

North Star Academy
3030 Wright Street
Marquette, MI 49855
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
January 22nd, 2025
4:15 p.m.
School Board Appreciation Month

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, Marguerite Guter, Derek Pugh
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.
3. New Members Oath of Office – Marguerite Guter and Derek Pugh
4. Others present Mary VanderMolen, Angela Chang, Betty LaPointe, Jessica Pfitzer and via Zoom Frank Patterson
5. Amended Agenda adoption Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
6. Public comment – A public audience was present

Consent Agenda

1. a) Approval of proposed corrected minutes from December 18th, 2024 meeting
b) Approval of December financial statements and December bills for payment
c) Grant voting rights to our new members

Motion by Roger Zappa supported by Nicole Harrington to approve consent agenda.
Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Action Items

1. Budget Review & Approval
 - a. Resolution to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget
 - i. Resolution made by Roger Zappa and approved by Nicole Harrington
 - ii. Individual vote - Melissa Bowers yes, Roger Zappa yes, Nicole Harrington yes, Marguerite Guter yes, Derek Pugh yes
 - iii. Unanimous approval, Resolution approved
 - b. Resolution to amend the 2024-2025 Hot Lunch Fund Budget
 - i. Resolution made by Nicole Harrington and approved by Derek Pugh
 - ii. Individual vote - Melissa Bowers yes, Roger Zappa yes, Nicole Harrington yes, Marguerite Guter yes, Derek Pugh yes

- iii. Unanimous approval, Resolution approved
 - c. Resolution to amend the 2024-2025 Activity Fund Budget
 - i. Resolution made by Roger Zappa and approved by Nicole Harrington
 - ii. Individual vote - Melissa Bowers yes, Roger Zappa yes, Nicole Harrington yes, Marguerite Guter yes, Derek Pugh yes
 - iii. Unanimous approval, Resolution approved
- 2. Approve Nicole Harrington Resignation
 - a. Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Derek Pugh to approve Nicole Harrington Resignation . Unanimous approval. Motion passed
- 3. Board roles
 - a. Motion by Derek Pugh supported by Nicole Harrington to appoint Marguerite Guter as board treasure Unanimous approval. Motion passed

Reports/Discussion

- 1. Annual Education Report – Move to February
- 2. Student Spotlight- Upper Elementary Students – Shared about Robotics and Squids
- 3. Review of School Board Meeting Dates
- 4. Modular Building Committee – Adding to discussion in February meeting
- 5. GSRP Update – 4 openings that can be filled before count day in February
- 6. Superintendent Report- Mary VanderMolen - Provided update on school events and updates
- 7. Principal Report- Angela Chang - Provided update on staff and students
- 8. NMU Charter Schools Office Report – Reviewed testing results

Announcements

- 1. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 19th, 2025
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Board Member Comment
- 4. Motion to adjourn 5:45PM
 - a. Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Marguerite Guter to adjourn- Unanimous approval. Motion passed



Melissa Bowers, NSMA Board Secretary- 2024/2025

3-18-25
Date Approved

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