MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Young at 6:08 pm with roll call. All directors were present: Anderson, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, Van Beek, Wheeler and Young.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

High School STUCO Presentation

Jillayne Ange (advisor) accompanied the High School Student Council (STUCO) who gave a presentation on the events that have happened and on their upcoming events and goals. STUCO is a leadership class that includes 25+ students. The Board acknowledged the great work and events that STUCO has been working on.

Certified Teacher/Admin PLPs

Written PLPs are included in the agenda packet.

The principals reviewed the goals and plans of the teachers for the upcoming academic goals. The goals are data driven and approved by the administrators for each teacher. The whole school has made a goal to improve the state testing results by 2% from 78% to 80% proficiency. Motion to approve the PLPs by Director Van Beek. Second by Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

2022-2023 Audit

Audit information included in the agenda packet.

Quest CPAs performed the 2022-2023 audit. The board spent time with Jonathan Gillen and Kirk Folke going through the presentation. The audit showed that North Star is functioning in a comfortable state with some improvements being recommended by Quest.

Motion to approve the audit as presented by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Wheeler. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of the Statement of Financial Condition

This statement will be published in the Idaho Statesman Newspaper showing the financial condition of the budget from the approved proposed budget to the actual budget that was reviewed by the auditors.

Motion to approve the statement of financial condition by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of form 990

Tax form to send to the IRS.

Motion to approve the 990 form by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

ISBA Policy Adoption Option

The Policy committee is asking the board to approve their recommendation to purchase the ISBA manual with the understanding that Joe Borton's legal firm will review the ISBA manual and modify and update North Star's current manual. If the firm decides that there needs to be more work to be done, then the North Star policy committee will research other options provided by ISBA. The policy committee is requesting that the board start reviewing the policy manual on a more regular basis, especially after legislation has made changes. The administration can continue to work on existing policy if there is a need in the immediate future. Policy review will become a common agenda item for future board meetings as determined and presented by the committee.

Motion to approve the approach for revising the policy manual as presented by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Wheeler. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

IT Contractor Update

No action needed. Andy Horning gave a brief update on the position between Limetree, our IT provider, and North Star. Horning is expecting to see a new contract in the next few months. Updating outdated devices is being addressed by purchasing new devices through fundraising and PTO.

Academic Excellence committee Update

Shay Davis and Michelle Van Beek spoke to the goals that Academic Excellence is striving for. These goals include board education on key academic programs, data accountability, scheduling board visits and reviewing and updating curriculum adoption plans.

Planning Board Visits to the School

Director Van Beek is proposing the school board come visit the school during school hours. The Academic Excellence committee feels that visits from the board help them to see and feel like they are a part of the community. Andy Horning would like to invite the board to visit each school after they have given a presentation to the board. This month High School presented therefore, the Board would come for lunch with High School and spend time visiting classrooms and touring the school. Middle School and Elementary will present at future meetings.

Head of School Report

Andy reported on the current events around the school: the Cross-Country team won districts and will go to State finals. The whole school will be doing a big sendoff later in the week. Parent/Teacher conferences are coming, and teachers are preparing for these.

Joanna O'Donnell presented this year's fundraiser with the traditional "buckets" for parents to make donations. New buckets have been added to the list: Business/Econ activities, Teachers Class improvements (program and classroom needs) and field trips. The fundraiser will end December 21, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to adjourn by Director Broadbent at 8:06 pm. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

R. Marcus Young

Chairman of the Board

Sheri Craig

Clerk of the Board