

**MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
January 23, 2014**

SPECIAL MEETING

- A. Meeting called to order: by Chairman Miller at 6:41 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chairman Miller, Trustee Russell, Trustee Tiel, Trustee Dukelow, Trustee Hullinger and Trustee Ledesma were present. Trustee Elizarraras was also present.
- C. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Miller asked for approval of agenda. Trustee Ledesma moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Meeting with MSD & SDE re: LEA Status: Chairman Miller met with Dr. Clark and Michelle Clement-Taylor to review LEA process and status. Discussed getting approval from MSD on NSCS resolution to become our own LEA (passed by NSCS board in December). MSD to send a letter to State confirming MSD Board approval of NSCS resolution. A letter is needed from NSCS to the State, requesting to start the process of becoming our own LEA. Chairman Miller to proceed with getting this letter to State by February 1, 2014.
- B. Performance Certificate: MSD prefers to delay the start of this process in order to see if NSCS becomes its own LEA, which would then eliminate the need for MSD to participate in developing NSCS' Performance Certificate. If successful with LEA, NSCS would use the State Charter Commission's template and work with them on the Performance Certificate. Expect NSCS to begin work on PC in March/April.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

- A. School Report: Mr. Cantrell reported on the elementary school and general school: Fire drill was successful. Second lock-down drill went much better, more to work on. School will work with Ada County Sheriff to get advice on improvements. Lack of intercom system may be an issue. Using Idaho Security System toolbox as a guideline for taking care of immediate needs. Had 12 families (50 people....K-3 grade) participate in school tour this week. Started formal evaluation on all 24 elementary teachers. Developing administration survey to get feedback from staff. Staff changes-New computer teacher and new Librarian Substitute starting Monday. Ready to propose 2014-15 school calendar to NSAT. RTI going well and ready to present to board fall versus winter scores in the near future. Working with Galileo to

coordinate start and end times for 2014-15 in order to alleviate traffic congestion and safety risk. Bussing route analysis has started for 2014-15 school year.

Ms. Andersen reported on the secondary school: 3 families (2 high school and 1 middle school) participated in tour of school. Beginning RTI process. Visited Compass Charter school, with Mr. Cantrell, to learn about their lottery process. Contacted SDE on Star System Rating and were advised that they cannot grant an extension. Secondary schedule for 2014-15 being developed with help of counselor. Concerns with Math and Spanish. Set date for Parent/administration meeting on scheduling. Teacher evaluations by Spring. The "All-School" Talent show went very well. High School Basketball (girls & boys) is going well with middle school teams starting this week. Addressed Code of Ethics question relative to tutoring. There is no tutoring by NSCS teaching staff of current students in their class that is not offered for free. Mr. Cantrell and Ms. Andersen are to visit the APS school in Utah next week.

B. Marketing Committee Report: Lisa Szentes submitted the report, see attached.

C. PTO Report: Trustee Elizarraras presented, see attached.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Long Term Planning Committee Report: Trustee Russell reported that a stumbling block to the February 28 target date is that the State Legislature will not have funding determined by that date and this is a critical component in the investors' analyses of options. Status is that the investors have received new information from the Consultant with a positive slant. Bondholders are playing with different models/scenarios. Their representative stated that they have identified the bondholder that has the missing \$850,000 in bonds. Also, stated that the bondholders have nothing to gain by stalling the negotiations and they have no interest in owning a closed charter school. It was determined that a Teacher Meeting and Town Hall meeting would be set up to update stakeholders in NSCS of the current progress.

B. Finance Committee Report: George Coburn presented the financial reports for December, see attached. Health Insurance renewal policy presented with no increase. Trustee Tiel move to accept Health Insurance policy as presented. Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Trustee Russell moved to remove the Alarm Contract from Consent Agenda. Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the December 2013 financial report, including the December 2013 check register. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Fundraising Committee Report: Trustee Ledesma presented, see attached.

D. Policy Committee Report: There was no policy report this month.

E. Futures Committee Report: Trustee Dukelow presented vision statement for second reading, see attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Miller entertained a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. for the purpose authorized in Section 67-2345 (1) (a) Idaho Code, to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need; Section 67-2345 (1) (b) Idaho Code, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; and Section 67-2345 (1) (f) Idaho Code, to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Trustee Ledesma moved and Trustee Dukelow seconded the motion to go into executive session. Roll call vote: Chairman Miller—aye; Trustee Russell—aye; Trustee Tiel—aye; Trustee Dukelow—aye; Trustee Hullinger—aye; Trustee Ledesma—aye.

Trustee Tiel moved and Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion to go into public session at 9:36pm. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER

Trustee Russell moved, with regard to Joe Borton's representation as attorney for NSCS, we direct the Chairman to sign retainer agreement in the amount of \$1300 per month. Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miller asked for a motion for adjournment. After a full and complete discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Hullinger and seconded by Trustee Ledesma. The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm with all members voting aye.

The above minutes represent a true and accurate summary of this meeting.

Chairman

Trustee Dukelow

Authored by: Trustee Dukelow