

**MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
March 3, 2014**

SPECIAL MEETING

- A. Meeting called to order: by Chairman Miller at 6:35 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chairman Miller, Trustee Russell, Trustee Tiel, Trustee Dukelow, Trustee Hullinger and Trustee Ledesma were present. Trustee Elizarraras, Joe Borton, Melissa Andersen, Ellen Bates, Ryan Cantrell, George Coburn, Shay Davis and Sheri Drain were also present.
- C. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Miller asked for approval of the amended agenda, moving the consent agenda after the executive session. Trustee Ledesma moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Bond Restructuring Update: Trustee Russell stated there is significant but slow progress; 100% of the bondholders have been identified; bondholders have requested that Carolyn Sharette continue to consult for the next three years. There are going to be tight timelines in order to get this done.
- B. LEA Update: Chairman Miller stated that North Star's board is working with Meridian School District's Board and the Idaho State Department of Education for approval of our request for North Star to become its own LEA; it is on track for approval.
- C. NSCS Charter under State of Idaho Update: Joe Borton stated there is information in the board packet that details the process to be used; final approval from the State of Idaho would be on June 12th; the timeline goes backward from there; a discussion followed. Trustee Dukelow stated the Futures Committee has started to work on revising the charter to support the request to move under the Idaho Public Charter School Commission.
- D. Stakeholder Meeting Update: There will be an employee meeting on March 11th. There will be a stakeholder meeting on March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

- A. School Report: Mr. Cantrell reported the following: the enrollment lottery is approaching and there have been several school tours; NSAT has agreed in principle to hire additional custodial and janitorial support; a new computer teacher has been hired; a new special education assistant has been hired; during fire drills, students

are out of the building in 90 seconds and the drill is finished in four minutes; professional development plans have been discussed for next year; elementary school is starting mini-economic lessons; formal teacher evaluations are being worked on. Mr. Cantrell wanted to thank the Ada County Sheriff's office for all of their support of the school in many different aspects, including traffic.

Ms. Andersen reported the following: WIFI is up and running in all high school rooms; had the first committee meeting with parents regarding the school schedule for next year; she and Mr. Cantrell went to Salt Lake City to visit and tour Carolyn Sharette's schools; Ms. Andersen attended Idaho Leads for the first time; middle school and high school teams went to Dotty Clark ski races; there is a school information night on this Thursday.

There was discussion with regard to publishing the names of the colleges that current and former North Star students have been accepted to; Joe Borton stated that North Star needs to first notify parents by posting on the website that we have an educational right to obtain and share such information.

NSAT is working on the 2014-2015 school calendar with a start date between August 18 and 25th, with school ending on May 29th. A final calendar will be proposed at the next regular board meeting.

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion to approve the following for the alternate path to graduation for Language, with the expectation that additional procedures will be brought forth for Reading and Math. Motion passed 5-0.

North Star Charter School Alternate Path To Graduation-Language

Measure #1: Student must pass his/her IB level English Class with a C or better.

Measure #2: Student must pass his/her TOK (class) Theory of Knowledge with a C or better.

Measure #3: Student must pass their CAS (Community Action Service Project, C or better.

Measure #4: Student must pass their Extended Essay (four thousand words) with a C or better.

Measure #4: Student must meet attendance policy for the school. He/She can not have more than 6 excused absences.

North Star Charter School is an IB World School with an emphasis on economics and business. IB classes begin in the 11th grade and are weighted on a 5pt. scale. The academic rigor, of the course work, ensures that our students are truly dedicated to academic excellence. However, we understand that some students will struggle with test anxiety. The above alternative route to graduation is specifically for this hard working student who struggles with the pressures of test taking, but has completed a very difficult course load demonstrating his/her true ability to perform to state standards.

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

C. PTO Report: Trustee Elizarraras gave the PTO update. A one-time donation to North Star was made to cover the remaining balance of around \$2000 for the MYon reading program; we distributed cash from box top collection of over \$1,000; the book fair is scheduled for March 17th; the Fun Run is scheduled for March 21st and we are hoping to raise money for the carnival; the secondary book fair raised \$350.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report: George Coburn presented the financial reports, see attached. Enrollment is down due to families moving out of the area. Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion to approve the January financial reports, including the January check register. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Fundraising Committee Report: Trustee Ledesma and the Board discussed timing for the next fundraising effort; the Marketing Committee thought the fundraising push should be after the long term financing issues are dealt with and a finance deal is in place.

C. Policy Committee Report: Trustee Tiel, there was no report this month.

D. Futures Committee Report: Trustee Dukelow presented the third and final reading of the vision statement: “North Star Students will mature as confident architects of their future and thrive at every level of their education and careers.” Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Dukelow seconded the motion to adopt the vision statement as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Miller entertained a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:45 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 Russell moved and Trustee Ledesma 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 9:21 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion to approve the request by Employee A to undertake another activity in the afternoons from June 9th thru June 27th with the assumption that duties will be fulfilled as appropriate and in collaboration with other NSAT members. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Dukelow seconded the motion to approve the contract with Eagle Hills Golf Course. A discussion followed. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the following items in the consent agenda: Minutes for 1-23-14; contracts for Bob Bishop, Cynthia Compton, Shirley VanPaepeghem, Carolyn Howard, Dan Conti and Joe Layton . 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 Russell and seconded by Trustee Tiel. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm with all members voting aye.

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

Chairman
Authored by: Ellen Bates

Clerk of the Board