

North Star Academy
3030 Wright Street
Marquette, MI 49855
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
November 20th, 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 NSMA Board meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.
2. Roll call – Board of Directors Present Melissa Bowers, Nicole Harrington, Roger Zappa Quorum reached.
3. Others present Mary VanderMolen, Angela Chang, and Betty LaPointe
4. Agenda adoption
 - a. Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. Public comment - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of proposed minutes from October 16th, 2024 meeting.
 - a. Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve proposed minutes. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
2. Approval of October financial statements and October bills for payment.
 - b. Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve October financial statements bills for payment. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Action

1. Scheduling future board meetings – add all dates
 - a. December to remain the same
 - b. January 22nd 2025 4:15PM
 - c. February 19th 2025 4:15PM
 - d. March 18th 2025 4:15PM
 - e. April 23rd 2025 4:15PM
 - f. May 28th 2025 4:15PM
 - g. June 25th 2025 4:15PM
 - i. Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Rodger Zappa to approve Future board meeting schedule for 2024-2025 school year. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
2. Staffing update
 - a. Hiring
 - i. Blake Broxson - aid
 - ii. Natalie Amy – aid
 - iii. Angie Forsland – lunch room supervisor
 - iv. Amanda Garrison – transportation supervisor/driver

- b. Resignation
 - i. Hauns Otto – science
 - 1. Motion to approve update by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve staffing update. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

- 1. Calendar Update
 - a. December 20th half day

Reports

- 1. Superintendent Report- Mary VanderMolen – provide updates on audit, website, and townhall
- 2. Principal Report- Angela Chang – Provided update on staff and students
- 3. NMU Charter Schools Office Report- Fall Report May

Announcements

- 1. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 18th, 2024
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Board Member Comment – Reviewed santa’s workshop and opportunities for communication options
- 4. Motion to adjourn 5:25PM
 - c. Motion to adjourn by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

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