

**MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wisconsin Rapids Campus

January 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – Charles Spargo

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m.

A. Roll Call:

PRESENT: Betty Bruski Mallek, Rick Merdan, Ron Rasmussen, Charles Spargo, Terry Whitmore, Neefs Young, Ryan Zietlow and Dr. Shelly Mondeik

EXCUSED: Shawn Becker and Kim Johnson

OTHERS: Debby Brunett, Craig Bernstein, Dr. Karen Brzezinski, Dr. Beth Ellie, Logan Hamann, Carrie Kasubaski, Dr. Mandy Lang, Brad Martinson, Brad Russell, Dr. Chris Severson, and Angie Susa

B. Open Meeting Certification: This meeting, like all meetings of the Mid-State Technical College District Board of Directors is open to the public in accordance with State Statute. Notice was provided to the news media and designated individuals to inform the public of the meeting’s time, location, and agenda.

C. Open Forum | Public Comment: No one wished to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Charles Spargo

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, seconded by Ms. Bruski Mallek, upon a voice vote, approved minutes from the board meeting held December 15, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA – Charles Spargo

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, seconded by Mr. Merdan, upon a roll call vote, unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

A. Payment of Bills and Payroll: The district’s bills for the month of December 2025 were presented. These bills totaled \$792,361.81 of which \$546,175.97 represented operational expenditures and \$246,185.84 represented capital expenditures. The district’s payroll for the month of December totaled \$1,866,296.15 plus \$29,380.08 for travel and miscellaneous reimbursements and \$670,515.34 in fringe benefits. The district’s bills and payroll totaled \$3,358,553.38.

B. Entered into the following contracted service agreements totaling \$19,220.00:

<u>Agreement #</u>	<u>Contracted Service:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
147424	Fall Protection	\$1,580.00
147425	Kitchen measurement & Math Training	\$600.00
147426	ServSafe Refresher	\$600.00
147427	Mobile Crane Safety	\$1,950.00
147428	CDL Entry Level Driver Training	\$6,800.00
147429	OSHA 10 for Construction	\$1,800.00
147430	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$650.00
147431	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$2,540.00
147432	BLS Renewal	\$1,510.00
147433	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$1,190.00

C. Approved the following procurement(s) for goods and services:
No procurements required board approval.

REPORTS

A. Chairperson’s Report – Charles Spargo

a. A welcome was extended to the group. Mr. Becker and Ms. Johnson asked to be excused from the meeting.

- b. In observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Mr. Spargo took a moment to reflect on the work of Dr. King and the importance of remembrance.
 - c. The District Boards Association Winter meeting will be held virtually January 30, 2026. Mid-State is hosting the event and will be providing a presentation.
 - d. ACCT National Legislative Summit will be held February 8-11, 2026 in Washington, D.C. Ms. Bruski Mallek and Mr. Merdan plan to attend.
 - e. Mid-State's Board of Directors will host a Board Retreat on February 16, 2026 prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting. The meeting will be held at the Stevens Point Downtown Campus.
- B. College Presidents Report – Dr. Shelly Mondeik
- a. Dr. Mondeik highlighted recent campus activities including participation in the Career Adaptive Series, President for a Day United Way prize, and College-Wide In-Service held earlier in the day.
 - b. Recent community involvement included hosting the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber Leadership Program on January 8, presenting to the Portage County Board of Directors regarding AMETA and accepting two awards – WI BUILD Award with Findorff and United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties 2025 Collaborator Award.
 - c. The WTCS Board of Directors will meet January 20 followed by the WTCS Presidents Association. Dr. Mondeik will attend virtually.
- C. Financial Report – Charles Spargo
- a. FY26 financial report was provided and discussed.

ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Academic Programming: The College sought Board approval to take the following actions related to academic programming:

- Program Approval – Agronomy Technician Technical Diploma

Vice President of Academics Dr. Chris Severson provided an overview of the program and requirements. Based on feedback from the Advisory Committee and related needs in the field, the technical diploma program will focus on more specialized courses allowing graduates to have had learning related to topics such as irrigation and diesel in agriculture. The program will remain fully financially aidable.

Motion by Mr. Rasmussen, seconded by Mr. Whitmore, upon a roll call vote, unanimously provided program approval for the Agronomy Technician Technical Diploma program.

- Program Approval – Farm Operation Technical Diploma

Dr. Severson also provided information related to a 24-credit Farm Operation Technical Diploma. Also supported by Advisory Committee membership and industry, this program will include more automation in agriculture. Course requirements are being finalized.

Motion by Ms. Bruski Mallek, seconded by Mr. Rasmussen, upon a roll call vote, unanimously approved the Farm Operation Technical Diploma program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- A. Employee Engagement Survey Results: Mid-State conducted an employee engagement survey and results were shared with the Board. The college ranked better average college and average companies scores. The current score rose from last year. Highlights of each of the 14 factors were shared.
- B. Bond Rating and Sale: Mid-State's bond rating remained at Aa1. Review of the Parameter Sale on January 12 was provided. Details were reviewed and discussed by the Finance & Infrastructure Committee.
- C. Budget Development Calendar for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: The FY27 Budget Calendar was reviewed in detail by the Finance & Infrastructure Committee and reviewed in summary by the Board. Items of note included not hosting a special meeting to review the upcoming budget but rather using a committee meeting. Public Hearing and possible adoption of the budget will be held in June.
- D. Energy Usage Report: The college's annual energy usage report was reviewed and discussed. Costs have increased largely over the last year due to weather and increases in utilities. Included in the discussion were proactive cost control measures that are underway.
- E. Advisory Committees: An update regarding Advisory Committee renewals and new members for the Schools of Applied Technology, Hospitality and General Education was provided. Nearly 35% of membership in these schools are alumni of Mid-State.
- F. Economic Impact Study: An overview of Mid-State's recent Economic Impact Study was provided, highlighting the value of education and local, regional and state economic impact.

ADJOURN – Charles Spargo

There being no further action or business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Ms. Bruski Mallek, upon a voice vote.

Betty Bruski Mallek, Secretary

Angela R. Susa, Recording Secretary