

MINUTES
NORTH STAR GOVERNING BOARD
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2025

Chairman Bryan Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. At roll call, Directors Wheeler, Balch, Anderson, Van Beek, Gregg, and Dumas were present. Director Huffaker was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

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

GOOD NEWS NORTH STAR

The High School Student Council (STUCO) presented before the board. They talked about acquiring leadership skills, learning how to plan community events, and collaborating with their classmates. Within STUCO, they have formed committees that are in charge of things like Spirit Week, The Husky Howl Newsletter, Rake Up Boise Community Service, the Fall Festival, and Trunk-or-Treat. They also highlighted their three major dances for the year: Homecoming, Sweethearts Dance, and Prom. STUCO stated they are loving their new building and their classrooms are “awesome.” They enjoy being near the Optimist Field and the Garage is a “big step up.”

Josh Hickey gave an update on the new high school campus. He stated the attitudes are high, the students are happy, and the teachers are excited. The new space is calm and the hallways are peaceful. They are still working out the details with bus transportation, but things are improving.

Laiena Leatherman gave an update on the elementary school. Mrs. Leatherman highlighted the Specials hallway, specifically the library. Teachers and students are excited about the new space.

Justin Durflinger gave an update on the middle school. Mr. Durflinger stated it has been nice for the middle schoolers to get out of the umbrella of the high school. As a result, he stated the schedules and bells are cleaner. Mr. Durflinger highlighted the previous Rolling Hills staff that came on board to North Star. He stated they have been intentional in getting to know the students. He also expressed the positive interest in the new Wilderness elective.

The board asked the number of new students at the middle and high school since the merger with Rolling Hills. North Star gained about 30-40 new high schoolers and about 90-95 new middle schoolers.

Andy Horning stated the high school ribbon cutting went great.

BOARD BUSINESS

Annual Substitute Rate Approval

Joanna O'Donnell presented the annual substitute rates of surrounding schools. North Star is \$100 for non-certified staff per day and \$50 per half day. For certified staff, it is \$110 per day and \$55 per half day.

Motion to approve the annual 2025-2026 substitute rates as presented by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

CSP Grant Update

Mr. Horning provided an update to the BLUUM grant North Star received. The grant is for a total of \$2 million and has to be spent in two years. The funds can only be used for things that are not permanent to the structure of the school. For example, funds can be used for things such as upgrades to furniture, technology, marketing, and curriculum. Moving forward, the Strategic Committee will participate in conversations as to how to spend these funds appropriately.

Motion to acknowledge the CSP document as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Gregg. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Dates for Board Visits for the 2025-2026 School Year

Chairman Wheeler opened the floor to discuss school board visits for the year. Last year, the Academic Committee met and coordinated with the board for board visits. The plan is to have one visit at the K-8 campus and one visit at the high school. Director Van Beek will present to the committee for possible dates.

Board Committee Assignments

Chairman Wheeler opened the floor to discuss board committee assignments. The board is willing to stay in their current committees.

Future Work Sessions

Chairman Wheeler presented October 23, 2025 as a board work session to take place before the scheduled board meeting that day. Tentatively, the work session would start at 5pm with the board meeting following at 7pm.

Conflicting Board Meeting Dates

Clerk Eveleen Kearney opened the floor to discuss alternative dates for our September and November board meetings. The scheduled September 25, 2025 board meeting conflicts with the annual Fall Festival, a large community event. The scheduled November 27, 2025 board meeting conflicts with Thanksgiving Day, a holiday.

Motion to approve changing the September board meeting to Tuesday, September 23, 2025 and changing the November board meeting to Thursday, December 4, 2025 by Director Dumas. Second by Director Gregg. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

PowerSchool Litigation

Attorney Chris Yorgason presented the PowerSchool litigation that is ongoing across the country after the data breach they encountered last school year. Mr. Yorgason does not feel there is a need to enter into the litigation at this time. PowerSchool is already offering two years of identity protection coverage. The breach affected about 10-12 staff members at North Star.

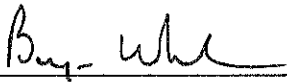
Based on Mr. Yorgason's recommendation, no action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by Director Dumas. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.



Bryan Wheeler
Chairman of the Board



Eveleen Kearney
Clerk of the Board