

**MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
January 15, 2009**

I. REGULAR MEETING

- A. Meeting called to Order: by Chairman de Vera at 5:38 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chairman de Vera, Trustee Herrold, Trustee McCarthy, Trustee Pipal, Trustee Carroll and PTO President Susan Madsen were present.

Chairman de Vera entertained a motion to recess into Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. for the purpose authorized in Section 67-2345 (1) (a) Idaho Code to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent and as in Section 6745 (1) (c) Idaho Code to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. A motion was made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Pipal. Motion passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Carroll to recess into Question and Answer session which was seconded by Trustee Pipal. Motion passed 5-0.

II. QUESTION & ANSWER/CONCERN SESSION

Kreizenbeck Constructors gave North Star an update on the construction project. Areas A and B are completed and area C is what is left. Construction is on schedule.

III. MEETING PRELIMINARIES

Roll Call: Chairman de Vera, Trustee Herrold, Trustee McCarthy, Trustee Pipal, Trustee Carroll, and Ex-Officio Susan Madsen were present.

- A. Approval of Agenda: Chairman de Vera requested a motion to amend the agenda by adding another executive session after the consent agenda is approved and to move the approval of the construction loan after the end of the second executive session. Trustee Carroll motioned to approve the amended agenda. Trustee McCarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- B. Approval of Minutes: Chairman de Vera requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for 12-18-08 and 1-05-09. Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the 12-18-08 and 1-05-09 minutes which was seconded by Trustee Walton. Motion passed 6-0. (Trustee Walton came in at 6:30 p.m.)

Persons wishing to speak to an Agenda Item: None

Persons wishing to speak to a Non-Agenda Item: None

IV. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Board Approval of Construction Draw Request: An update from Kreizenbeck was given earlier in the Question/Answer session of the meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Library Policy Recommendations: Vice Principal Wold presented the Library Policy Recommendations. Vice Principal Wold stated that she felt the policy is very well written and was based off of Meridian School District's policy and Bishop Kelly's policy. Trustee Madsen inquired about the timeframe for challenging a book, once a book has been challenged, it cannot be challenged again for one full year. There is full opportunity given to challenge any part of the book during the challenge period. This rule is needed to prevent a book from being continually challenged and burdening the board with several challenges for one book. Trustee McCarthy wrote the Meridian School District's policy and the process worked very well and was very fair. Trustee Carroll motioned to approve the Library Policies. The motion was seconded by Trustee Herrold. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- A. Financial Dashboard: Trustee Wiskerchen was absent at this meeting, so the clerk, Ellen Bates gave the report. North Star is expecting a state payment in February. Accounts Payable was lower in December because of the Christmas holiday. There was a transfer of \$21,000.00 to the savings account to avoid account fees. The dashboard for the construction costs is being updated.
- B. Principal's Report: Principal Smith stated that the school is working on aligning the curriculum with all subjects. Writing and science meetings are scheduled for this spring. New teachers for next fall will also be attending these meetings. There have been several school tours lately. There has been very positive feedback from new parents. Coffee at North Star has been a success with potential parents and new parents. Enrollment numbers are up this month, from 559 in December to 666 in January. 7th and 8th grade basketball is starting with Mr. Whitt as the coach.
- C. PTO Report: Trustee Madsen stated that the scrip program has slowed down since the holiday season is over. More advertising for the scrip program needs to be done at the high school.

- D. Technology Report: Trustee Pipal stated that has been pretty quiet in the technology department. Bid packages for technology in the new school will be ready to review at the next board meeting.
- E. Process and Procedure Manual Update: Trustee Walton stated that it is being worked on. Chairman deVera stated that process and procedure needs to be discussed at the next work session with the board.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

The Governing Board reviewed the enclosures under the consent agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda part A for accounts payable for the month of December, 2008 in the amount of \$111,717.90 and part B for Financial Reports was made by Trustee Pipal and seconded by Trustee Herrold. Motion carried 6-0. Part C of the consent agenda was not approved.

Chairman de Vera entertained a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose authorized in Section 67-2345 (1) (c), Idaho Code to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. A motion was made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Pipal. Motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Carroll to recess into public session which was seconded by Trustee Walton. Motion passed 6-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- B. Approval of the resolution for bond offering: To be managed by Wachovia Services. A motion was made by Trustee Pipal to approve the resolution bond offering and the motion was seconded by Trustee Walton. Motion passed 6-0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman de Vera asked for a motion for adjournment. After a full and complete discussion, upon motion made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Pipal, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. with all members voting aye.

The above minutes represent a true and accurate summary of this meeting.

Chairman

Clerk

