

MINUTES
NORTH STAR GOVERNING BOARD
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
December 04, 2025

Chairman Bryan Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. At roll call, Directors Wheeler, Anderson, Van Beek, Gregg, Balch were present. Directors Dumas and Huffacker were absent.

Motion to approve the agenda without objection by Chairman Wheeler. Motion passed without objection.

GOOD NEWS NORTH STAR

High school students introduced themselves to the board and expressed their desire to implement a football program at the high school next year. They distributed a survey among students at the beginning of the year and the results were a resounding “yes” for a football program.

Justin Durflinger stated the marketing team was on campus earlier in the day and students were excited to be interviewed for the marketing video. Mr. Durflinger praised his staff for being willing to help when needed, especially on short notice. Mr. Durflinger highlighted students' desire to participate in choir next semester. The music teacher will have almost double the amount of students next semester.

Shay Davis expressed her excitement about the music concert happening the following day. They are expecting a great turnout and highlighted all the work Calvary Chapel - Eagle did to set up for the event. Mrs. Davis stated data collection across the school has begun with winter benchmarks. Teachers are excited about the progress being made thus far.

Joanna O'Donnell stated the marketing team is also taking the data collection and synthesizing it to make a 1-minute pitch for the school. Mrs. O'Donnell highlighted the distribution of brand new laptops to teachers and staff, which were purchased thanks to the BLUUM grant.

Andy Horning stated the boys basketball season has started at the high school. He said about 45 middle school boys showed up to their open gym. Mr. Horning informed the board that the Idaho Charter School Association, led by Annette Merrill, had North Star present as a “champion school” at their board meeting. Mr. Horning celebrated the good momentum the school currently has. With the new marketing photos, the school will start preparing mailers to send out.

BOARD BUSINESS

Lottery Dates Approval

Mr. Horning presented the proposed dates for the lottery to take place in 2026. Chris Yorgason will be the attorney present at the lottery drawing.

Motion to approve the lottery dates for 2026 as presented and to approve Chris Yorgason as the lottery commissioner by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Update

Jonathan Gillen and Wes Olson presented a financial update to the board. Mr. Gillen reported on the refinancing negotiations with bondholders, noting their proposal on the conditional waiver. The plan is to complete the refinancing by the end of the fiscal year in June 2026.

Mr. Olson presented the Raymond James Term Sheet, which provides a general overview of what the refinancing would look like. Mr. Olson stated the term sheet is a non binding and non governing document but it's something the bond holders want to see in the refinancing process. The document acknowledges certain terms but every term is negotiable. Mr. Olson said bond holders recognize that many things can change over the next few months. Mr. Olson recommends proceeding with the conditional waiver and the term sheet. Director Balch provided background knowledge of the refinancing process to date.

Motion to approve and execute the Conditional Waiver as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Gregg. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Raymond James Term Sheet as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

Development

Mrs. O'Donnell updated the board on the capital campaign thus far. Students are participating by creating friendly competitions across grade levels. The winning grade level will get a movie party. The funds raised so far are \$102,402. Mrs. O'Donnell stated participation is key and 100% board participation speaks volumes.

Mrs. O'Donnell presented the named sponsors for the year. Some named sponsors include donors from last year that didn't get acknowledged until the end of the school year.

Motion to approve the naming/sponsors as presented without objection by Director Balch. Motion passed without objection.

ISBA Conference Reports/Highlights

Chairman Wheeler presented his notes taken while attending the ISBA conference in November 2025. Chairman Wheeler asked the board if anyone would be interested in becoming chair after his term ended so that the two could work together to make a smooth transition. He encouraged board involvement in creating a learning, growing, and supportive environment. He praised the school for already having things in place but encouraged the board for other ideas to implement.

Appraisal of Oven

Mrs. O'Donnell presented an appraised value of more than \$5,000 as provided by Restaurant Supply for the existing oven at the high school. This oven was acquired as a result of the merger with Rolling Hills. The oven is currently advertised in the paper. There are some interested parties already.

Policy Committees

Mrs. O'Donnell presented Policy 3220.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading and approve Policy 3220 without objection by Director Anderson. Motion passed without objection.

Mrs. O'Donnell presented the changes to Policy 3270.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading and approve Policy 3270 without objection by Director Balch. Motion passed without objection.

Mrs. O'Donnell presented Policy 3270F.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading and approve Policy 3270F without objection by Director Van Beek. Motion passed without objection.

Mrs. O'Donnell presented Policy 3270P. She addressed a question raised by Director Balch, noting that Mr. Yorgason had provided a response via email. Director Balch reminded board members that Mr. Yorgason can address any questions from the board prior to meetings for further clarification.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading and approve Policy 3270P without objection by Director Van Beek. Motion passed without objection.

Mrs. O'Donnell presented Policy 3575.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading and approve Policy 3575 without objection by Director Gregg. Motion passed without objection.

Charter Impact Contract

Mr. Horning stated the needs in the business office are getting overwhelming thus prompting the need for additional resources. Conversations with Charter Impact (CI) began as a way to streamline the business office needs. The company is remote and has been included in meetings with Skyward, the system being implemented in January. CI would handle payroll and accounts payable among other things. Mr. Gillen would be the local supervisor. There will be an increase in cost for CI's services but this cost includes retaining Mr. Gillen.

Motion to approve the Charter Impact contract without objection by Director Balch. Motion passed without objection.

2026-2027 Football Season

Mr. Horning presented what a football program at North Star would look like. The students would play other charter schools in the area in a 2A division with an 8 person team. The program would only be offered at the high school level. Chairman Wheeler asked about the funding for this program. Mr. Horning stated students would fundraise for equipment and the school already has a transportation shuttle to get players to other schools.

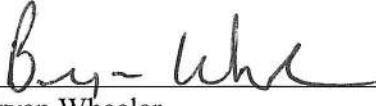
Motion to approve a football program at North Star without objection by Director Balch. Motion passed without objection.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda without objection by Director Van Beek. Motion passed without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm without objection by Chairman Wheeler. Motion passed without objection.



Bryan Wheeler
Chairman of the Board



Eveleen Kearney
Clerk of the Board