

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The meeting by way of Teleconference was call to order by Madam Chair Balch at 6:11 pm. Roll call was taken and Directors Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Forman, Silver and Young were in attendance. Director Elledge was not present. Before the approval of the Agenda the typo regarding the item on the Agenda was acknowledged. The item should have stated COVID Impact on School Operations and not Opening.

Motion to approve the agenda as so stated by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken; all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to move to Executive Session according to Idaho Code § 74-206 item (d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code by Director Young. Second by Director Forman. Vote taken; all in favor, motion passes.

The Board voted to move to Executive Session and all attending board members voted 'yes'.

Executive Session began at 6:20 pm.

Motion to adjourn from Executive Session by Director Silver. Second by Director Forman. All in favor, motion passes.

The board proceeded to Board Business at 6:41 pm.

COVID Impact on School Operations

North Star received the first positive COVID case on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, as of 3:00 today (Sept, 21, 2020), 11 staff confirmed or probable and 12 additional staff quarantined due to close contact with an infectious individual. This is 30% of elementary staff.

Additional information regarding the students was reported: 12 confirmed/probable students; 73 students quarantined, with expectation of these numbers increasing over the next few days.

Madam Chair Balch made the following recommendations for the Board's consideration:

Balch recommends that the school switch from Hybrid to Full Remote Learning starting immediately for the next two weeks. Balch also recommends that the Safety Plans be modify to require Masks for all staff, the face shield would only be used when needed to provided visual help to students. The change in mask requirement would not be enforced with the students, however, highly advised that if a student can wear a mask they should.

The purpose of these recommendations is to slow down the rate of the infection and to provide for the health safety of the staff and the students. CDH recommended the increase of the mask to help slow down the virus.

Communication will be sent out explaining the changes. The communication will include some Questions & Answers to commonly asked questions. There will be an opportunity for parents and staff to give feedback.

Motion to move K-5 to Remoted Teaching for the next two weeks by Director Forman. Second by Director Young. Vote was taken, all in favor, motion passes.

Back to school date Oct 5th or 6th to be clarified by CDH prior to communication to parents.

Motion to modify the Hybrid Learning Safety Plan to require masks, no other face coverings, for staff without a medical waiver by Director Forman. Second by Director Silver. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passes.

Medical waivers still allowed.

The Board will not need to meet again in order for the school to resume operations. Also at this time the Board does not need to modify the calendar or adjust Fall Break, all dates will remain as posted on the School Calendars.

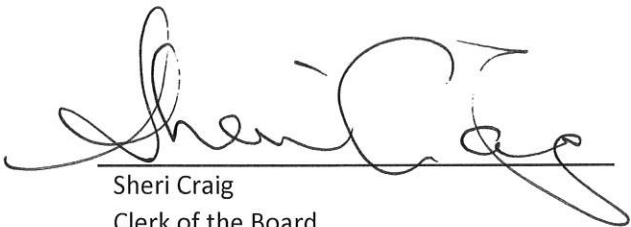
Motion to adjourn by Director Silver. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor, motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 7:04 pm.



Jenna Balch (Oct 23, 2020 09:03 MDT)

Jenna Balch
Madam Chair of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board

Note: these are the Drafted Minutes and are subject to approval by the Board at the next Regular Meeting.