



Midland School District
Board of Education
Minutes: SPECIAL Meeting
March 30, 2023
5 p.m.

A called, special meeting of the Midland School District Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 30, 2023 at Midland High School Building #2.

Members/Administration Present:

Present	Mr. Brandon Langle, President Position 6 (2023)	Present	Mr. John McFarland, Vice President Position 5 (2024)
Present	Mr. Nathan Wood, Secretary Position 2 (2025)	Present	Mr. Shawn Conder Position 1 (2025)
Present	Mr. Jeff Moore Position 3 (2026)	Present -Requesting the hearing	Mr. Joe Cox Position 4 (2026)
Present	Mrs. Janet Canard Position 7 (2023)	Present	Dr. Bruce Bryant, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

II. Hearing for a Waiver of a Child Maltreatment Finding for a potential volunteer coach

Mr. Joseph Cox presented evidence about his request to have the child maltreatment finding waived in order for him to receive the waiver.

The board ascertained the following information to be used in consideration of the waiver:

- The age at which the incident was committed
 - 18
- The circumstances surrounding the incident;
 - Consensual sexual activity with a 15 year old girl he was dating at the time.

- The length of time since the incident
 - Almost 22 years
- Character references
 - Letter have been written in his behalf by his pastor and at least one educator in the Midland District, Mrs. Bani Meharg
- Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of school children or school personnel
 - Mr. Cox has served on the board for several years, even as board president.
 - Mr. Cox has served as a volunteer coach for community league teams.

III. Resolution For a Waiver of ARK. CODE ANN. § 6-17-414(g)

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

IV. Resolution to allow a School Board Member to be a Registered Volunteer

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

V. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.



Brandon Langle, Board President



Nathan Wood, Board Secretary



Dr. Bruce Bryant, Ex-Officio Financial Officer



**Midland School District
Board of Education
Minutes: Regular Meeting
March 13, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Midland School District Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at Midland High School Building #2.

Members/Administration Present:

Present	Mr. Brandon Langle, President Position 6 (2023)	Present	Mr. John McFarland, Vice President Position 5 (2024)
Present	Mr. Nathan Wood, Secretary Position 2 (2025)	Present	Mr. Shawn Conder Position 1 (2025)
Arrived @ 7:19	Mr. Jeff Moore Position 3 (2026)	Absent	Mr. Joe Cox Position 4 (2026)
Present	Mrs. Janet Canard Position 7 (2023)	Present Present Present	Dr. Bruce Bryant, Superintendent Mrs. Jeanie Johnson, Principal Mrs. Bani Meharg, Principal

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 2023

Motion by Janet Canard, seconded by John McFarland to approve the minutes. Motion was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

III. Approval of February 2023 Financials

Motion by Nathan Wood, seconded by John McFarland to approve the financials. Motion was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

VISION: It is the vision of the Midland School District Board of Directors that the Midland School District will...

- ...lead with compassion and strength to develop a cohesive community of stakeholders,
- ...prepare and engage students that learn and achieve, and
- ...select and empower teachers that guide our students to achievement

...in order to show its community what is truly possible.

- Elimination of 3% cap
- Open enrollment subject to capacity
- Repeal of Teacher Fair Dismissal and Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act
 - Effective June 30, 2023
 - Contract language must be changed for next year
 - "...provid[e] notice and opportunity for a hearing..."

IX. Bus Lease Agreement Proposal

Motion by Jeff Moore, seconded by John McFarland to purchase a new bus and enter into a 7-year lease agreement for its purchase with the transaction being made with a state-approved bidder/contractor, Rush Enterprises. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Motion by John McFarland, seconded by Nathan Wood to remove bus #13 from fixed assets inventory and to dispose of it. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

X. Resolution to Vote by Absentee Ballot and Early Voting Only for the May 9, 2023 School Election

Motion by Nathan Wood, seconded by Jeff Moore to adopt the resolution. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

XI. Officially designate Don Mixon as the District Attorney and authorize monthly payment of \$300.00 beginning March 1, 2023

Motion by Jeff Moore to contract with Don Mixon to be the District Attorney for \$300.00 per month retroactive to March 1, 2023. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

XII. Remove from Fixed Assets #20160050 - Smartboard

Motion by Jeff Moore, seconded by John McFarland to remove Item #20160050 from fixed assets. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. John McFarland returned to the room at 9:41 p.m.

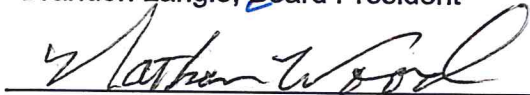
XV. Adjournment

Motion by Nathan Wood, seconded by Jeff Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

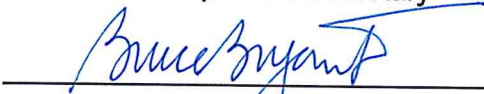
The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.



Brandon Langle, Board President



Nathan Wood, Board Secretary



Dr. Bruce Bryant, Ex-Officio Financial Officer