

MINUTES  
NORTH STAR CHARTER  
GOVERNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2021

Madam Chair Balch called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. All Directors were present for the Roll Call.

Madam Chair Balch modified the agenda to remove Executive Session, unnecessary for this meeting. Proposes a swap between item A Operating School Plans and item B Board Application Review, to allow the Secondary Administration time to join the meeting.

**Motion to approve the agenda with the changes as stated by Director Forman. Second by Director Elledge. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

BOARD BUSINESS

Review Board Applications

*All approved applications are included in the agenda packet*

This election has seen a record high in nominations and the number of applications turned in. Applications were due by Midnight on April 12, 2021 as such two applicants were not eligible for review due to lateness or incomplete application. The election will proceed with the following:

Seat 4: Jenna Balch-Incumbent, Maria Sirucek-Candidate, Bryan Wheeler-Candidate

Seat 6: Dave Dumas-Incumbent, Katie Rosanbalm-Candidate, Michael Smith-Candidate, Molly Strauss-Candidate

The applications will be posted on the website and out in the front foyer of Elementary with the election on May 5-10, 2021.

OPERATING SCHOOL PLANS

Volunteer Mask Policy

The Board is pleased that both Elementary and Secondary have been able to continue with everyone in the building. There are a few more positive cases at North Star and Ada County is stage Yellow.

Volunteer Mask Policy- In the current Yellow condition volunteers are not allowed at the school, however, with the numbers being low in the community there is a request to allow volunteers to be present for specific activity/events. The current policy allows students and staff to remove their masks while outside for recess. Board recommends that volunteers outside should follow the same protocols as students and staff. Board recommends that a limit be set for the number of volunteers at each activity/event and they should maintain social distancing with staff and students. Inside guidelines for guests in the building would follow the same practice as students and staff with masks worn inside. Limit guest visit to 15 minutes and maintain six-foot distancing when presenting to classes.

Board requests that the administration give an outline of procedures for the different events for approval by Madam Chair Balch.

**Motion to approve to allow volunteers to be unmasked outside following the teacher/student protocol and for indoor guest allowed for 15-minute visit and following standard procedures in**

**the classroom by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

#### High School Prom

Seniors are requesting approval to hold a High School Prom. Melissa Andersen and a student have been working on a plan. The plan would include an outside venue, limiting the number to 50 students, prepackaged food, and masks worn during slow dances. Due to cost restraints, they would like to use the North Star outdoor classroom. The plan is to give seniors priority to ticket sales and then juniors. The students would like permission to have non-North Star students allowed as guests. Proposed date: May 15, 2021.

**Motion to approve a High School prom as described with non-North Star students allowed, with the students presenting a plan for Madam Chair's approval by Director Forman. Second by Director Silver. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to amend the agenda to add High School Graduation to item C by Director Dumas. Second by Director Elledge. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

Administration is requesting approval to proceed with making plans for High School graduation proposed date June 1, 2021. Board agrees that there should still be a limit to the number of overall guests, social distancing between guest groups and the event held outside, if possible. Board would allow the Administration to decide on the limit for guests, knowing the different dynamics of each senior family.

**Motion to approve an outside graduation per the guidelines discussed by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

#### Athletic Department Issue

The Athletic Directors resolved the issue with IHSA before the board meeting. No discussion or vote taken.

#### Administration Evaluations

Madam Chair requests that these evaluations be completed by the end of the first week in May. Director Dumas and Young volunteered to meet with each Administration and conduct the evaluation.

As per previous years, Melissa Andersen and Shay Davis will conduct the evaluation for the Vice Principals Will Bogdanoff and Laiena Leatherman, with input from Madam Chair Balch.

### CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

#### School Report

High School is in full swing with everyone being in the building. High School has more students this year than in years past. Those students that were struggling with the modify hybrid plan are making great strides of improvement. Juniors took the SAT, Golf is under way and a few players will likely make their way to State Finals. The Baseball team is undefeated and having a great season. Tonight was the second Information night for Secondary. The administration decided to hold these information nights after the Lottery and feel this has been a great success with being able to meet new students and

their parents. The IB Art Exhibit is coming, date to be determined. Board members are invited to come and enjoy the exhibit.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the Middle School kids are happy to be back. The staff has enjoyed watching the student mesh back together after a long separation. The teachers report they enjoy the larger classes and time seems to move quicker. Also reported, that the teachers appreciate having Monday as a remote day to focus on the remote students and students that need extra help. ISATs are coming up in May.

Shay Davis reported that the Elementary is wrapping up State testing. Everyone is working on helping the students be successful through the data gathered from Benchmarks and testing results. The Leadership team has been re-engaged and are looking at ways to help school moral and energize the teachers during the next few weeks. Elementary administration is starting the budgeting process for next year, requesting teachers input as to what are curriculum needs for next year.

The Board voiced their appreciation for all that the Administration and Staff have done this year.

#### Finance Update

*Documentation is included in the agenda packet*

Eric Dickelman reported that the school is on track with cash looking good. North Star may be in alignment for additional funding; 20% dedicated to fix, solve, treat loss of learning, 80% can be discretionary related to COVID loss of learning and our facility. If we get this money, will want to make certain we spend according to the guidelines.

IT systems since upgrade and contract change are going well. Received a shipment of laptops for teachers who had the oldest laptops. COVID money used to help with Technology needs. Secondary is looking to hire a technology teacher.

Fundraising: Shay Davis and Eric Dickelman met with the current PTO to discuss their roll in fundraising for the school. The PTO is looking for help with improving their organization, setting goals and restating their mission.

Transportation: Currently Brown Bus is running eight busses with approximately 80 riders for Secondary and approximately 235 rider for Elementary. North Star pays Brown Bus between \$45-48,000 per month. Sixty-five percent funded through the State and the remainder bill paid by North Star.

No action needed for this financial report.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion to approve the consent agenda by Director Forman. Second by Director Young. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to adjourn by Director Young. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

The Board adjourned at 7:42 pm.

  
Jenna Balch (May 25, 2021 09:39 MDT)

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Madam Chair of the Board

  
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Clerk of the Board






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