

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Young. Roll call was taken with all board members in attendance: Amundson, Anderson, Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, and Young.

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

The Board and North Star administration took a moment to recognize the impact that both Lisa Amundson (2022) and Jenna Balch (2017) have had on the board. Jenna was recognized for all the work she put in during COVID and helping to keep the school open during those difficult times.

The Administration also gave each board member a polo shirt with the new school logo and a calendar as a thank you for all they do for the school.

BOARD BUSINESS

Election Results

Results of the election included in the agenda packet.

There were 1208 Ballots sent out with 266 Ballots submitted. Bryan Wheeler was pronounced the winner of Seat 4 with 214 of 266 voters 82.95% vote. Dave Dumas and Michelle Van Beek were announced winners at the previous Board Meeting. All new board members will be sworn in at the July Board Meeting.

Finance

Finance packet included in the agenda packet.

Preliminary Proposed 2023-2024 Budget was presented first.

Jonathan Gillen went through the 23-24 proposed budget showing how the increase in enrollment will help off-set the state funding which is changing from enrollment based to attendance based. The proposed budget is showing more line items that were previously not specifically identified. He recommends that the debt payment money is left in the General Fund rather than placing the money with the debt service account.

Chairman Young asked for more information on the budget with items that are not clearly stated as to where the money is coming from or going to. The Board suggested changing account titles that would more accurately describe what each account is being used for. Chairman Young also asked to see an overall budget with the bottom line. A spreadsheet will be sent to the board that shows the information that is being requested.

No Action, no vote. The 23-24 budget will be voted on at the Budget Hearing in June.

Preliminary Revised 2022-2023 Budget was presented second.

Jonathan went over the 22-23 budget, which has been discussed in previous meetings. The Board has asked that Jonathan send the proposed posting of the budget to the Board for review before said budget is posted to the public. The Board will review the posting and decide to continue with the Budget

Hearing in June or hold a special meeting to discuss the budget.

The Board recognized all the work Jonathan has put into cleaning up the budget and providing more clarity.

Certified/Admin Contracts

Andy Horning is asking the board to approve the issuance of the Certified Administration Contracts with the approved 3% increase as presented in the budget.

Joanna noted to the board that the Teacher contracts are not ready for signature and will be added to the Consent Agenda in June.

Motion to authorize the issuance of the administration contracts based on the 3% increase as presented in the budget by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Benefit Package 2023-2024

North Star has joined the Idaho School Benefit Trust for Health Insurance. Due to this change open enrollment for insurance has been changed from February to September. Joanna O'Donnell is asking the board to approve and sign the contract with Idaho School Benefit Trust (ISBT).

Director Broadbent left the meeting at 7:27 pm for family commitments.

Motion to approve the ISBT contract by Director Balch. Second by Director Elledge.

Discussion: Changing the enrollment date will not change the deductibles which are renewed each calendar year.

Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Graduation Requirement Policy

Will and Andy presented a current working copy of the policy. The board has requested that a new copy without edits be provided to the board for review and the policy be placed on a future agenda.

No action, no vote.

Safety Committee Update

Dick Baranco will be retiring at the end of the school year. Currently the SSO is not authorized to carry a weapon on Campus. The administration feels that it will be difficult to hire someone with the same credentials as the two previous SSOs if the issue of a firearm is not decided by the board. The administration is interested in keeping the SSO as a retired law enforcer and also would like the new

person to be able to connect with the students and staff. There are two possible options that Andy Horning is considering and is asking for the board's insights.

Option 1-The North Star SSO would not carry. There would be a law officer charged with visiting the school who would carry a firearm.

Option 2- SSO would carry a firearm and keep state requirements for carrying.

Dave Dumas clarified that Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) would cover a SSO to carry if they meet all requirements. Chairman Young asked for input from the board members. The board feels that protection is a main concern and therefore a SSO that can carry is to our advantage at North Star. There were questions from the Board regarding the ownership of the firearm-North Star vs. the SSO? Where would the firearm be stored when not with the SSO? Director Balch feels that a complete understanding of the position and liability needs to be addressed. The recommendation of the board is to post the position with the current job description encouraging law enforcement experience.

Motion to further the development of the policy and procedures needed for an SSO to be armed with a firearm by Director Balch. Second by Director Anderson.

Discussion- As part of the Safety Committee Director Dumas will take lead on this direction. The board will leave the question of hiring an employee or as a contractor to the administrators. Procedures will be very important in regard to the hiring and ensuring that training is provided and if employee there are evaluations taking place.

Vote taken, all in favor. None opposed, motion passes.

State Testing Results

Handout included in the agenda packet.

Shay Davis and Laiena Leatherman presented the preliminary results of state testing to date. Not all grades have completed the required testing. The current results show North Star outshining the state. The final results will be presented in the August Board meeting.

Principal Results

Shay Davis shared that there will be big changes in Elementary next year. Three teachers are retiring from North Star, three teachers are changing grade levels or roles. Kindergarten will have two part-time teachers for the half-day kindergarten class. Fifth grade will change from a pre-middle school routine to a more traditional classroom with one teacher teaching all the curriculum and using the same curriculum resources as other grades. Admin is hoping that these changes will help to reduce behavior issues and increase their test results. Most positions are filled, and mentoring is already underway.

Will Bogdanoff reported that the end-of-the-year BBQ is coming, and yearbook signing is also being planned.

Andy Horning reported that admin has been able to hire many of the open secondary teacher positions. Stan Ostrowski is retiring and currently working to find a replacement for him. CWI is coming to meet

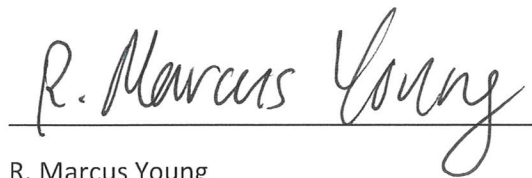
with 8th and 9th graders to talk about a 4-year plan. Graduation is next Tuesday. Andy invited any board member to attend and help with the presentation of the diplomas.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was a question concerning an entry on the Cash Register. The clerk will contact the bookkeeper to clarify the Fred Meyer line item.

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

Motion to adjourn by Director Elledge at 8:27 pm. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

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R. Marcus Young
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheri Craig", written over a horizontal line.

Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board