

**North Star Academy**  
**3030 Wright Street**  
**Marquette, MI 49855**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**October 23rd, 2024**  
**4:15 p.m.**

*North Star Montessori Academy fosters a Montessori environment allowing the whole child the freedom and support to question, think deeply, and make connections. Our Montessori environment yields confident, motivated, and self-directed learners able to think critically, work collaboratively, and become respectful citizens in an ever-changing world.*

**Board Members:** Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Nicole Harrington

**NMU:** Betty LaPointe, EdD – Director, Charter Schools Curriculum Assessment & Quality Control

1. Call to Order Melissa Bowers called the special NSMA Board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
1. Roll call – Board of Directors present: Melissa Bowers, Nicole Harrington, Roger Zappa Quorum reached.
2. Others present - Mary VanderMolen, Angela Chang, Betty LaPointe via Zoom Frank Patterson and David Patterson
3. Agenda adoption
  - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
4. Public comment - None

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of proposed minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.
  - a. Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve proposed minutes
2. Approval of July, August & September financial statements bills for payment.
  - a. Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Roger Zappa to approve July, August & September financial statements bills for payment

**Action Items**

1. Approval to increase the daily rate for substitute teachers to \$120.
  - a. Motion by, Roger Zappa supported by Nicole Harrington to approve to increase the daily rate for substitute teachers as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
2. Discussion of board meeting start time and dates
  - a. Leave November board meeting as scheduled.
  - b. Add action item to November agenda to review future board meeting dates

**Discussion Items**

1. Audit Update
  - a. Board was updated on status of audit.
2. Transportation Update
  - a. Board was updated on status of transportation.
3. Website Update
  - a. Board was updated on status of website.
4. Superintendent Goals

- a. Board was updated on process of goals per the review process of Teachers 1st.

### Reports

1. Superintendent Report- Mary VanderMolen – Discussed updates for the current school year
2. Principal Report- Angela Chang Discussed updates for the current school year
3. State of the School Report – Reviewed current school enrolment and staffing
4. NMU Charter Schools Office Report – reviewed conference schedule

### Announcements

1. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 4:15PM
2. Public Comment
3. Board Member Comment
4. Motion to adjourn
  - a) Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Roger Zappa adjourn at 5:36PM  
Unanimous approval. Motion passed

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Melissa Bowers, NSMA Board Secretary- 2024/2025

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Date Approved