

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

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm with roll call; Directors Wheeler, Dumas, Balch, Anderson, Gregg, and Van Beek were in attendance at roll call. Director Huffaker arrived at 6:08 pm.

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

GOOD NEWS NORTH STAR

Career Fair Student Presentation

Andy Horning asked the two juniors who have taken on the Career Fair this year to report on their preparation for the fair. These two students reported that they have been in contact with the businesses who have previously presented to see if they will return. They also sent out a request to K-12 parents for volunteers to also come and present. The Career Fair will be held in the gym with the hope of educating students on the variety of paths available to high school graduates.

Building/Admin Report

Shay Davis reported on the successful 3rd and 4th grade music program. Fifth grade has a ski trip planned for later in the week. All fifth-grade teachers and vice principal Laiena Leatherman will go on this field trip. Justin Durlinger reported that the sixth grade went on their ski trip today. Very successful and looking forward to seventh and eighth grade having their ski day. Justin also reported the good news that a junior has been accepted for a summer program with Harvard University. Secondary admin team is working on highlighting her accomplishment to the secondary students. Last, there was a Sweetheart Dance for secondary with over 100 students in attendance.

PTO Update

PTO president Denise Baar gave the Board an overview of the activities/events and donations made to the school. Plans include Mother & Son Dance, Father & Daughter Dance, HS Senior night at Wahooz, the annual Secondary BBQ and Elementary Splash into Summer. The PTO is also working with the administration and counselors to help with North Star families and improvements/repairs for the building.

BOARD BUSINESS

Election Timeline Approval

The board was asked to approve the timeline for the annual board election presented by the board clerk.

Motion to approve the election timeline as presented by Director Dumas. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor motion passes.

Strategic Planning Update

Andy Horning informed the board of a potential acquisition of another charter school as an extension of North Star. The school is a K-8 charter with classrooms, gym, fully functioning cafeteria, science, music and computer rooms. This acquisition would need the approval of the Charter Commission, such a request has not been done before in Idaho. Andy will be presenting to the Charter Commission in the near future. He will be discussing the financial burden, changes that would need to be addressed regarding staff, students, curriculum and the future use of the acquired building.

Policy Committee

Information included in the agenda packet

The policy committee presented the reviewed ISBA policies for the board approval.

1st Read Policy 1500 Board Meetings This policy was adopted at the last board meeting, however, has recently had some changes to the wording and needs to be approved again.

Motion to suspend the 2nd and 3rd read of policy 1500 by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve policy 1500 by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

1st Read Policy 2140 Student and Family Privacy Rights

This policy has a requirement that it be available for public comment during the meeting. All requirements were met with the agenda and notice being given prior to this meeting. The policy is available for parents to read. No parents were at the meeting,

Motion to suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading for policy 2140 by Director Balch. Second by director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve policy 2140 as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

1st Read Policy 2140 F Student and family Privacy Form

This is a form that ISBA provided and is required to be sent in advance when a survey with related items to this policy is being administered to students. The form is an opt-in survey.

Motion to suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading of policy 2140 F by Director van Beek. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Policy 2140 F by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Gregg. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

1st Read Policy 2150 Copyright

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd read for policy 2150 by Director Balch. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Policy 2150 by Director Balch. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

1st Read Policy 2310 Nutrition Education

A question about the integrating of nutrition in current classes. The administration stated that North Star provides elements of nutrition however, no specific class is offered in secondary. Admin is looking at ways to offer these classes in the future. Admin recommends not removing any wording from this policy.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd read for Policy 2310 by Director Huffaker. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Policy 2310 by director Van Beek. Second by Director Anderson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

1st Read Policy 2320

Currently the Secondary has this class through IDLA.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading of Policy 2320 by Director Balch. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Policy 2320 as presented by Director Balch. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

1st Read Policy 2335

There are a few typos that will be addressed by ISBA after the board's approval.

Motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd for Policy 2335 by Director Balch. Second by Director Van Beek. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Policy 2335 by Director Balch. Second by Director Huffaker. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Joanna O'Donnell informed the board that if there is a direct replacement of a policy the board will need to rescind the old policy before adding the new policy. At the end of this process all old policies will be cleaned out.

CONTINUING BOARD BUSINESS

Fatbeam Contract

Fatbeam is the newly selected internet company. The contract is for three years and the next challenge will be getting them on board with North Star. The contract was reviewed by legal and is now ready for approval in the consent agenda.

BBB Report for Sponsorships

Joanna provided information on the different sponsors. Their research didn't find any concerns and three new posters were added to the gym and a banner that will be posted outside. Best practice is to have the administration look into the different sponsors and give their recommendation to the board.

Development Fund Report

Teachers were given the opportunity to request items that would help with educational purposes using fund money. North Star sponsored the BPA club so that they could attend a conference using fund money. One more area that is being supported with fund money is the buses that will be taking students

up for their ski days at Tamarack Ski Resort. Joanna gave praise to the support from PTO. Facility proposals are being worked on and will be presented to the board in March.

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: the MOU in the consent agenda had an error that was corrected prior to the meeting. Resignation was included in the consent agenda. The Eagle Creek HOA payment on the check register is in regard to the irrigation that North Star pays a percentage of the use. The HOA has a new management team who discovered a discrepancy with North Star's HOA payments. The payment on the check register reflects the needed adjustments.

Motion to accept the consent agenda by Director Van Beek. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm by Director Gregg. Second by Director Balch. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.



Bryan Wheeler
Chairman of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board