

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2022

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with roll call. Directors Amundson, Anderson, Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, and Young were in attendance. Director Elledge was absent.

Motion to approve the agenda by Director Balch. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

BOARD BUSINESS

Introduction of new Business Manager

Jonathan Gillen was introduced to and welcomed to the North Star Finance Department as acting Business Manager.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

Head of School Update

Andy Horning brought in the Middle School Student Council with one of their teacher advisors, Kendal Stopher. They presented a quick overview of their goals and passion for Middle School. The Student Council has their own acronym -Rock You. They shared their recent success with their book donation fundraiser. They donated 3,460 books to Book It Forward, the largest donation this company has received.

A video featuring some of the Capstone students provided the board with a quick look at how the students are feeling about the Capstone program. Christine Baron, secondary teacher, has brought in professionals to interview the kids and help them get a feel as to how interviews should go; helping the students look to the future.

Key Club Proposal

Proposal included in the agenda packet

This club is based on service and is backed up by the Kiwanis Club local chapter. They will be doing service projects and will have a teacher advisor. The students are seeking the board's approval.

Motion to approve the formation of the Key Club charter by Director Balch. Second by Director Anderson.

Discussion: How does the funding work with Kiwanis. Kiwanis club will help sustain the Key Club, when and if necessary. Horning feels the club will do well financing themselves.

Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

PLP's (Professional Learning Plans)

The CIP and LIT plans require the approval of the board regarding these PLPs. These are the teachers' personal goals regarding the growth of their students and the action steps being taken to reach the goals. Teachers are using data from ISATs and iReady to help form their goals. Teachers are cooperating with each other to help bring subjects to all classes i.e., math in art, math in PE, etc.

Motion to approve the PLP plans as presented by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Dumas.

Discussion on how the goals and action steps will be implemented.

Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Finance Update

Due to a Zoom Conference scheduled with the Auditor, the Board moved to the Finance portion item a

Acceptance of Audit

Documentation included in the agenda packet

Quest CPAs performed the annual audit. They joined the Board meeting through a Zoom Conference call. Kurk explained the audit stating that the audit was successful, and that Eric Dickelman and Ema Brenneman did a good job providing the needed information. Also stated that the school has met the internal compliance requirements and Quest reports that there were no findings or actions to be taken by the board.

Quest went through the audit reports with the board giving an overall view and answering specific questions by the board.

Motion to accept the audit as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Broadbent. No Discussion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Returning to Principal Reports

Laiena Leatherman reported for Elementary that the fireman came for their annual Safety review for students. Halloween is coming up-wearing costumes is encouraged for both students and staff. Parent/Teacher Conferences happening in November before Thanksgiving. The fourth graders are starting their preparation for their Potato Bar. The money raised helps to pay for the fourth-grade fieldtrips and Wagon's Ho. Down Syndrome Awareness Month is October with Staff and students wearing mismatched socks. Dyslexic screening is starting according to the new state recommendations.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Oct. 31st for Secondary. The staff are continuing to adjust the advisory program and collaboration for RTI students. A pep rally to recognize school athletes is coming up. Cross country and Volleyball ending. Mountain Biking Club had NS students medaling at State finals. Girls' Basketball is starting with many girls participating.

Andy Horning reported that HS is hosting a dance this Saturday. Boys Cross Country is doing well. Horning feels he is becoming acquainted with the running of North Star and working toward staff team spirit.

The Board commended the Administration for inviting the different grades to present at board meetings. High School will present next month.

Discussion: how is the relationship with the PTO? The PTO is looking to see how they can support the whole school more and not just be a present in the K-5 hallways. They are planning the daddy-daughter dance for the Spring and looking toward the End of Year Secondary BBQ.

Returning to the Finance Update

Long Term Sub Rate

Documentation included in the agenda packet

Due to upcoming maternity leave and other health need leaves, NS is looking at the sub rates that would be paid out to substitutes that work consecutively for 6 weeks or longer. The finance department is proposing a change in the current rate for long-term substitutes to \$125 per day with additional funding on hard to fill positions.

Motion to approve the long-term rate as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Amundson.

Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Board Bank Authorized Signatures

Joanna O'Donnell is requesting an official statement that Marcus Young, Paul Broadbent, and Jenna Balch are the authorized signers for the bank accounts.

Motion to approve Paul Broadbent, Marcus Young and Jenna Balch as the authorized signers by Director Dumas. Second by Director Amundson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.


CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion regarding the next board meeting date. The board decided to move the November 17th meeting to December 1, 2022.

Committees can communicate to Andy Horning, Marcus Young or Sheri Craig when they would like time to report on their committees during a board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Director Anderson at 7:34 pm. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.



Marcus Young
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board