UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A
(Rule 14A-101)

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.   )**

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o Preliminary Proxy Statement
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THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

N/A
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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 08, 2020

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: April 09, 2020
Date: June 08, 2020   **Time:** 10:30 AM CDT
Location: Taylor Company
750 N. Blackhawk Blvd.
Rockton, IL 61072

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE
ELGIN, IL 60120

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You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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— Before You Vote —
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement   2. 10-K/Annual Report

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ➡ | xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx | (located on the following page) and visit: *www.proxyvote.com.*

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

         1) *BY INTERNET*:   www.proxyvote.com

         2) *BY TELEPHONE*:   1-800-579-1639

         3) *BY E-MAIL**:   sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will **NOT** be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 25, 2020 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com.* Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ➡ | xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx | available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote
FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

   Nominees

   01 Sarah Palisi Chapin   02 Timothy J. FitzGerald   03 Cathy L. McCarthy   04 John R. Miller III   05 Robert A. Nerbonne
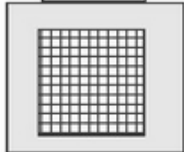   06 Gordon O'Brien   07 Nassem Ziyad

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3:

2. Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for the current fiscal year ending January 2, 2021;

3. Approval, by an advisory vote, of the 2019 compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC");
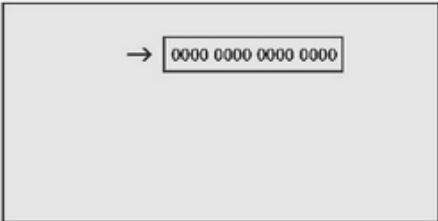
NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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