

MINUTES
NORTH STAR
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Madam Chair Balch at 6:04 pm. Roll call was taken with Directors Broadbent, Balch, Dumas, Elledge, Forman, and Young in attendance. Director Silver absent.

Before the approval of the Agenda, Madam Chair Balch added item D, Updated Procedures, to the Board Business section.

Motion to approve the agenda with changes presented by Director Forman. Second by Director Elledge. All in favor, motion passes.

Board Business

Balch gives praise to the Administration and Teachers for all the efforts to have the school ready to start on September 2, 2020.

The principals were asked to report on the readiness of the school:

Melissa Andersen reported that Secondary has divided the 6-12 grades into Team Blue and Team Green. They will be attending every other day with 8 45-minute classes. The Remote Learning has 85 of 490 students. The lower class room sizes will help to maintain social distancing. Remote Learning also brought more part-time teachers and one teacher, Jenny Johnson, will be the Remote Coordinator and will work closely with the students to help create study groups, homework check-ins and Power School checks.

Will Bogdanoff added to the report regarding the Staff receiving training on new programs such as iLearning and Otus.

Shay Davis reported that 75 of 525 students will be going to Remote Learning. She reported that parents are grateful for the additional option. Elementary has partnered with IDLA for their remote program. Laiena Leatherman will act as the Director with Jensa Anderson helping her.

Classrooms will be running in Hybrid mode with an AM Team and PM Team, lending to a more focus and intentional learning experience. The Kindergarten classes have been capped at 18 whereas the other grades will have less than 14 in each class.

Madam Chair Balch reviewed the different models for the coming year with a Full traditional model, Modify Traditional, Hybrid and Full Remote Learning. The board will continue monitoring CDH, other schools, face covering compliance and exemptions to determine North Star course of action throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to comply with the restrictions and follow the school guidelines and policy regarding health and safety of students and staff. North Star Staff is taking the restrictions seriously.

School Calendars Revision

The calendars have been updated to reflect the changes of a later start and end date.

Motion to approve the modify calendars as presented by Director Dumas. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

After School Programs and Third Party Facility Use (Discussion)

No motions or votes were made regarding this discussion.

The Board has not restricted any after school programs or third party facility use at this time. The Board will continue to rely on the discretion of the Administration regarding after school programs. If a need arises, the Board will call a Special Meeting.

Staff and Procedures

Motion to approve the updated procedures to include 1day/24 hour by Director Forman. Second by Director Broadbent. All in favor, motion passes.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

School Report

Melissa reported that the IB scores have come in and the students passed their tests. Three students even earned a score of 7 which is the highest possible score. There was a 94% pass rate for the IB diploma. The Junior class is strong with 45 students, adding new classes to the High School Business Program.

Shay Davis spoke to the gearing up for Hybrid and Remote Learning. There have been a few new staff members to the Elementary team.

Finance Update

Power point was provided for the Board members and is included in the Agenda packet.

Yearend adjustments are underway consequently the June and July financials will be postponed.

No motion or vote taken at this time.

On schedule for the audit. Secondary enrollment is looking good. Full-Day Kinder is being watched carefully with the Hybrid model, there are 33 enrolled in the Full-Day program.

COVID Funding; Funding has been found in different areas and will be used according to the guidelines and restrictions to the funding.

Fall sports are moving forward with Volleyball and Cross Country. An Assistant Athletic Director has been hired to help.

Brown Bus Transportation Renewal Contract

Brown Bus would like a contractual clause that would allow Brown Bus to be paid in the event that we move to full remote learning of 50% to a maximum of \$125,000. Brown Bus has agreed to accept \$20,000 for the period of time in the 2019-2020 school year when North Star was closed due to COVID shut down.

Motion to approve the Brown Bus Renewal Contract by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor, motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Director Dumas. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

Executive Session was not held.

Motion to adjourn by Director Elledge. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor, motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 7:35 pm.


Jenna Balch (Sep 21, 2020 12:59 MDT)

Jenna Balch
Madam Chair of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board






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