

**North Star Academy**  
**3030 Wright Street**  
**Marquette, MI 49855**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**December 18th, 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 4:15 p.m.
2. Roll call – Board of Directors Present Melissa Bowers, Nicole Harrington, Roger Zappa Quorum reached. Via Zoom Stephanie Sinischo
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 – A public audience was present

**Consent Agenda**

1. a) Approval of proposed minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.  
b) Approval of November financial statements and November bills for payment  
Motion by Nicole Harrington supported by Roger Zappa to approve proposed minutes. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

**Action Items**

1. Presentation of Audit from Michael Greutz from Anderson, Tackman & Co
2. GSRP Proposal for Winter 2025
  - a. Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Rodger Zappa to approve GSRP Proposal for Winter 2025. Unanimous approval. Motion passed

**Reports/Discussion**

1. Superintendent Report- Mary VanderMolen
  - a. Transportation Update – update on busing to start on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - b. Town Hall Update – went well and had good feedback
  - c. Enrollment Update – updated on enrollment numbers
2. Principal Report- Angela Chang – – Provided update on staff and students
3. NMU Charter Schools Office Report- Fall Report

**Announcements**

1. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025
2. Public Comment

3. Board Member Comment
4. Motion to adjourn at 5:10PM
  - a. Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Roger Redger Zappa to adjourn approve ~~GSRP Proposal for Winter 2025~~. Unanimous approval. Motion passed

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Melissa Bowers, NSMA Board Secretary- 2024/2025

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Date Approved