MINUTES NORTH STAR CHARTER GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Young at 6:03 pm. Roll call taken with Directors Young, Amundson, Dumas, Broadbent and Elledge in attendance. Directors Balch and Anderson were absent due to sickness.

Motion to approve the agenda as is by Director Elledge. Second by Director Amundson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

CONTINUING SCHOOL BUSINESS

The High School Student Council gave a presentation showing their fundraising ideas and goals for raising school spirit with school chants, dances, classroom competition, recognizing outstanding students and athletes. Advisor Jillayne Ange shared the goal of having a student council class during the next semester and how the staff and students are showing interest in supporting school culture/spirit.

The board asked the student council what their plans for the money raised during the different fundraisers. The student council responded that the money would be used to sponsor dances, bigger events, and student of the month recognition.

Board asked why the varsity girls' basketball is not playing a full schedule this year. Andy stated that the decision was made by athletic directors of local district before NS had our current athletic director in plan. Andy said he would follow up with Tyler Hoaglun and Director Young on this subject.

Spanish Club

Proposal included in the agenda packet

Will Bogdanoff presented the proposal for a Spanish Club involving the middle school students. Suggested advisor is Victoria Campbell, part-time Spanish teacher who has a good grasp on clubs and how they work. A family has volunteered to be actively involved in helping the club. The board will need to approve the club.

Motion to approve the formation of the Spanish Club by Director Amundson. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Principal Reports

Shay Davis reported on Teacher/Parent conferences, with 100% attendance. The fifth-grade teachers held conferences different than previous years and felt it was very successful. They were able to meet with all parents, not just those with low grades and struggling with school. Excited that Elementary is bringing back the Holiday Concerts. Davis spoke to the hard push regarding attendance with a rise in numbers of tardies and absences. She has asked that all teachers send any emails regarding families taking vacation during school learning days and then she is emailing parents and explaining the school policy concerning unexcused absences and the consequences of having too many absences. She is seeing a decline in vacations happening during school learning time.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the lockdown drill was held with the Ada County Sheriff being present. They presented their notes and gave praise for the procedures that are in place. Seventh grade teachers had their quarterly awards for outstanding students. Eighth grade will have their awards on the 12th of December. Bogdanoff says that they are also talking to the students about tardies and absences and the consequences of having too many. Middle School Girls' Basketball is winding down and the Boys' Basketball will start up.

Andy Horning spoke also about tardies and absences and how they affect credits and grades for the upper grades. Also stated that the Master Schedule for the second semester is near completion; working on mixing grade levels and new classes.

Finance Update

Presentation included in the agenda packet.

Jonathan Gillen presented a finance update giving an overall view of the budget as he continues working through the budget gaining understanding where the school can adjust to improve the budget.

The board asked if there are funds available to help fund safety updates. Gillen states that we are using funding streams as they become available.

Chairman Young requested that Director Broadbent, as Treasurer, present his insights as part of the Finance presentation each month. Young also requests that Jonathan Gillan and Director Broadbent review all the financials ahead of each Board meeting.

No Motion, no vote taken.

BOARD BUSINESS

Alternative Authorization

Andy Horning is asking for authorization for Danny Herdegen Economic Teacher to go through the process of becoming certified to teach more business classes. Did not take the required classes during his teacher certification processing earlier program. Will work with a mentor and do the required steps through the Charter certification process.

Motion to approve the alternative authorization for this teacher by Director Dumas. Second by Director Broadbent.

Discussion: Board asked if this authorization would have an impact on other teachers? Impact on the salary schedule is minimal.

Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

CIP Plan Approval

The CIP plan has been finalized and needs the board's approval. There were no significant changes to the plan or test results from the draft that was uploaded on the website to the final copy.

Motion to provide final approval by Director Amundson. Second by Director Elledge.

Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Lottery Dates

The lottery process will be starting in January. The board will need to approve the actual lottery date. The lottery process will open with receiving applications on Jan 9, 2023 and close Mar 9, 2023 with the Lottery drawn on March 15, 2023.

Motion to approve March 15, 2023 as the Lottery date by Director Dumas. Second by Director Amundson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Lottery Commissioner

The board needs to approve Victor Villegas as Lottery Commissioner. Villegas has performed this duty for many years and has agreed to do it again.

Motion to approve Victor Villegas as the Lottery Commissioner by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Elledge. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Board Committee Update

No updates from committees. Policy, Safety, Finance will present in January board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Director Elledge. Second by Director Amundson. Vote taken, all in favor motion passed.

Note of interest North Star Charter received their 5-year charter renewal from the Charter Commission.

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

R. Marcus Young

Chairman of the Board

Sheri Craig

Clerk of the Board