

**North Star Academy**  
**3030 Wright Street**  
**Marquette, MI 49855**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**March 18th, 2025**  
**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, Marguerite Guter, Derek Pugh

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

1. Call to Order Melissa Bowers called the regular NSMA Board meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.
2. New Member Oath of Office - Jessica Pfitzer
3. Roll call – Board of Directors Present Melissa Bowers, Marguerite Guter, Jessica Pfitzer and Derek Pugh. Roger Zappa absent,. Quorum reached.
4. Others present Mary VanderMolen and Angela Chang, via Zoom Betty LaPointe, Stephanie Sinischo, and Dave Patterson
5. Agenda adoption Motion by Marguerite Guter, supported by Derek Pugh to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
6. Public comment – Travis Smith – offering his support MERESA
7. Student Presentation- Outdoor Rec

**Consent Agenda**

1. a) Approval of proposed minutes from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 meeting.  
b) Approval of January & February financial statements and January & February bills for payment  
Motion by Jessica Pfitzer supported by Marguerite Guter to approve consent agenda.  
Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

**Action Items**

1. Approval of Teachers First Report
  - a. Motion by Marguerite Guter supported by Jessica Pfitzer to appoint Marguerite Guter as board treasure Unanimous approval. Motion passed
2. Approval of Board Policy Updates
  - a. Motion by Jessica Pfitzer supported by Derek Pugh to appoint Marguerite Guter as board treasure Unanimous approval. Motion passed

**Reports/Discussion**

1. Legislative Update – Provided updates on legislation about school signage
2. Teachers First Update – Provided updates on goals discussion that will be presented at the next board meeting
3. Superintendent Report- Mary VanderMolen Provided update on school events and updates
4. Principal Report- Angela Chang - Provided update on staff and students

5. NMU Charter Schools Office Report – Reminder of Admin/Board conference and Wild Cats events
6. School Update – Provided updates on administrative changes

**Announcements**

1. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025
2. Public Comment
3. Board Member Comment
4. Motion to adjourn 5:55 PM

Motion by Derek Pugh, supported by Jessica Pfitzer to adjourn- Unanimous approval.  
Motion passed



Melissa Bowers, NSMA Board Secretary- 2024/2025

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Date Approved

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