

Minutes

North Star

Governing Board

March 19, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell at 6:01 pm. Roll Call was taken by the clerk. Directors Russell and Dumas were present at North Star as well as Sheri Craig, Clerk and Will Bogdanoff, Vice Principal. Directors Balch, Dukelow, Forman and Silver were present on the conference call. Director Lloyd was absent.

Also present on the conference call were Shay Davis, Melissa Andersen, Joanna O'Donnell, Eric Dickelman and Joe Borton.

Motion to approve the Agenda by Director Balch, Second by Director Forman. All in favor. Motion passes.

BOARD BUSINESS

Chairman of the Board appointment

Chairman Russell resigns his position as Chairman and asks for nominations for the Board for a new chairman. Director Jenna Balch was nominated by Director Foreman. Second by Director Dumas.

Motion to approve Director Jenna Balch as the new chairman as nominated by Director Foreman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

Director Russell will continue leading the rest of this meeting.

Motion to approve Director Dave Dumas to the position of Treasurer by Director Dukelow. Second by Director Balch. All in favor. Motion passes.

Ratify School Closure from Emergency Meeting

Motion to ratify the Emergency Meeting on Sunday as set forth in the Minutes by Director Dukelow. Second by Director Balch. All in favor. Motion passes

Part-Time Elementary VP Ratification

On the recommendation from Shay Davis the Board was asked to consider adding a part-time Vice Principal to the Elementary team. The Board approved the hiring of Laiena Leatherman as this new part-time Vice Principal. She has the experience of being a VP and she is already a part of North Star as a teacher.

Motion to ratify the part-time Vice Principal as already approved by Chairman Russell by Director Balch. Second by Director Foreman.

Appoint Perpetual Controller for all Board Elections

Motion to appoint as Perpetual Controller for all Elections, Victor Villegas, until he is removed by the Board by Director Balch. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

COVID 19 response was moved to the end of the meeting so that more time can be given to this subject.

Bondholders Call Update

The call with the Bondholders was an opportunity to introduce Eric Dickelman to the Bondholders by George Coburn. The call was amicable with the Bondholders showing interest in North Star. This was an opportunity to maintain a good relation with the bondholders.

Finance Report

Eric Dickelman provided the Board with the Financial Report included with the Agenda packet. He reported that revenue is up and expenses are smoothing out. The financials are looking good. He is not anticipating changes in our funding. Due to school closure, there is a question regarding the funding for Brown Bus. At this time nothing is known.

The student body is at 978, which is a norm for this time period. Waitlist is strong and North Star is shining in the response to COVID 19.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Director Dumas. Second by Director Foreman. All in favor. Motion passes.

The Board moved to the Consent Agenda with discussion concerning the cancelled Student Experiences and whether those funds have been or will be refunded. Dickelman feels that the funds will be mostly reimbursed from the contracts that were already paid. Also noted, that the money for these Experiences were part of the December Fundraiser and that money will go back to this fund for future Student Experiences.

The Consent Agenda was passed before the completion of the Financial Report.

Continuing Financial Report

Budget Timeline was introduced to the Board showing no change from the previous Timeline.

Motion to approve the Budget Timeline by Director Dumas. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

Changing April Board meeting date

Motion to move the scheduled April Board meeting from April 23, 2020 to 1 week later by Director Balch. Second by Director Forman. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion: The purpose of changing the Board meeting is to have time to see the effect on North Star's budget due to the State Legislation Meeting.

Governor Little has changed the Open Meeting Laws during COVID 19 restrictions due to social distancing. The next meeting will be a Teleconference with all members of the board being allowed to call in and not requiring someone present at North Star.

COVID 19 Response/ Implementing Remote Learning

Andersen reported how amazing the teachers have been with adapting and learning the different platforms. Overall the change has been fairly smooth. The school has checked out 70 Chrome Books to Secondary Students. There was a low number of students that do not have access to the internet. Teachers supplied these students with papers, textbooks and support communication for their education.

Davis reported good results; teachers are working many hours and seeing teams coming together and sharing the load. Chrome Books have been checked out to Elementary students.

Bogdanoff reported that things are going well. The adjustment of having the students learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday was a good call, giving the students more days to figure how to log on to their platforms.

NSAT will continue to monitor and decide if there should be more adjustments made regarding the return to the school or continuing with remote learning. NSAT will call for a meeting of the Board, if necessary.

Motion to adjourn by Director Foreman. Second by Director Balch. All in favor. Motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 7:02 pm.


Jenna Balch (Apr 28, 2020)

Jenna Balch
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board