

**MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, August 17, 2026 Mid-State Technical College District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:53 p.m. by Chairperson C. Spargo. The meeting was held at Mid-State's Wisconsin Rapids Campus.

A. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Betty Bruski Mallek, Ron Rasmussen, Chuck Spargo, Terry Whitmore, and Neebs Young (via Phone at 5:15 p.m.). Board Members Excused: Shawn Becker, Kim Johnson, Rick Merdan and Ryan Zietlow. Others Present: Dr. Shelly Mondeik, Craig Bernstein, Dr. Karen Brzezinski, Jackie Esselman, Anthony Fischer, Logan Hammann, Liberty Heidmann, Andrea Johnson, Carrie Kasubaski, Dr. Mandy Lang, Ben Nusz, Lance Pliml, Joe Pomrening, 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 is open to the public in accordance with State Statute. Notice was provided to the news media and individuals to inform the public of the meeting's time, location, and agenda.

C. Open Forum | Public Comment

Anthony Fischer provided comment to the Board related to his experience as a student in the Nursing Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by B. Bruski Mallek, seconded by T. Whitmore, upon a voice vote, approved July 13, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Rasmussen, seconded by B. Bruski Mallek, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Roll Call Vote

- Aye: B. Bruski Mallek, R. Rasmussen, C. Spargo, T. Whitmore, N. Young

Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Payment of Bills and Payroll: District bills and payroll for July 2026 totaled \$5,668,583.87 of which \$1,741,211.49 represented operational expenditures and \$1,409,990.49 represented capital expenditures. The District's payroll for July 2026 totaled \$1,776,484.23 plus \$739,568.68 for fringe benefits and \$1,328.98 for travel and miscellaneous reimbursements.

- B. Contracted Service Agreements: The District entered into 16 contracted service agreements totaling \$61,652.00.

Table 1: Contracted Services including Contract Number and Amount

Contract Number	Contracted Service	Contract Amount
147506	Teen Leadership	\$6,125.00
147507	Leadership, Goals, KPI's	\$810.00
147535	Tech Assist -Building your Leadership	\$323.00
147536	Fire Extinguisher & Live Fire	\$2,990.00
147537	Supervisory Training	\$8,080.00
147538	TA-FANUC Crx Cobot Set Up	\$5,420.00
147539	Fall Protection	\$1,580.00
147540	Leadership Development	\$10,370.00

Contract Number	Contracted Service	Contract Amount
147541	Team Building and Problem	\$10,370.00
147542	SERT Training	\$3,624.00
147544	Negotiation Skills	\$750.00
147545	Surveying-Construction	\$4,900.00
147546	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$2,520.00
147547	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$1,230.00
147548	Confined Space Rescue	\$1,280.00
147549	Confined Space Rescue	\$1,280.00

C. Procurements for Goods and Services:

- There were no procurements which required board approval.

REPORTS

Chairperson's Report:

- C. Spargo welcomed the group. S. Becker, K. Johnson, R. Merdan and R. Zietlow asked to be excused.
- Fall District Boards Association meeting will be held Thursday, October 8 – Saturday, October 10 at Moraine Park Technical College or virtually. Those interested in attending should indicate so. At the September Board meeting, DBA legislative issues was requested to be included on the agenda.
- Next meeting will be September 21 at the AMETA Center. Finance & Infrastructure Committee will meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. and Committee-of-the-Whole at 4:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

College President's Report:

- Dr. Mondeik recognized college retiree Joe Pomrening for his upcoming retirement. Joe provided comment to the Board.
- Dr. Mondeik highlighted campus activities, including Cougar Cage coordinated by the Grants Team, Mid-State Night at the Rafters (employee picnic) and College-Wide In-Service.
- Recent community involvement includes receiving a \$5 million dollar grant to support the manufacturing industry, a move from Anthology to Ellucian, meeting with Portage County Executive Eric Olson to discuss Mid-State, hearing John Maxwell speak and planning for ribbon cuttings at the Adams Campus and Dental Clinic.
- The WTCS Board and Presidents Association will meet in Milwaukee on September 1-2.
- Dr. Mondeik introduced Andrea Johnson, who will resume the role of Vice President, Human Resources & Organizational Development upon departure of Dr. Karen Brzezinski. Ms. Johnson provided some background to the Board.

Financial Report:

- FY26 Financial Report: provided with no questions or concerns
- FY27 Financial Report: provided with no questions or concerns

ACTION ITEM(S)

- Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Land for the Future Expansion of the Stevens Point Downtown Campus: Mid-State is seeking to acquire property adjacent to the Stevens Point Downtown Campus to support the College's long-term growth and preserve options for future educational and workforce needs. Owned by the City of Stevens Point, purchase of the property is included in the approved capital budget and is subject to approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.

Motion by R. Rasmussen, seconded by B. Bruski Mallek, to approve the following Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of land for the Future Expansion of the Stevens Point Downtown Campus:

Roll Call Vote

- Aye: B. Bruski Mallek, R. Rasmussen, C. Spargo, T. Whitmore, N. Young

Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, Mid-State Technical College is committed to providing high-quality education and workforce training that meets the evolving needs of the communities and employers within the District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stevens Point has offered to sell certain land contiguous to the College's Stevens Point Downtown Campus, providing a unique opportunity to support the orderly growth and future expansion of the campus; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the land will preserve opportunities for future educational facilities, workforce development initiatives, and strategic partnerships while supporting the College's long-term campus planning efforts, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of contiguous land represents prudent stewardship of public resources by preserving future development opportunities and avoiding the need to acquire less suitable or more costly property in the future

WHEREAS the purchase price of the property is Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$256,567), and funding for the acquisition has been included in the College's approved capital budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mid-State Technical College District Board authorizes the acquisition of the land and improvements located at 1101 Centerpoint Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 from the City of Stevens Point for the purchase price of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$256,567), such authorization being conditioned upon approval of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mid-State Technical College District Board authorizes the President, or designee, to execute and deliver all agreements and documents necessary to complete the purchase of the above-described property.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- A. Outcomes Based Funding: An overview of Mid-State's Outcomes Based Funding selection and results was shared. Looking ahead, the college received funds greater than last year.
- B. Access Points: A recent evaluation of college access points was highlighted for the Board. This included staff, welcoming centers, digital points and a plan to improve future experience for students.

ADJOURN

There being no further action or business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. on a motion by T. Whitmore, seconded by B. Bruski Mallek, upon a voice vote.

Betty Bruski Mallek, Secretary

Angela Susa, Recording Secretary