilities Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications for the 2025-2027 Biennium

Motion by Jeff Moore, seconded by Krystal Litaker to approve the resolution for Local Support of 2024 Facilities Master Plan & Partnership Project Applications for the 2025-2027 Biennium. Motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

- XIV. School Choice (Out of District): **Tabled for Later Date**
 - A. Southside Kindergarten

- XV. Executive Session: **Entered at 8:12 and returned at 11:18 to discuss personnel and Superintendent Evaluation/Contract**

Krystal Litaker left the meeting to go to work, but plans to vote by proxy on phone during superintendent contract vote.

- XVI. Personnel: Resignation

Motion by Janet Canard, seconded by John McFarland to accept the resignation of Ja-Lisa Harris. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

XVII. Executive Session: Superintendent Evaluation/Contract

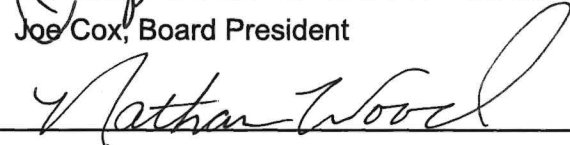
Motion by Jeff Moore, seconded by John McFarland to approve the extension of Toby Crosby's superintendent contract from two to three years. Contract will run through June 30, 2027 with an additional 1-week of paid vacation from two-weeks to three-weeks to start January 9, 2024. No adjustment to salary was made. Motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0, with Krystal Litaker voting by proxy through phone with Shawn Conder during the vote.

Adjournment: 11:21PM

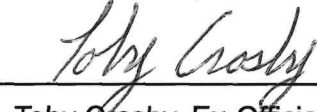
Motion by Jeff Moore, seconded by John McFarland to adjourn. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.



Joe Cox, Board President



Nathan Wood, Board Secretary



Toby Crosby, Ex-Officio Financial Officer

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting is set for Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00PM.