

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER
GOVERNING BOARD
JULY 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Madam Chair Balch at 6:04 pm. Directors Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, Forman, Silver and Young were in attendance.

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

Board Officers

Note: All new members have been sworn in prior to this meeting, the Board nominated the following Directors to the different officer positions.

Jenna Balch nominated by Director Silver and Director Forman as Madam Chair.

Paul Broadbent nominated by Director Dumas and Director Silver as Treasurer

Blythe Forman nominated by Director Silver and Director Young as Vice Chair

Dave Dumas nominated by Director Young and Director Elledge as Secretary

Motion to approve the officers as stated above by Director Forman. Second by Director Elledge. All in favor, motion passes.

Board Committee Members

Finance: Director Broadbent as Chair, Blythe Forman as member

Social Distancing: Director Silver as Chair, Jenna Balch as member

Safety: Director Dumas as Chair, Marcus Young as member

Academic Excellence: Director Young as Chair, Jenna Balch

Policy: Director Silver as Chair

Motion to approve the committees as stated by Director Silver. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

Board Meeting Dates

Motion to move the 2020-2021 Board Meeting dates to the third Thursday of every month by Director Silver. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor, motion passes.

Note: the website will need to be changed. Check to see if the policy or handbook will need to show the change.

Policy and Handbook Changes

Changes are included in the Agenda packet. Madam Chair Balch and Joe Borton, counsel, reviewed the changes prior to the meeting. Madam Chair Balch approved the changes before the meeting and is now asking the board to ratify her approval.

Motion to approve the policy and handbook changes by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. All in favor, motion passes.

Return to School Plans

Changes have been included in the Agenda Packet. There has been great feedback from the Staff and Parents. The changes in the plan are related to the feedback from the surveys. These changes are mostly with the Hybrid model.

Summary of Hybrid plans: Secondary each student will go every other day. Elementary each student will attend AM or PM receiving 3 hours of instruction every day. The bussing, at this time, will remain as is- arriving in the AM and leaving in the PM.

Discussion on masks was given with an understanding that there would not be a motion at this time.

Our plans have been sent to the Central District Health (CDH), the plans were reviewed and accepted as good plans with minor changes. The CDH will be reporting weekly and the Board can make changes, if necessary. The CDH is looking at the communities but not restricting themselves to city communities, seeing schools as being their own communities.

Feedback from high risk families. Looking at options to present to these families, however if there are not sufficient numbers in the school it will be difficult for North Star to provide options for these families. The administration team is considering hiring an online facilitator to help with an online presence. This person would help ease the burden for the teachers. The online option would be for those who provide a doctor's note.

Recommendation that the approved plans be presented to parents for feedback and to obtain a definitive count as to returning students.

Note: The loss of seats due to inability to be at school is an Idaho State policy and North Star is not able to change this policy at a school level.

Joanna O'Donnell will make the edits to the plans to ease the process and will send the plans out to the parents for feedback.

Special Board meeting will be planned if needed.

School Report

Melissa Andersen reported on the IB Test. The majority of students that went for the Diploma passed. Great success rate for North Star. Davis gave recognition to her new VP, Laiena Leatherman, and her teachers that are being very supportive of all the changes. Director Silver

also noted that the Administration and the teachers, who are technically on vacation, but are working and putting in long hours to benefit the student and families and the staff.

The Shade Sails posts have been installed. The shades should be installed and ready for use before school begins.

Finance Update

Contracts and MOUs to the classified staff have been sent out. Facility issues are being addressed. Annual Auditing will be starting in the near future.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Director Dumas. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Director Young. Second by Director Elledge. All in favor, motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 8:08 pm.

No Executive Session held.



Jenna Balch
Madam Chair of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board