

MINUTES
NORTH STAR
GOVERNING BOARD
AUGUST 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Madam Chair Balch. Roll Call was taken with all Directors being present on the Zoom Teleconference call.

Before the Agenda was approved the following changes were presented to the Board. Item C-Learning Management Systems will be removed and no action taken. Added to the Agenda as item E-Supplemental Contracts.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

School Opening Plans

At the last meeting the Board ended with discussion of CDH recommendation. A survey to parents was sent out outlining the Plans to start the 2020-2021 school year as either in Hybrid or Remote Learning. The Elementary received 274 responses. Secondary received 268 responses. The Board members will be receiving the feedbacks for their review. There is a strong sense of families planning on returning to NS with either the Hybrid or Remote plans. The Remote option will be for all students in both Elementary and Secondary. Balch gives great praise and appreciation to the Administration and their Teachers for all their hard work to prepare these plans. Balch proposes that the school open in Hybrid and allow all students to have Remote Learning if needed. Hybrid will have only ½ of the student body in the building during specific times of the day.

Secondary has appointed one teacher to be the Facilitator for students working online. Elementary is also looking to hire a Facilitator to work with teachers, students and parents with the Remote Learning process.

Shay Davis recommends that students be in school as much as possible. Accommodations would be made for teachers to Zoom into their classrooms due to health restrictions.

After deliberating on a new start date, September 2, 2020 was chosen.

Motion to approve the start date be changed to September 2, 2020 by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion to approve that North Star plans to return to school in Hybrid mode on Sept. 2, 2020 while offering a remote option for anyone choosing to do so by Director Young. Second by Director Broadbent. Vote taken: Balch-yes, Silver- yes, Dumas-yes, Young- yes, Elledge-yes, Broadbent-yes, Forman- no

By majority, motion passes.

The Board has requested that a limit of 18 students be set for the number of students allowed in a room with Kindergarten being addressed separately.

The Board will look to the Principals on setting a deadline for signing up for either in-school learning or remote learning.

The Board established that a student choosing to do Remote Learning through the NS system will still be considered a North Star Student.

Ada county requires that all students and teachers will wear a face covering while in the classrooms. The teachers can remove masks for instruction if they have 10 feet clearance. Board agrees that North Star will adhere to this requirement with no flexibility.

Policies and Procedures

Due to changes by the CDC and CDH Madam Chair Balch approved changes to the Policy and Procedures to reflect that a person fever-free for 72 hours be changed to fever-free for 24 hours.

Motion to ratify the approval by Madam Chair Balch of this change in the Policies and Procedures by Director Silver. Second by Director Elledge. All in favor. Motion passes.

School Calendar Change

Changes will be brought to the Board at another Board Meeting.

Supplemental Contracts

Eric recommends that contracts be issued to teachers and paras so that they will be paid for their time in preparing the upcoming school year. North Star has received additional funding which should cover this cost.

Eric has request that the Principals be compensated for the hours worked in July when they are not under contract to work during this month.

Motion to approve the supplemental contracts as proposed by Eric Dickelman by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor, motion passes.

Note: Director Young is no longer on the call for the remainder of the meeting.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Shay Davis reports about the grant received by North Star to help with the Learning Management Systems. This system will help with the remote learning and helping teachers, students and parents understand how to use the program.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the Middle School teachers are starting their time at school and working on room prep for the upcoming year.

Melissa Andersen also spoke to the High School teachers coming and prepping their rooms. She is still working to hire for those positions which are currently open.

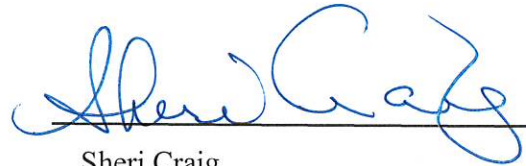
Shay Davis gave a special shout out to the hard work her Elementary teachers are giving to make Remote Learning for K-5 work.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Director Dumas. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 1:23 pm.



Jenna Balch
Madam Chair



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board