

**MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
December 19, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

- A. Meeting called to order: by Chairman Miller at 6:41 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chairman Miller, Trustee Russell, Trustee Tiel, Trustee Hullinger and Trustee Ledesma were present. Trustee Elizarraras was also present.
- C. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Miller asked for an amendment to add the following: under Board Committee Reports, Long Term Debt Restructure as item A1; an Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Trustee Ledesma moved and Trustee Russell seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Meeting with MSD: Chairman Miller and George Coburn attended the Meridian School District Board meeting to give the MSD Board an update on North Star. MSD requested North Star start the process of becoming our own LEA; the request will need to be submitted to the State by Feb. 1st. MSD wants to defer working on the performance certificate until a decision has been made regarding North Star becoming our own LEA; George Coburn gave MSD the update on the 2013 financial audit, current enrollment and the progress on financial restructuring.
- B. LEA Status: Chairman Miller stated that Dr. Clark suggested North Star pass a resolution to form our own LEA. There are issues with special education; MSD would need to approve this change.

Chairman Miller moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion for the Board to pass a resolution to become our own LEA and that North Star submit the resolution to the Meridian School District so that they can vote on this matter at their January 2014 meeting. Trustee Russell spoke to Michelle Clement-Taylor with SDE and indicated that this would strengthen North Star's position with the State to start separating from MSD. Motion passed 4-0, Chairman Miller abstained.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

- A. School Report: Ms. Andersen reported on the secondary school: students are making up ISAT tests; she was asked to be on a school accreditation team in Emmett and was thankful for the experience; secondary music concerts were last week; spirit assembly was last Friday; there is a conference call scheduled with an electrician after the break regarding wireless in the high school; met with the Futures Committee and worked on the vision statement.

Mr. Cantrell reported on the elementary school: there was been end-user support for technology issues this month; informal evaluations are complete; they are working on the different pieces of the formal evaluation; working on staff handbook; laptops have arrived for the teachers and we are working on getting them distributed. The Board would like to see a proposal and recommendation regarding a summer tutoring program.

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

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report: George Coburn presented the financial reports for November, see attached.

Trustee Ledesma moved and Trustee Tiel seconded the motion to approve the November 2013 financial report, including the November 2013 check register. Motion passed 4-0.

1A. Long Term Debt Restructure: Trustee Russell stated there has been work on the long term financial plan; primary pushback from the bondholders is with regard to other ways for North Star to make money (summer school programs, etc.) Carolyn Sharette and Lincoln Fillmore were very supportive of North Star on the conference call. Givens-Pursley will still assist North Star with legal matters pertaining to the restructure; there may need to be an underwriter or a transfer agent; \$850,000 in bondholders still need to be identified. Chairman Miller will send out a letter to stakeholders to give them an update on the long term plan.

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

C. Policy Committee Report: Trustee Tiel stated there is no policy report this month.

D. Futures Committee Report: There was no Futures Committee Report this month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Miller entertained a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 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 Russell seconded the motion to go into executive session. Roll call vote: Chairman Miller – aye; Trustee Russell – aye; Trustee Tie – aye; Trustee Hullinger – aye; Trustee Ledesma – aye.

Trustee Ledesma moved and Trustee Russell seconded the motion to go into public session at 9:31 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Russell moved and Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the following in the consent agenda: Minutes for 6-27-13; 11-21-13; 11-26-13. Motion passed 4-0.

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 9:32 p.m. with all members voting aye.

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

Chairman
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Clerk