

MINUTES  
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2025

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm with roll call. Directors Wheeler, Dumas, Anderson, Van Beek, Huffaker, and Balch were in attendance. Director Gregg absent due to conflicting schedule.

Prior to the meeting the missing word “action” for item D was noticed and fixed which required the agenda to be amended.

**Motion to amend the agenda for the missing word for item D by Director Balch. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve the amended agenda by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

## **GOOD NEWS NORTH STAR**

Laiena Leatherman and Shay Davis reported for Elementary that the second PBIS/SWAG assembly celebrating students for attendance and SWAG behavior was a huge success with the teachers performing a fun dance. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders performed a Patriotic themed concert for their parents on Monday. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> & 14 for those parents with concerns for their student(s). Justin Durflinger reported on the Middle School Dance that was put together by the Middle School StuCo and was well attended and enjoyed by the students. The rest of the ski trips for HS, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be held this week. Andy Horning informed the board of Danica Holladay’s birth of her son, Weston and the announcement that Danica will not be returning next year as the Elementary Counselor. PTO President Denise Baar gave a quick review of the upcoming events such as the Father/Daughter 80’s Dance and staff lunch in April. The PTO had a successful evening with Chipotle’s Fundraiser and will continue to look for other fundraising opportunities.

Andy Horning reported that the BSU College Education Fair is this week and Shay and Justin will represent North Star in meeting potential teachers.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### Emergency Closure Report

North Star had two closures during February due to adverse weather conditions. February 7<sup>th</sup> Full-Day closure and February 13<sup>th</sup> early release. Andy Horning is requesting the board approve these closures for the report that is turned into the state.

**Motion to approve the Emergency Closure Report by Director Balch. Second by Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

### North Star-Rolling Hill Merger

*Combined Draft Financial Statement Presentation and March 11 Board Presentation included in the agenda packet.*

Andy Horning gave a presentation on a merger with Rolling Hills Charter. The merger would include expanding our current enrollment and moving the High School to the Rolling Hills site. This merger would benefit NS, RH as well as expand opportunities for other families seeking placement at NS in the valley.

Both schools had their lawyers present at the Board meeting and they both gave input to the positive implications of the merger.

Jonathan Gillen presented a financial overview of the merger and potential options for handling the debts of both schools.

The board moved to the Raymond James Municipal Advisor item in order to continue conversation about the financials with Wes Olson online. All actions for the North Star-Rolling Hills Merger were suspended until after the Raymond James Municipal Advisor was given a vote.

### Raymond James Municipal Advisor Proposal

The board needs to approve a contract with Wes Olson, Raymond James Associates, to allow him to perform financial conversations with North Star and for North Star with other financial Institutes, this will not be an additional expense for North Star and North Star can stop the partnership at any time.

**Motion to approve the Raymond James Municipal Advisor proposal by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

Board returned to the North Star-Rolling Hills Merger Discussion and Action items.

Jonathan continued the presentation of the financials with Wes Olson giving financial options for the debt of both North Star and Rolling Hills as a combined debt.

The board asked questions and received answers that led them to make the following motions:

**Motion to approve the merger between North Star Charter School and the Rolling Hills Charter. Contingent upon the approval of the financial options presented by Raymond James by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to accept the amended Performance Certificate to increase student enrollment capacity to 1300 students K-12. Also, to add the Rolling Hills site to our Charter as a second building by Director Balch. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve the updated and proposed lottery numbers for the 2025/2026 school year by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

Following the motions above Director Balch left for another commitment.

#### Policy Committee

*Policy information included in the agenda packet.*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 1500-B Board Meetings

This policy is regarding the board operating protocols. The changes were to help the confusion of the role of the CEO vs. Head of School and Chairman of the Board. The Head of School is concerned with the day-to-day running of the school whereas the Chairman of the Board is concerned with the school as a whole. Bylaws have also been amended to change the roles of HOS and Board Chair to reflect the changes in this policy.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read for Policy 1500-B by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 1500-B by Director Dumas. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

#### Bylaws for Approval

Changes were made to the monthly meeting time and day to reflect current practice. After some discussion the Bylaws approval was tabled for further research regarding parent/grandparent as board member. Other questions were raised and will be addressed at a future meeting. No action, no vote.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2410 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

No changes other than the name.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2410 by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2410 by Director Dumas. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2410-P Second 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

This is a required procedure. Grammar was fixed.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2410-P by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2410-P by Director Dumas. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2425 Parental Rights

No changes, clear steps and procedures for a parent with a complaint or concern.

**Motion to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2425 by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2425 by Director Dumas. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2425-P Parental Rights

Procedure not required, but is part of Policy 2425; added new wording for clarification.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2425-P by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to accept Policy 2425-P by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Ready Policy 2425-F Parental Rights

Form; no changes.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read for Policy 2425-F by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2425-F by Director Anderson. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2430 Gifted and Talented Program

Only change was Head of School from Executive Director.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2430 by Director Dumas. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2430 by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2530 Learning Materials Review.

Committee added some edits and clarity.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2530 by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to accept Policy 2530 by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2530-F Learning Materials Review

Form required; no changes.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2530-F by Director Dumas. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2530-F by Director Dumas. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Read Policy 2705 Military Compact Waiver

Repaired grammar; removed IB reference.

**Motion to suspend 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Policy 2705 by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to approve Policy 2705 by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Discussion: Calvary church contract questions regarding the dates and confusion of the wording. The concerns were clarified by Andy Horning.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Motion to adjourn by Director Dumas at 8:41 pm. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.**

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**Bryan Wheeler**  
**Chairman of the Board**

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**Sheri Craig**  
**Clerk of the Board**