

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2023

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm with roll call. Directors Anderson, Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, and Young were present. Director Amundson was absent due to a family emergency.

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

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) a and b at 6:08 pm by Director Balch. Second by Director Anderson.

Vote taken: Young-yes, Balch-yes, Broadbent-yes, Anderson-yes, Dumas-yes, and Elledge-yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:36 by Director Balch. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

After Executive Session

Motion to release employee A from contract by Director Balch. Second by Director Elledge. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Athletic Director Update

Tyler reported on the ongoing and upcoming athletic games with Girls' basketball with Senior night and upcoming Districts. Boys' Basketball senior night is also coming up. Spring sports include track, baseball, and golf. A student has reached out with a project of bringing soccer to North Star. The board questions if having certain sports would be a detriment for some students wanting to play on a bigger team. The board is considerate about weighing the pros and cons for having more athletic teams at North Star.

Tyler presented sponsors that have donated to the athletic program. He reported that he did a quick look for whether they are good companies as a sponsor and feels that each company is good. Money has been donated and is now requesting board approval of said sponsors. Joanna O'Donnell addressed the board approval procedure according to current policy. Policy 1002.4 gives guidance to how the policy can be used to create an agreement between sponsors and North Star. The board discussed having a document that states the sponsor, and how long their banner would be displayed. The typical length for a banner displayed is the athletic season.

Chairman Young requested that Tyler have such a document written up for each sponsor and then have said documents added to next month's Consent Agenda for Board approval.

Last, Tyler reported that the time for ISA classification is coming. The discussion is whether North Star should remain in the 2A Athletic Conference or go back down to 1A Conference. Tyler recommends that North Star go back to 1A. The board requested that Tyler start the process for this change.

Principal Reports

Shay Davis reported that the first STEAM event will be held this week for 3-5 and K-2 next week. There will be parent volunteers to help with the PTO sponsored event. Lottery has begun, to date there are 380 K-5 applications. Daddy Daughter dance another PTO sponsored event is Saturday. SESTA is coming to help with SPED department.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the Secondary semester ended this week. Wrapping up winter diagnostics. In-Service will be meeting with Middle School and High School teachers looking at structure and how students are being supported during advisory. Lottery has 90 applications for Secondary.

Head of School Report

Andy Horning's presentation included in the agenda packet.

POA Contract Update

POA has not been able to meet the needs for North Star. Primary concern- high cost for service and the need to hire an additional on-site tech for North Star. Andy reports that Ednetics is a local company and has proposed a lower cost for tech support. POA would continue to support the copiers/printers in the building, internet services would be through Ednetics. Andy is requesting permission to cut ties with POA regarding internet services.

Motion to authorize administration to start negotiations to remove North Star from POA by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Lottery Enrollment Capacity

The administration is looking at growing the school with growth happening in the Middle School. Increased units mean increased funding. The Elementary enrollment numbers would not change; however, Andy is recommending that Seniors class be capped at 30 students. Admin is requesting the board to approve an increase of 112 students for Middle School and seniors capped at 30 students.

Note that such changes in the enrollment capacity should be posted prior to the posting of the lottery.

Motion to approve those enrollment caps as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Elledge. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Strategic Planning Committee

Proposed Statement of Direction included in the agenda packet. Approved Statement of Direction included in Minutes.

The committee reported their concerns that the majority of 11-12 students are involved in the Capstone program rather than the full IB diploma program. The committee is using surveys and staff discussion to help plan the direction of North Star. Secondary Staff has shown an interest in having something which can push the students forward and be better prepared for college.

The Strategic Planning Committee is requesting approval of the Statement of Direction from the board.

Motion to approve the statement of direction as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Finance Update

Jonathan Gillen gave a comprehensive report on the financials and how North Star is currently sitting with the budget which included discussion of different contracts that were proposed by Jonathan for future finance improvements to North Star's budget.

- E-rate RFP for internet service
- E-rate FRP for managed services

Motion to authorize administration to execute the RFP as presented by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

- Funds for Learning Proposal

Motion to authorize that Andy Horning to sign the proposal with Funds for Learning by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Elledge.

Amended motion to say Marcus Young instead of Andy Horning by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

- Ednetics proposal

Motion to authorize administration to execute the Ednetics contract in the event that POA ends their contract by Director Balch. Second by Director Broadbent. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

- Piper Sandler Contract

Director Broadbent proposed that the Finance committee meet with Piper Sandler and then bring their recommendations to the board in a future board meeting. Chairman Young asked that the Finance committee to also engage a fiduciary service provider as an alternative to Piper Sandler so the board can evaluate the pros and cons of that option as well.

No Action, no vote

- Langston and Associates Appraisal

Langston and Associates Appraisal. Jonathan Gillen informed the board that it will be necessary to complete appraisals as part of any future refinancing of debt and shared a quote from Langston and Associates to perform such appraisals.

No action, no vote

Safety Committee

Director Dumas reported that the Boise School district has updated their radios and North Star will have access to their retired radios. After the lockdown drill, some weaknesses in the communication system in North Star were noted as a concern. Working on estimates to address some of these opportunities. The committee is looking at ways to fund the intercom cost. The committee has found there are potential sources of help/funding available.

Policy Committee

Director Elledge presented the first read on the Attendance Policy. Asking the board to review the different changes. Chairman Young asked the committee to consider if it would be appropriate to revise

section 501.1 - bullet 2 – to allow for 2 periods for equivalent enrollment in to give more flexibility for innovative partnering with outside institutions, in line with the new Statement of Direction. Revised policy to be presented for approval at the next board meeting.

Idaho Junior Soccer Contract

Idaho Soccer league is renewing their contract for rights to the field. Idaho Junior Soccer will continue to maintain the field until June 2024.

Motion to approve this contract with Idaho Junior Soccer by Director Elledge. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Contract Approval Process

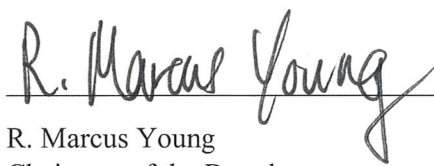
Chairman Young shared that, based on input from legal counsel and head of school, it will be valuable to document the Board's policy for contract approval. Director Balch has agreed to draft the policy and elicit input from Policy committee, Finance committee, legal counsel, and Chairman Young. Ultimately the policy will then be brought to the board for consideration and approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

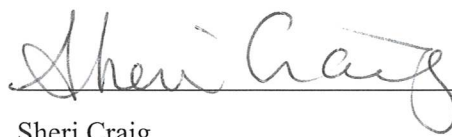
Discussion regarding a teacher's contract payment and dates in the consent agenda. The contract is not the most recent contract. Joanna states that she will review the contract and verify the payment amounts. The board will go forward with the approval with Joanna revising the contract.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with instruction to amend the year on the contract by Director Elledge. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Director Dumas at 8:40 pm. Second by Director Broadbent. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.



R. Marcus Young
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board

Statement of Direction
North Star Public Charter School

In its first 20 years, North Star Public Charter School has served thousands of young people and established a strong reputation within our state and country. Thanks to the efforts of parents, staff, board members, community members, and most importantly students themselves, graduates of North Star are among the best-prepared for their post-secondary pursuits. This is something worth celebrating and expanding.

To provide energy and direction to the North Star administration and all those with whom it collaborates, in response to input from current parents and students, and in light of current opportunities in our region, the Board of Directors hereby endorses this Statement of Direction.

Guiding principles:

1. Achieve increased high school demand and enrollment, while maintaining the benefits of a smaller school environment
2. Expand high school course offerings and electives, while maintaining academic excellence.
3. Maximize college credit-earning opportunities.
4. Sustain the elite performance and culture of the K-12 student experience.

Expected approach:

- Develop future course offerings, schedules, space-use plans, and budgets to achieve the guiding principles.
- Develop or expand partnerships with external organizations to enable expanded offerings and overcome internal resource constraints.
- In coming months, present relevant plans and requests to Board-led committees and the general Board for consideration, input, and approval.
- Note that the Board is open to considering updates to the school's governing documents if needed to support achieving the guiding principles.
- North Star administration is empowered to propose changes to the IB program and other curriculum, athletic programs, enrollment boundaries, K-12 target enrollment levels, and other innovative programs.

North Star must build on its strengths while transforming to achieve broader appeal as we move into the next 20 years.

Approved by North Star Public Charter School Board of Directors on January 19, 2023.