MINUTES
NORTH STAR
GOVERNING BOARD
MAY 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm by Chairman Balch. Roll Call was then taken by the Clerk and all Directors, Balch, Dukelow, Dumas, Forman, Russell and Silver, were in attendance.

A change in the Agenda was required before the approval of the Agenda. Social Distancing Committee discussion and action will be added as item E in the Board Business.

Motion to add the change to the Agenda by Director Russell. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the Agenda as so amended by Director Forman. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

**High School Graduation** 

Melissa Andersen proposed changes and additions to reflect the current restrictions to do COVID-19 Guidelines so that the Seniors could have a High School Graduation, which is an important event in the students' lives. The proposal (full proposal in the Agenda Documentation) showed the plan from arriving in the car and then leaving after the ceremony with Social Distancing being honored throughout the entire ceremony. There will be limits to the number of guests for each student and the number of faculty attending. The proposal included provisions for inside ceremony or an outside ceremony.

The Board has requested that the ceremony be held outside and that all students will be seated with their 2 guests. All guests will be seated by staff at appropriate distances from other guests.

Motion to approve Melissa's graduation plan as discussed by the board by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

## **Summer Tutoring**

The teachers requesting the use of the building for Summer Tutoring have revamped their proposal to meet the requirements of the board and the current health/social distancing requirements by the State. Krystal Ellis and Lisa Holt presented their adjusted proposal and answered questions from the board. Adjustments that they have made include: lengthening the

time between the sessions to allow for more time to disinfect the rooms and allow all students to leave the premises before the next session. Students will come through the doors one by one. Outside will be marked with spots for the students to wait for their rides. Restrooms will be closed except for emergencies. Playground will be off limits. Those students found not following the rules will be dismissed from the session.

Motion to approve summer school as provided in the documentation and discussion by the Board by Director Dumas. Second by Director Forman. All in favor. Motion passes. Director Russell abstains from voting.

The Board asked that Joe Borton, legal counsel, write a waiver/release for all parents/students to sign before starting summer tutoring.

Kindergarten Graduation (Documentation included in the Agenda packet)

Kindergarten Graduation is an important event traditionally held each year with each teacher and the families of their students. Shay Davis is recommending that this event occur with modifications for the usual program. Keeping Social Distancing in mind the Graduation ceremony will be a small parade for each class.

Motion to approve the Kindergarten Graduation as stated in documentation by Director Dukelow. Second by Director Forman. All in favor. Motion passes.

Kindergarten Screening (Documentation included in the Agenda packet)

Screening of potential Kindergartners helps with placement of students in the different classes. There are 84 potential Kindergartners with 40 being Full-Day. The process is being altered to meet social distancing guidelines and will be a shorter process than previous years. Veritas, the cleaning contractors, will be in before the meetings and then afterwards to clean and disinfect the rooms. Families will be escorted to the teachers' doors. Zoom Teleconferences will also be an option. The teachers would be willing to have the screening outside to limit contact within the school.

Motion to proceed with the screening process as out laid for all students by Director Dukelow. Second by Director Forman. All in favor. Motion passes.

Added item E Social Distancing Committee

Chairman Balch requests that a Social Distancing Committee be formed with at least 1 NSAT, Parent representation, a Board Member and staff from each Elementary and Secondary teachers. This committee will be studying up on all topics and will make recommendations to the Board.

Motion to create the Social Distancing Committee by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

Executive Session was NOT held during this meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Director Russell. Second by Director Dukelow. All in favor. Motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 1 pm.

Jenna Balch

Chairman of the Board

Sheri Craig

Sheri Craig Clerk of the Board