

## Minutes

North Star Charter School

Governing Board

Special Meeting

March 12, 2020

Board was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Russell. Roll call was taken with Directors Russell, Dukelow, Forman, Balch, Dumas and Silver were present. Director Lloyd was absent.

**Motion to approve the agenda by Director Dukelow. Seconded by Director Balch. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.**

### BOARD BUSINESS

#### Update on SDE/Ybarra call

NSAT had a conference call with Ybarra, who stated that the Board of Trustees would make the decision for school closure. Notes of the call are in the agenda packet.

#### Principal Readiness Reports

Teachers are being asked to prepare for remote classes/ packets and textbooks in the secondary level. Most important is to help the IB track not be disrupted. Google classroom will be used to facilitate remote learning for each class. Secondary is on track for planning. Davis stated that the plan in Elementary is difficult and that she and her staff are working out a plan. They will be teaching to the best of their ability.

#### Attendance and Quarantine Policy

The State Department of Education encourages flexibility on attendance.

North Star Charter has policy regarding communicable sickness, however, the policy does not address Second-hand contact. This concern prompted the Board to discuss what triggers would lead to a school closure. As a result of the discussion the following circumstances would require another meeting by the Board to vote on school closure.

These triggers are:

- We have a direct COVID-19 case with a student or staff
- We have a significant COVID-19 Second-hand contact with our student(s) or staff that could pose a safety risk
- Closure direction from the Governor or SDE
- Pushback by parent or other when the administration has asked that a student not be on campus for COVID-19 reasons
- If there is an identified safety risk where we feel the need to error on the side of caution

- West Ada or other nearby school closures

Through advisement from the Board the Administration will ask that all parents, outside contractors and volunteers not enter the building until further notice.

#### Board Recommendations for Gatherings/Events

**Motion to cancel all gatherings/events/fieldtrips and athletics until further notice by Chairman Russell. Seconded by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.**

Discussion: The Board discussed the student experiences some are off site and others would be a guest speaker at the school. For the safety of the students all experiences should be cancelled.

#### Communications Plan for Stakeholders

An email has been drafted to send to parents regarding the future decisions about school closure, change in gatherings, and other events including athletic events.

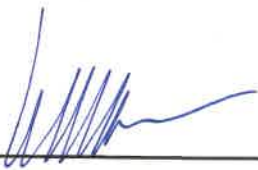
The Board stated that the writing of the letter to the parents is not a board function. NSAT will take the responsibility to write their letters to communicate with the parents.

#### Educational Plan/Expectations

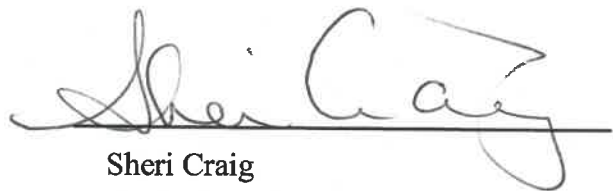
The administration questioned the role of the Board regarding remote planning. Does the Board need to see the plans for remote learning? The Board will not need to see the plans for the day to day business of planning remote lessons.

**Motion to adjourn by director Dukelow. Seconded by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.



William Russell  
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig  
Clerk of the Board