

MINUTES  
NORTH STAR CHARTER  
GOVERNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2023

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with roll call. Directors Anderson, Amundson, Balch, Dumas, Elledge and Young were present for roll call. Director Broadbent arrived after roll call at 6:14 pm.

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

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Elementary Student Presentation

The Board was given a short musical performance by students from Mrs. Baker's fourth grade class.

Election Process Update

The clerk has received five parent nominations and one community nomination. A letter will be sent to all nominees on March 17, 2023, explaining the timeline, process and expectations for their applications, bios and digital photos.

Update on proposed changes to High School focus, related to changes to course offerings and IB program, and report on secondary parents' meeting

*Proposal for High School changes included in the agenda packet*

A Parent meeting hosted by Andy Horning was well attended by secondary parents. Andy facilitated presentation/discussion for North Star's goal of raising the high school to the next level. Both Directors Young and Broadbent were in attendance and spoke to parents after the meeting. Chairman Young feels that a continued clear message needs to be sent out that the proposed associate degree is transferrable and credits will carry over. Parents were surprised to hear that so few students were actually working towards the IB Diploma program. A question regarding teachers contracts was posed and the answer is that teachers' contracts will not be affective this coming contract year, however, considerations will be made in the future. The board needs to authorize the team and Andy to continue moving forward, retiring the IB program and working towards a concurrent credit/ associate degree.

**Motion to authorize Head of School to implement the retiring of the IB program at the end of 2023-2024 school year and to refocus high school on an Associate degree and concurrent enrollment program by Director Elledge. Second by Director Balch.**

**Discussion:** Director Amundson makes the point that there could be added expense in the coming years with this transition. Also noted that the school currently is running two programs with IB and Capstone.

**Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

### Finance Update

The finance committee met with financial agents regarding refinancing of the current bonds. The committee had met with Piper Sandler, per the request of the board the committee also met with Clearwater and Zions National Bank. Director Broadbent noted that working with one of these Municipal Advisor (MA) will help North Star look better for the bond holders. Chairman Young asked that the finance committee present what services and cost would be associated with either company- Clearwater or Zions National Bank. The school needs to get better terms for the different bonds and find funds that will increase the pay down debt. Chairman Young feels a better understanding of the current issue is necessary before any motion agreeing to a contract with a Municipal Advisor can be presented to the board. Jonathan Gillen has stated that he can work with either company.

### RFP Networking/Internet Support Services

There is a temporary contract with Ednetics until July 2023. The school needs to sign a contract with a new company. The due date for RFP is next week with a contract needing to be executed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Joanna O'Donnell, Jonathan Gillen, and Geo Rodriquez will be interviewing potential companies and will make a recommendation for who would be best for North Star. The board needs to authorize the contract to be issued to the accepted company.

**Motion to authorize Vice Chair Jenna Balch to execute the Networking Internet Support Service Contract on behalf of the board by the end of March by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Amundson.**

**Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

### Brown Bus Route and Safety

The board needs to approve the bus routes and safety plan included in the agenda packet. This approval is then submitted to the State by Brown Bus. The safety plan goes through a check list concerning the routes and the stops where students are let off the bus. This is typically approved in August, however, due to the instability of the bus routes at the beginning of the school year, this approval was delayed.

**Motion to approve the Brown Bus Routes and Safey plan by Director Balch. Second by Director Amundson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

### Revised Attendance Policy

*Policy included in the agenda packet.*

Will Bogdanoff presented the final revisions to the policy.

**Motion to approve the attendance policy as presented by Director Dumas. Second by Director Anderson.**

**Move to amend the prior motion to have an effective date as of April 1, 2023 by Director Balch. Second by Director Amundson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

## Summer Tutoring

### *Letter from teachers included in the agenda packet*

Laiena Leatherman explained that five teachers are requesting approval by the Board to hold Summer Tutoring (12 sessions) as part of reading and math intervention. The classes are capped at small numbers.

**Motion to approve the summer tutoring as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Dumas.**

## Lottery Results

Shay Davis reported on the Lottery Results which happened on April 15, 2023 through Zoom Conference Call. Parents were able to watch the proceedings with Victor Villegas, Lottery Commissioner, Ruth Ann Fahl, and Jen Gibron, school registrar. There were 1028 applicants.

The seats # (seated) are offers that will go out in the first round, not accepted positions.

- [Full Day K](#) (36 Seats) | Seated (36) | Waitlist (177)
- [Half Day K](#) (44 Seats) | Seated (44) | Waitlist (30)
- [1st Grade](#) (5 Seats) | Seated (5) | Waitlist (108)
- [2nd Grade](#) (1 Seats) | Seated (1) | Waitlist (78)
- [3rd Grade](#) (2 Seats) | Seated (2) | Waitlist (95)
- [4th Grade](#) (0 Seats) | Seated (0) | Waitlist (83)
- [5th Grade](#) (1 Seats) | Seated (1) | Waitlist (105)
- [6th Grade](#) (33 Seats) | Seated (32) | Waitlist (52)
- [7th Grade](#) (19 Seats) | Seated (19) | Waitlist (46)
- [8th Grade](#) (25 Seats) | Seated (24) | Waitlist (5)
- [9th Grade](#) (7 Seats) | Seated (7) | Waitlist (58)
- [10th Grade](#) (14 Seats) | Seated (13) | Waitlist (0)
- [11th Grade](#) (6 Seats) | Seated (6) | Waitlist (1)
- [12th Grade](#) (0 Seats) | Seated (0) | Waitlist (0)

## Principal Reports

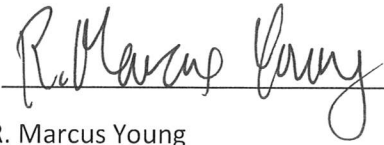
Will reported on the great Choir concert, 7<sup>th</sup> grade had their ski trip with 65 students, 9 chaperones, 1 accident-with student recovering. Look forward to repeating event next year and considering adding other ski days for other grades.

Leatherman reported that the Dyslexia program is under way and teachers are working together with assignments and activities during staff meetings. Looking at data to re-tweak enrichment groups and integrate things that they are learning from the program. Gearing up for ISATs and parent/teacher conferences. Ashley Loos is returning as a part-time teacher after her maternity leave has concluded. BSU Job Fair was held this week, Andy, Shay, Joanna and Vanessa attended the Job Fair to meet potential new teachers. The team felt that North Star was well received. PBIS through BSU has agreed to continue with Tier 1 of the positive behavior incentive for Elementary and adding Middle School at tier 1.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor.  
Motion passes.

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R. Marcus Young

Chairman of the Board

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Sheri Craig

Clerk of the Board