

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2021

Madam Chair Balch called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Roll Call taken with Directors Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, Forman and Young in attendance. Director Silver joined the meeting at 6:12 pm. Modification of the Agenda due to Elementary Administration wrapping up their Kinder Night, therefore, Executive Session will be moved to the end of the meeting and Operating School Plans (item A) will be moved after Substitute Pay Rates (item D).

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

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The annual Board elections held on May 5-10, 2021 with 1172 ballots sent out to all stakeholders. There were 220 votes recorded with four abstentions. The results of the Election verified by Victor Villegas, Election Commissioner. Director Balch (51.6%) and Director Dumas (37.70%) will remain on the board. The Board asked how we could encourage more Stakeholders to participate in the election process. A topic for future discussion.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Due to the changes from the CDC/CDH regarding gatherings and mask mandates, the Board feels that the time to return to the building for in-person meetings is here. There will not be an option to zoom in-person meetings.

The next Board meeting scheduled for June 17, 2021 at North Star Charter School.

SUBSTITUTE PAY RATES

No action taken. Eric Dickelman is recommending that the board consider making an additional pay rate increase for substitutes. The sub pay rate was increased earlier this year, which helped to make North Star more competitive with West Ada School District. Eric Dickelman proposes that the Board consider changes to policy regarding Long-Term Subs in September.

OPERATING SCHOOL PLANS

Recommendation information included in the agenda packet

The CDC/CDH came out with a recommendation regarding masks however, there was a misunderstanding; the recommendation for no masks is for fully vaccinated individuals. The recommendation for schools includes masks for all staff; students masked and remain 3 feet apart in the classroom. If transmissions becomes elevated, then recommended 6 feet apart for High

School students. A student exposed can attend classes, but not attend any sporting events or other after school activities.

The current guidelines include different grades and classes not interacting during outside recesses with designated playground areas assigned to each class. Due to the new recommendations, the pod-ing and separate recesses could be modified for the remainder of the school year. Removing masks in the classroom, makes contact tracing more difficult and could result in whole class quarantine, if needed. The board's discussion led to a proposal that restrictions be removed from recess, elementary classrooms not be podded and then modify the quarantine guidelines according to the current recommendations from the CDC/CDH.

Motion to remove pod-ing/zoning at recess by Director Silver. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to allow teachers to remove pod-ing as it aligns to the CDC/CDH guidelines inside the classrooms and modify policy to match the recommendation of the CDC/CDH by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Elledge. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

SCHOOL REPORT

Melissa Andersen reports that North Star High School ranked #1 in Idaho, improving NS rank of #2 the previous years. Ranking based on IB/AP exams and the results of those exams. Discussion included how to share information not only with the North Star Community, but also with the outside community. Andersen voiced her appreciation that the Board is interested in the education programs for North Star. Director Young would like to see the Academic Excellence Committee be more active in the future. Andersen also reported on Prom happening on Saturday and that CAS presentations were this week, with parents and students taking part in the presentation. ** Invite Board Members to attend CAS next year. **

Will Bogdanoff reports working on schedules for next year. Middle School is finishing ISATs, which will help with building the cohorts for next year. Looking at the results, North Star is above the State levels. Bogdanoff is working with a committee to launch a plan based on a book, Launch and the Graduate profile presented two years ago. Board would like to see more about the plan, and how this will look for the school.

Shay Davis reported about the Kinder Night Orientation and the thrill seeing the new Kinders coming next year. There was a large turnout of Full-Day Kindergarten parents with their student(s) to meet the teachers, Elementary Administration and take a tour of the school. Davis spoke to the misconception that NS is not able to serve all students. She reported that North Star Wrapping up testing, results are looking well. In preparation, tests were moved to the classroom with familiar faces being the proctors, the teachers put up signs of encouragement on the walls. Felt these preparations helped the students be more successful on their tests. PTO is hosting the Splash into Summer school event, more information to come. Wagon's Ho was this week with both 4th and 5th grade attending the presentation.

FINANCE UPDATE

Information included in the packet

Director Silver left meeting at 7:16 pm.

Eric Dickelman gave a brief update on the status of the School budget. NS has received COVID money, insurance received for HVAC and Fence claims, replaced the HVAC unit that had failed; due to the type of grants being given the types of spending will need to be closely watched by accounting. Full-Day Kindergarten rate will increase to \$295. Areas of consideration include athletics pay to play, coaches' pay, concession revenues, possible increase in referee pay. Looking at adding a full-time Athletic Director.

Dickelman presented a plan for summer capital projects. Board would need to give approval for larger items that are not included in the budget. Question about using the PPP Loan to fund these renovations, or setting up fundraiser for help with the gym/locker improvements. The PPP loan has been forgiven and there are no restrictions in how North Star uses the funds. The Finance Committee will need to meet to discuss the future investing of the PPP reserve.

June Board meeting will be the Budget Hearing for the proposed 2021-2022 Budget.

2021 SUMMER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Gym Floor Refinishing/Restriping	\$7,500
<u>Misc. Facilities Re-Arrangement</u>	
Adding ceiling in Multi-Purpose Room	
Creation of HS meeting Area-The Den	
Adding Electrical to outdoor classroom	\$85,000
Adding HS charge/work stations	
Adding Teacher workstations	
Room re-arrangements	
Gym Bleacher/Net Repair	\$2,000
<u>Furniture & Fixtures</u>	
Café/Bistro Table- The Den	\$1,500
High back chairs HS charging stations	\$1,500
Gym Lock room Benches	\$500
Misc. Chairs/Tables	\$1,000
Rewiring HS Tech Lab	\$3,500
Playground Striping	\$1,000
Roof Maintenance and Repair	\$5,000
Misc. Painting and other	\$3,000
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TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$111,500

Motion to approve the improvement of the multipurpose room and refinish/restripe the gym floor in the amount of \$50,000, the funding to be at the discretion of Eric and NSAT, with the understanding if more funding is needed Eric will return to the Board for approval by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Forman. Vote taken, Director Young-Abstains, motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Director Elledge. Second by Director Forman. Vote take, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Director Young. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken:

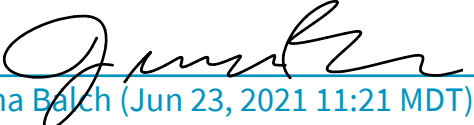
Balch-yes, Dumas-yes, Broadbent-yes, Elledge-yes, Forman-yes, Young-yes, Silver-absent

Executive Session started at 8:27 pm

Motion to leave Executive Session by Director Forman. Second by Director Young at 8:36 pm.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:38 pm.


Jenna Balch (Jun 23, 2021 11:21 MDT)

Jenna Balch
Madam Chair of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board






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