

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER
GOVERNING BOARD
MAY 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Balch at 6:04 pm. Roll call was taken and Directors Balch, Silver, Forman, Dumas, and Russell were on the zoom conference call. Director Dukelow was not present at the beginning of the meeting.

Before the approval of the agenda Chairman Balch requested an addition be made to the approved Agenda. The request is to add a Social Distancing committee with action as item C on the Board Business portion of the Agenda.

Motion to approve the amended Agenda by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

BOARD BUSINESS

2021-2022 (2020-2021- corrected date from typo) School Calendar Change

Chairman Balch approved the changes that were needed to the school calendar in order to meet the required hours of learning.

Motion to ratify the changes approved by Chairman Balch by Director Russell. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

Nomination review/approved

There were six applications turned in for the Board to review and approve.

Community Seats

Applicants Keli Elledge and Paul Broadbent were the only two applicants for community seats. Since they were the only two community applications they were uncontested and will not need to have an election for seats 3 and 7.

Motion to approve Paul Broadbent as a Board of Directors to seat 7 by Director Silver. Second by Director Forman. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Keli Elledge as a Board of Directors to seat 3 by Director Dumas. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

The clerk will communicate to both new board members of their acceptance to the North Star Charter School Board. They will not be official until the July Board Meeting.

Parent Seats

There were four applications for the parent seat. Although some applicants had specified the seat of their choice, not all had done so on their applications. Chairman Balch requested that each nominee announce the seat they were vying for.

Marcus Young –seat 1

Percy Chan – seat 1

Blythe Forman seat 2 (current member of the Board)

Katie Pugh Smith-

Katie Pugh Smith turned in her application past the required deadline. The Board discussed whether Katie's application should be considered for the 2020 election. Counsel reminded that the deadlines and rules were followed, any changes would need to be carefully considered and any changes would need to be applied to the Charter.

Motion to reject Katie Pugh Smith's late application by Director Russell. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

Katie Pugh Smith was informed during this meeting that her application was rejected and will not be moving forward with the other applications.

Motion to approve seat 1 to proceed to the election process by Director Russell. Second by Director Silver. All in favor. Motion passes.

Blythe Forman, current Director, is the only applicant for seat 2. Since she is unopposed she will remain in seat 2 and no election will be required for seat 2.

Motion to elect Blythe Forman to seat 2 by Director Silver. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

Social Distancing Committee

Chairman Balch is recommending the following people to be accepted as part of the Social Distancing Committee: Carrie Humphrey, Joanna O'Donnell, Shay Davis, Melissa Andersen, Will Bogdanoff, Jake Silver, Kali Kurdy, Lisa Holt and Tamara Michel.

Motion to approve the individuals as listed for the Social Distancing Committee by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor. Motion passes.

This committee will be active throughout the school year. After discussion and consideration, the committee will organize themselves to meet Open Meeting requirements, if applicable. The Board should determine what results they are expecting from the committee to determine how they should proceed.

School Reopening Discussion

The Board would like to have a survey prepared such as the survey sent out by West Ada School District for both parent and staff. After seeing the results of the summer tutoring and the number of parents who opted for remote tutoring Chairman Balch feels our own survey would benefit the Board in making future decisions.

Items of consideration include but not limited to blended learning, continuing remote learning at the beginning of new school year, transportation. The wording of the survey will need to be carefully considered. The board will have a special meeting to review the survey before it is sent to parents and teachers.

Indemnify and Defend Board

Motion to approve that the board agrees to Indemnify and Defend the board members from any lawsuit indirectly or directly involved in the current COVID-19 pandemic by Director Russell. Second by Director Forman.

Due to the discussion following the motion the following modification to the motion is as follows:

Motion will include the Directors and Officers of the Board, all NSAT members, and Members of the Social Distancing Committee; specifically named in the Social Distancing Committee.

All in favor. Motion passes

The Social Distancing Committee is considered agents of the school.

SCHOOL REPORT

Shay Davis reported on the good end to the year. There were appropriate celebrations that followed the Social Gathering restrictions. The kinder parade was well received and the parents gave thanks to the administration for allowing the parade. Shay thanked the Board for allowing these celebrations to occur. Teacher evaluations are taking place as required by the State.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the Middle School closing was underway with cleaning of lockers and returning books while keeping the Social Distancing requirements. The Middle School also had a parade, in the rain. Many voices of appreciation were heard. Working with teachers for the final paperwork to close out the year.

Melissa Andersen reported on the Senior parade and the successful Graduation. The Graduation was held outside utilizing the Outdoor Classroom and was simple and very beautiful. Those in attendance felt it was a great venue and should be used again for future Graduations. Andersen felt there were many good comments from parents and Melissa acknowledge that the teachers were the rock stars during this whole event. All Admins complemented the teachers for not only providing an education, but emotional support and social check-ups for students.

FINANCE UPDATE

Documentation for the update was provided by Eric Dickelman and is included in the Agenda packet.

Eric gave a brief overview for the month of April. Tracking well with the budget. Page 3 is the year to date actuals, page 5-6 are revenues and the noticeable loss of full-day Kinder revenues, which are being refunded. Cash continues to track above budget. The normal shut down rules will apply to hourly paid employees; those who don't work during the summer hours i.e. paras, will not be paid.

Enrollment counts were fairly stable throughout the COVID-19 time-period.

Transportation Payment

Brown Bus is asking for payment for the months of the school closure which would be approximately \$60,000. There is no contractual coverage. This is a board decision and there is no assurance of State compensation with making this payment. The Board will need to decide if the payment should be made at this time.

The Board feels that at this time no motion will be made; discussion can continue at another Board meeting. Eric will set up a meeting with Brent, from Brown Bus, to discuss possible solutions for both parties.

Chairman Balch explained that the current PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) Loan is to be allocated with 75% for payroll and 25% for other items valid according to the guidelines such as fuel in our business vehicle. North Star does not have business vehicles therefore, we would not be able to use money from the PPP Loan for this payment and stay within the guidelines of the PPP Loan. Balch clarified that the PPP Loan and the second Bank account allow for better tracking of those funds. The money is being used for the expenses that are stated in the PPP Loan requirements.

No motion was taken for this Agenda item.

Director Dukelow has entered the meeting

BUDGET UPDATE

Documentation for the Budget Update has been included in the Agenda Packet.

Eric discussed the roll of enrollment in planning the budget; current enrollment is 986 students.

There will be a freezing of salaries regardless of tenure, credits earned, etc. To give the teachers a sense of security the Letters of Intent (LOI) will be issued by Eric to the teachers. The

LOI/Contracts will include language to discuss that compensation will be frozen and will match timelines of other districts. Counsel states that the public hearing needs to happen before any adjustments can be taken.

The next Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Director Russell. Second by Director Dukelow. All in favor Motion passes.

No Executive Session was held

Motion to adjourn by Director Forman. Second by Director Dukelow. All in favor. Motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Jenna Balch
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board