

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Roll call was taken with Directors Anderson, Balch, Dumas, Huffaker, Wheeler, and Van Beek present. Director Gregg was absent due to scheduling conflict.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

PTO Update

Denise Baar PTO president gave an overview of the goals and commitments the PTO has for North Star staff and students. She gave the mission of PTO with community building, support educational experience, and encouraging parental support. PTO is working toward more support from parents in attending meetings and signing up to volunteer when needed. Currently Pizza Friday is a big money maker and with these funds the PTO has been able to donate money towards Technology, PBIS rewards, school improvements and other areas. Next event will be Fall Festival and the PTO is still looking for volunteers to help with set up, running booths, and clean-up. Shay and Andy acknowledge all the help that this particular PTO has given to the school.

Head of School Report

Andy Horning reported on the success of MOSS (McCall Outdoor Science School) for 9th graders. Students stayed in yurts and spent time working on biology themed projects with the direction of Grad Students. North Star has responded to recent security related events in the nation and locally by adding more layers to procedures. Local police authorities will be visiting teachers during the next in-service meeting to discuss other ways of protecting students. Andy reported that students are doing well and new staff are settling into the culture of North Star. Shout out to Justin Durflinger for all he is doing with the students and staff.

Testing Results

Presentation of the testing results included in the agenda packet.

Shay Davis and Laiena presented the test results for Spring 2023-2024 including IRI, ISAT and IB results. Overall North Star has more students that scored in the highest tiers than West Ada, Boise and the State. The staff and administration will use the data to help students continue to improve and move up in the tiers. This is the first year that NS has been able to reach the highest percentile for funding. Shay Davis gave a shout out to the 5th grade team, with results being the best from previous years. IB results showed that 9 students that tested for the IB diploma were

successful. Andy Horning reported that Secondary Schools will be administering the ISAT interim assessment as a baseline for student performance on the ISATs. High School advisory is a time that is being used to focus on student needs with checks and balances ensuring students are reporting to the teachers in areas of concern. No action, no vote.

Certified Teachers PLP's

Each year teachers and administration are required by state to provide their Professional Learning Plans (PLP). The board is being asked to review the PLP's from admins and teachers which reflect their goals for the coming school year. Andy Horning has asked that Shay Davis and Justin Durlinger review each teacher's PLP on a regular basis.

Motion to approve the Elementary, Secondary and Administration PLP's for 2024-2025 school year as presented by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

ISBA Resolutions

The Board discussed ISBA Resolutions 3 and 10.

Motion to approve the support of the ISBA Resolution numbers 3 and 10 as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

CIP/LIT Plans Approved

The state has allowed North Star to use the Performance Report that was submitted to the Charter Commission and NS was given a 5-year approval. The board is being asked to approve the Performance Certificate as presented.

Motion to recognize the CIP as approved by the state via the Performance Certificate for 2024-2025 by Director Anderson. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Director Balch. Second by Director Van Beek.


Discussion: Due to recommendation of legal counsel the contract for Charter Impact should be pulled before consent agenda has been approved.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Charter Impact contract for further discussion by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

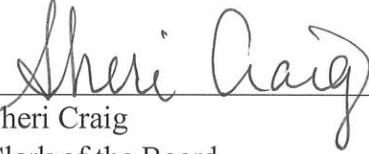
Victor Villegas, legal counsel, went through the contract page by page giving the board his recommendations/redlining for changes that will help to clarify wording and intention.

Motion to conditionally approve the Charter Impact contract with all the redlines as provided by legal counsel by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Director Van Beek at 8:16 pm. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor motion passed.



Bryan Wheeler
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board